

## Green Living Program

### Criteria Definitions



SUSTAIN *Louisville*

The following sections define each credit in the Green Living program. All credits may not apply to every household in a neighborhood. In addition, the Green Living program never requires participation from 100% of households within a neighborhood to fulfill a credit.

### Household Achievements

#### Air Quality

1. **Grow More Mow Less**  
Households that have replaced turf grass with plants that do not need to be mowed can be counted for this credit. Households without a lawn, or that are not responsible for lawn care, can skip this credit.
2. **Idle Free**  
A household can be counted for this credit if one or more member has committed to turning off his/her vehicle when it is stopped for more than 10 seconds. Households without vehicles can skip this credit.
3. **No-fuel and electric lawn equipment – Lawn Care for Cleaner Air**  
Households that use a reel mower, an electric mower, an electric string trimmer and/or an electric leaf blower/vacuum can be counted for this credit. Households without a lawn, or that are not responsible for lawn care, can skip this credit.

#### Alternative Transportation

1. **Alternative transportation methods**  
Households can be counted for this credit if at least one member commutes via bicycle, TARC, carpool or on foot to his/her daily activities.

#### Energy

1. **Demand Conservation Program**  
A household can be counted for this credit if its members have signed up for LG&E's Demand Conservation program. If the household is not eligible for the program, skip this credit.
2. **Energy Star Pledge**

If at least one member from a household signs the Energy Star Pledge, the household can be counted for this credit.

3. Water heater temperature

If the water heater in the home or apartment is set at or below 120°F, “warm,” or “B,” the household can be counted for this credit<sup>1</sup>. Households with tankless (i.e. on-demand), heat pump or solar hot water heaters may also be counted for this energy-saving credit.

### Health and Wellness

1. Regular exercise

If one or more member of the household exercises regularly (60 minutes of physical activity each day for children, and 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week for adults), the household can be counted for this credit.

2. Tobacco and smoke-free home

Household in which all members are non-smokers and do not use any tobacco products such as electronic vaping devices, cigarettes, cigars or chewing tobacco, can receive this credit.

### Healthy, Local Food

1. Maintain a vegetable garden

Households that maintain a vegetable garden can be counted for this credit. Yard gardens, community garden plots and container gardens can also be counted.

2. Purchase local food

Households that regularly purchase local food at a grocer or farmers’ market can receive this credit.

### Stormwater Management

1. Native plants

If the homeowner has specific knowledge of the use of native plants, the household will receive points for this credit.

2. Plant and maintain a tree

Households that contain one or more member that has planted a tree on their property or within Jefferson County in the past year can be counted for this credit. Household members should also commit to maintaining and caring for the tree for a minimum of three years.

3. Rain barrels or disconnected downspouts

A household with one or more rain barrel or one or more disconnected downspout can be counted for this credit.

4. Rain garden

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<sup>1</sup> Only some electric hot water heaters have a temperature set-point knob that uses °F. Many gas and electric hot water heaters have settings that read “hot”, “warm” and “vacation”, or a set of “A,” “B” or “C”. If someone is unsure of the setting necessary to reduce water temperature, they can check their water heater handbook for a temperature chart or measure the temperature of a cup of hot tap water using a thermometer four hours after the temperature dial has been adjusted.

A household featuring one or more rain garden can be counted for this credit.

5. Reduce graywater during rain events

Households in which all members have committed to not taking a shower, running the dishwasher or using the washing machine when it is raining can be counted for this credit.

### **Waste Reduction**

1. Composting

Households that compost their food waste can be counted for this credit.

2. Recycling

Households that participate in a recycling program, whether through residential pick-up or by regularly dropping off recycling at a designed drop-off location, can be counted for this credit.

3. Reusable shopping bags

Households that regularly use reusable shopping bags instead of plastic or paper versions can be counted for this credit.

### **Water Conservation**

1. Check pipes for water leaks

Households that have checked for and repaired water leaks as needed in the past year can be counted for this credit.

2. Water conservation devices

Households that have installed at least one low-flow showerhead, low-flow faucet or toilet water conservation device can be counted for this credit.

### **Neighborhood Achievements**

#### **Neighborhood Engagement**

1. Petition for neighborhood policy change

Neighborhoods that have petitioned for a policy change that allows residents to live more sustainably can receive points for this credit.

2. Successfully achieve a neighborhood policy change

Neighborhoods that have succeeded in changing a neighborhood policy, allowing a neighborhood to live more sustainably, can receive points for this credit.