GET INVOLVED

Wondering how you can make the District more sustainable? From simple actions you can take at home to larger commitments affecting your entire community, here’s a list of ways you can be a part of the Sustainable DC movement.

💼 🔴 BE A WASTE WARRIOR

**Prevent food waste**: 40% of food in the US is wasted. Plan meals ahead, and freeze extra produce and leftovers before they go bad.

**Skip the rinse**: If you’re using a dishwasher, stop rinsing your plates before you run the machine and save 6,000 gallons of water per year.

**Say good bye to phantom power**: Plug appliances into a power strip and turn them off completely when not in use to avoid phantom energy being drawn even when equipment is off.

**Don’t dump it**: Donate old towels and blankets you can’t use anymore to a local animal shelter. Shelters use them for bedding for dogs and cats.

♥️ 🌿 BE A SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION

**Sustainable DC Ambassadors**: Like talking to people? Join our team of enthusiastic volunteers by serving as an ambassador. Ambassadors spread the word on how sustainability can help all District residents.

**Sustainable DC Volunteers**: Want to get your hands dirty? Volunteers connect residents with hands-on environmental opportunities. It’s simple — we connect you to events and you pick your level of commitment!

**Gain recognition**: Each year the District Sustainability Awards recognize businesses, individuals, and organizations that are working towards creating a more sustainable DC.

**Initiate your own neighborhood-scale project**: Consider developing your own sustainability project and reach out to us at Sustainable DC if you need help thinking through an idea or could use some technical assistance!