

16 Ideas for Earth-Friendly Projects in Retirement Communities

1. Adopt a community garden to support in some way
2. Create a monthly postcard writing party to encourage legislators and other business leaders to make good choices for the environment
3. Have a series of book discussions on climate change topics
4. Host educational presentations by local environmental organizations
5. Hold a green “fair,” with speakers and exhibitors
6. In small groups, visit local businesses and talk to the managers about bettering their plastic use and recycling practices – or send them letters
7. Take a field trip to learn about an organic farm or recycling center
8. Ask local legislators to come and talk about the actions they are taking on climate change; show citizen support for them through calls, emails
9. Work with a local school or faith community on a stream or neighborhood trash clean-up project -- or other “greening” actions
10. Do an art, poetry, or theatre project on caring for the earth
11. Find out and support what your city and county are doing to improve green practices in everything from tree planting to waste reduction to regenerative farming
12. Talk or write to managers of restaurants, food stores and other nearby businesses about eliminating or reducing plastic and food waste
13. Learn about the green practices in the building where you live
14. Form a green committee with staff to plan and collaborate on short-term and long-term sustainable environmental practices
15. Start a Good Ancestor group to encourage and help with local, youth-led environmental projects
16. Show one of the many fine documentaries and other films on climate change and green solutions



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