

Green Neighborhood Scorecard

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Neighborhood/SID: _____
 Contact Person (s) _____
 Name: _____
 Phone number: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Address: _____
 Date Completed: _____

Completing the Scorecard is an interactive process that will require respondent(s) to get out and walk around the neighborhood. The Scorecard doesn't have to be completed in one day – it can be done over a few days/outings. Enjoy the walk around your neighborhood!

Organizing your Neighborhood for Green THINKING AND ACTION

The **Green Neighborhood Scorecard** is a tool to help you evaluate green features in your neighborhood. It can also serve as a catalyst for gathering with your neighbors to initiate action and track your progress from year to year. The **Scorecard Resource Guide** contains ideas about getting organized as well as links and resources for advancing your neighborhood's green activities. The Resource Guide is available on the GNC web pages on the GOC website: www.greenomahacoalition.org Please let us know your suggestions to add to the Scorecard Resource Guide: scorecard@greenomahacoalition.org

Workshop Topics

We also offer workshop and presentations on green topics. Please check topics below of interest to people in your neighborhood: *(not part of the Scorecard scoring evaluation)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Living Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Garden Herbs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Children the Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Cost/Low-Cost Steps to Saving Energy & Money | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Permaculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Energy: How to Do Your Own Energy Audit | <input type="checkbox"/> Eco-Friendly Insect and Disease Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Free Omaha |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Options for Homeowners & Small Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Neighborhood Volunteer Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Landscaping With Native Trees & Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Green Neighborhood Programs & Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Barrel Design and Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Omaha's ReEnergize Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to Compost | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Neighborhoods Roundtables – Learning From One Another |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions for Building Simple Composters | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm-to-School Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Foods & Food Security | <input type="checkbox"/> How to Start a Community Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Container Vegetable Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> How to Start a Farmers' Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Vegetable Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please identify) |

Please return completed Scorecard on or before August 31, 2011.

Mail: Ken Deffenbacher, Chair, Green Neighborhood Council Scorecard*
 Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha *115 S. 49th Avenue*Omaha NE 68132 or


Scan and e-mail: scorecard@greenomahacoalition.org or

Drop off: Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha, 115 S. 49th Avenue

Natural Environment

1. On average, how many trees with 20 ft diameter canopy or more per city block are there in your neighborhood?
___ Very few ___ One quarter ___ Half ___ Three quarters ___ Most
2. Does your neighborhood have at least one scoop-the-poop box? YES/NO
If yes, how many? _____
3. Approximately how many times a week is scoop-the-poop box emptied?
___ 0-1, ___ 2-4, ___ 5 or more

Transportation

4. How many Omaha Metro bus stops are in your neighborhood?
___ 0-4, ___ 5-9, ___ 10 or more
To find routes please visit: <http://ometro.com/bus-system-page/system-map> and then drive the routes in your neighborhood and count the number of marked stops with Metro Transit bus stop signs.
5. How many bicycle lanes are in your neighborhood? These could be dedicated bike lanes, or an area marked with a "sharrow". 
___ 0, ___ 1-2, ___ 3 or more
6. How many public bicycle racks are in your neighborhood?
___ 0, ___ 1-4, ___ 5 or more
7. What is the Walk Score of your neighborhood? Visit <http://www.walkscore.com/> to determine your neighborhood score.
___ 55 or below, ___ 56-70, ___ 71 or above
8. On average, how many vehicles does each home maintain in your neighborhood?
___ 1, ___ 2, ___ 3, ___ 4, ___ 5

Food

9. List sources for buying locally produced/grown food (year round) within your neighborhood?
1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
10. Please specify the name and or location of the following local resources:
Farmers' Market(s) _____ location(s) _____
Community Garden(s) _____ location(s) _____
School Garden(s) _____ location(s) _____
Community Compost _____ location(s) _____
11. How many homes in your neighborhood grow some of their food?
___ Very few ___ One quarter ___ Half ___ Three quarters ___ Most

Water and Stormwater

12. How many storm drains in your neighborhood are labeled with a "NO DUMPING" sign?
___ 0-9, ___ 10-19, ___ 20 or more



13. How many homes have rain barrels are in your neighborhood? (These barrels collect rainwater and then are used to water plants or wash cars)
___ Very few, ___ One quarter, ___ Half, ___ Three quarters, ___ Most
14. How many homes in your neighborhood have a rain garden?
___ Very few, ___ One quarter, ___ Half, ___ Three quarters, ___ Most

Waste and Recycling

15. Identify the location of your neighborhood recycling drop-off centers:
In (or on the edge) of your neighborhood center: Location _____
Within 3 miles of your neighborhood center: Location _____
Greater than 3 miles from neighborhood center: Location _____
16. How many homes in your neighborhood compost?
___ Very few, ___ One quarter, ___ Half, ___ Three quarters, ___ Most
17. How many homes in your neighborhood put out a recycling bin on trash day?
___ Very few, ___ One quarter, ___ Half, ___ Three quarters, ___ Most
18. Does your neighborhood hold an organized cleanup day in conjunction with the City of Omaha's Cleanup Day?
Y / N
19. Does the cleanup day include options for:
disposing of e-waste (i.e., cell phones, computers, video games, etc.)? YES/ NO
disposing of hazardous waste? YES/ NO
20. How does your neighborhood reuse its 'stuff'?
Coordinated garage sales: ___ spring, ___ fall
Stuff-swaps: ___ spring, ___ fall
Coordinated donations: ___ spring, ___ fall

Thank you for completing the Green Neighborhood Scorecard!

Complete a scorecard every year and monitor your progress. We value your participation in helping to make our city's neighborhoods more green and sustainable!

Green Neighborhood Council

