

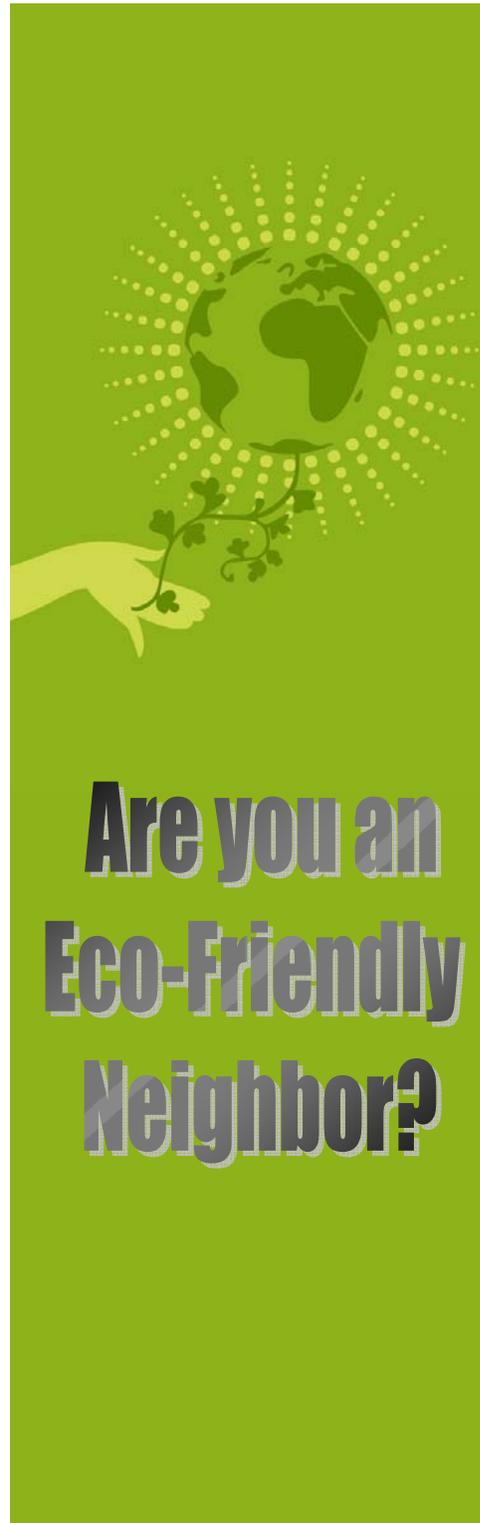


Simple changes can have a big impact! Take action by participating in the Eco-Friendly Neighbor Program offered by the Muskegon Conservation District.

Eco-Friendly Neighbor is a free educational program for residents interested in reducing harmful impacts on the environment caused by everyday household practices. To learn more, visit www.muskegoncd.org



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Are you an
Eco-Friendly
Neighbor?

Tips for an Eco-Friendly Home and Yard

- ◆ Reduce waste by shopping for items without excess packaging, avoiding disposable products, and recycling whenever possible.
- ◆ Leave grass clippings on the lawn to reduce nitrogen fertilizer needs by 25%.
- ◆ Protect your family by testing your well water annually for nitrates and coliform bacteria.
- ◆ Recycle used motor oil and antifreeze at a local service station rather than burning, landfilling, or dumping.
- ◆ Conserve energy by lowering water heater temperature to 120°F.
- ◆ Protect groundwater by having your septic system pumped and inspected regularly.
- ◆ Prevent toxic exposures by properly storing hazardous products in their original labeled containers in a lockable cabinet away from children and pets.
- ◆ Conserve water by turning off automatic sprinklers if there has been sufficient rain.
- ◆ Reduce stormwater pollution by directing downspouts from your roof onto the lawn or into a rain barrel instead of the driveway.
- ◆ Use the common sense approach to pest problems in your home. Often, simply blocking a pest's entry point or removing its source of food will effectively eliminate a pest without the need for toxic pesticides.

