

What you can do

Sustainability starts at home! The following are some simple steps to help you on your way to making North Grenville a more sustainable community:

	Good	Better	Better Still
Domestic Hot Water	Take shorter showers; use cold water for laundry	Install low-flow shower head and front-load washer.	Install tankless or solar domestic water heater.
Room Temperatures	Reduce your thermostat at night	Install a programmable thermostat	Keep unused rooms much lower.
Furnace	Check and replace filters often. Keep burner cleaned and well serviced.	Install ECM motor in furnace fan.	Install high efficiency furnace.
Air Conditioning	Use natural night-time ventilation.	Raise temperature by 2 degrees.	Only cool rooms that are in-use.
Lighting	Turn off unnecessary lights.	Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents bulbs.	Replace T-12 Fluorescent bulbs with T-8's.
Small Appliances	Unplug phantom loads	Put phantom loads on timers or power bars with switches.	Replace appliance with more efficient model.
Food Shopping	Use cloth or re-usable bags	Take your own containers for meat or cheese	Buy bulk food in season (local is best) and can it yourself
Food Growing	Grow your own veggies in a grow bag	Start a compost	Make your lawn into a garden
Community	Turn off the tv or computer	Invite your neighbours for a home-cooked meal or pot luck	Work together on a project for your neighbourhood.
Personal	Spend real family time	Share a skill or interest	Join (or form) a local club or group
Your Actions			

Who is Sustainable North Grenville?

We are a group of citizens and businesses helping North Grenville become a more sustainable community.

Mission

To foster a resilient community that meets the social, cultural and economic needs of its residents now and for the future, while preserving the environment's ability to support it.

Three Key Goals

The key goals of this organization are to promote sustainability in the context of the three values identified within the community strategic plan.

- **Support Our Community**
 - To strengthen the resilience of our Community at large – culturally and socially – by a number of measures, including better communication ("knowing our neighbours");
- **Protect Our Environment**
 - To raise awareness of environmental issues in our community, and educate the public about the impact of their actions on the environment and their options to reduce that impact;
- **Strengthen Our Economy**
 - To support and promote the principles of sustainable community economic development, and to provide ongoing evidence of the increasing significance of sustainability to the economic prosperity of North Grenville.

A Vision for a Sustainable North Grenville:

Sustainability is bringing the lessons of the past and the needs of the future into the actions of the present. In North Grenville, we envision a positive future in which we can find most of our food, our goods, our services and our culture right here in our own community. A future where people work together for longer term goals than an election or even a life cycle might represent; where people put more emphasis on each other than on material goods; and where we can talk about the environmental and economic cost of what we buy, not just the price. A sustainable North Grenville will not be an accident; it will be a plan, an action and a vision.