

Spotlight on Sustainability

Celebrate Earth and Arbor Month with Treadore and the Green Bexley Team



bexley.org/earthandarbor



You're invited to join us for our upcoming Earth and Arbor Month events and to live a more sustainable lifestyle with the help of our many green initiatives. We've got some amazing programs in the works, including events at Bexley Public Library, opportunities to connect and clean up litter with Mayor Kessler, the Earth and Arbor Days Celebration, and more!

- APRIL 2** Rumpke Field Trip
- APRIL 6** Trash Talk with the Mayor
- APRIL 7** Repair Café
- APRIL 10** Arbor Day Book Presentation
- APRIL 20** Trash Talk with the Mayor
- APRIL 20** Earth and Arbor Days Celebration
- APRIL 24** Sustainability Action Plan Public Workshop
- APRIL 26** Sustainability Action Plan Survey
- APRIL 27** Green Bexley Cleanup Day
- APRIL 27** Spring Storytime at the Fairy Village

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2024 Goals

Tree & Public Gardens

- Filling every gap in the tree lawn as soon as feasible
- Implementing a planting and maintenance plan for Bexley's street trees
- Enlarging the arboretum with a diversity of plantings
- Using education and enforcement of the City's mulch ordinance to increase the health and survival of our trees
- Giving free trees away for residential planting
- Working towards a goal of 40% tree canopy coverage in the next three to five years

Green Bexley

- Educate Bexley residents about living more sustainably and engage the community through a variety of outreach activities
- Work towards achieving current goals while tracking our progress
- Expand opportunities for enhanced biodiversity throughout the city
- Support the development of low carbon transportation and infrastructure

Ready to Learn More?

City Initiatives
bexley.org/sustainability

Bexley Arboretum
bexleyarboretum.org

Green Bexley
greenbexley.org



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Green Bexley is the joint outreach branch of Bexley's Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) and the City's Sustainability Department.

Keep an eye out for the Bexley Times newsletter, which is scheduled to be delivered to each residence in the city by early May!

Bexley's Sustainability Programs: A to Z

Aggregation	The City of Bexley launched our first electric aggregation program in September 2023. Since then, 3,300 electric meters have joined the program to use wind energy RECs and are saving an average of \$40 monthly on their electric bill from the standard AEP rate. Collectively, program participants have saved \$600,000+ since the program began! Sign up at bexley.org/aggregation .
Air Quality	We're proud to participate in MORPC's Neighborhood Air Quality Monitoring Program to measure the air quality in Bexley and also alert residents to high pollution levels. Get the most up-to-date information at bexley.org/sustainability .
Arboretum	The Bexley Arboretum consists of 131 different species of trees with over 14,000 street trees. The Arboretum is maintained by the Forestry Department. Learn more at bexleyarboretum.org .
Biking	The City is currently working on enhanced bike infrastructure through the development of bike boulevards—a recommendation of the Bike Friendly Bexley Plan—and more! Join us to plan the future of biking in Bexley during the Bike Friendly Bexley planning meetings, which take place every other week during lunchtime at Bexley City Hall; dates are listed at bexley.org/events .
Food Waste Recycling	We are proud to offer curbside food waste recycling as a service to every household in Bexley at no additional charge. Additionally, there is a publicly available drop-off at Bexley City Hall. Stop in for replacement bucket liners if needed, or purchase a 55 gallon bag for \$1. Learn more and sign up at bexley.org/food-waste and report a missed pickup at bexley.org/reportamiss .
Litter Pickup	Our litter pickup program focuses on volunteer service and education relating to quality of life, litter, recycling, and beautification. Coordinated group litter pick up events can be a fantastic opportunity for any age—elementary, middle, high school, college, and beyond! Additional details are available at bexley.org/litter .
Plastic	Single-use plastic bags are banned in Bexley at non-restaurant retail establishments. Don't forget your reusable bags before heading out to shop!
Recycling	<p>Rumpke accepts the following clean and loose items curbside; no need to sort! Report a pick up miss at bexley.org/reportamiss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glass Bottles and Jars (all colors)• Metal Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans and lids, empty aerosol cans with lids and tips removed• Plastic Bottles (empty, crush, reattach lid): Bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles, and contact solution bottles• Plastic Tubs: Containers for butter, sour cream, cottage cheese, yogurt, snack cups, and fruit slices fall into the tub category. Lids should be reattached prior to recycling• Plastic Cups (remove/discard straw, reattach lid): Fast food beverage cups• Paper: Newspaper, magazines, cardboard (break down), mixed office paper and envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes), pizza boxes free of food debris and grease, telephone books, and catalogs• Paper Cups (remove/discard lids, straws, and stoppers): Fast food beverage cups, coffee cups, Dixie cups• Cartons: Food/beverage cartons such as milk, juice, soup, wine, broth, and others <p>There are a variety of opportunities to recycle or otherwise discard unique items at specific times during the year, including string lights and expanded polystyrene. The Green Bexley Cleanup Day will be held this year on April 27, and a list of accepted materials is available at bexley.org/earthandarb.</p>
Solar	Bexley is seeking ways to encourage solar energy development in our community, including through code revisions and a solar co-op. For more information about the basics of solar energy, your solar options, and questions to ask solar professionals, visit bexley.org/solar .
Trash	Bagged trash in labeled receptacles is picked up each Monday. Report a missed pickup at bexley.org/reportamiss . Call 1-800-989-1373 for a bulk pickup. Upholstered items need to be wrapped in plastic, which is available for rental at Bexley City Hall for \$25, \$20 of which is returned upon returning the roll.
Zero Waste Plan	Bexley's Zero Waste Plan was adopted in 2017 and includes ways Bexley can achieve its goal of reducing 90% of materials disposed at the landfill by 2040. See the Zero Waste Plan at bexley.org/plans .

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