

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Ecology Ottawa Volunteer

HOW DO I VOLUNTEER?

It's easy!

1. Fill in our New Volunteer Questionnaire and Volunteer Waiver. Both are on our volunteer website or can be obtained from a staff person or volunteer coordinator.
2. After you fill out the Questionnaire you will be added to the Ecology Ottawa Volunteer email list and you will begin receiving regular updates about volunteer opportunities.
3. All new volunteers are welcome to attend committee meetings (Council Watch, Events Committee etc) that are posted on our web site and in our biweekly update. It's a great way to find out what's happening and perhaps a volunteer niche that suits you.
4. Keep us up to date on any particular skill or new interest that you have. If we need to find someone on short notice we use the info on your New Volunteer Questionnaire to get in touch with you!
5. It's a two way street so if you have a specific idea please contact us and we may be able to support you. We're always looking for volunteers to take the lead on a great idea.

COMMITMENT

PLEASE NOTE:

Because what our volunteers do is so important we expect you to follow through to the best of your ability on your volunteer commitment.

However, of course things happen, and if for some reason you are unable to complete your task / project please let us know as soon as possible so we can find someone else to take over the responsibility.

Thank you for offering to volunteer with Ecology Ottawa!!

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING AN ECOLOGY OTTAWA VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are the life line of Ecology Ottawa!

We depend on volunteers to get the word out, organize events, monitor city council, research innovative solutions to urban environmental problems, and raise funds. Together we can make a big difference and a small contribution of your time can go a long way.

We are looking forward to working with you and trust you will find the experience rewarding. You will be helping to make a difference!

You will now be receiving regular email updates with upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for volunteering!

Ecology Ottawa at a Glance

As a new volunteer here is some info about Ecology Ottawa that you might like to know:

- Founded in 2006 by a small group of volunteers, Ecology Ottawa has grown into one of the largest organizations in the city that is focused on local environmental issues with the goal of combating climate change.
- We are a volunteer-driven, non-profit, non-partisan organization working to make Ottawa the green capital of Canada.
- We have grown quickly to include more than 5,000 subscribers to our biweekly electronic newsletter and over 300 volunteers have donated their time and skill.
- We have earned significant media recognition and a strong region-wide presence.
- Our Steering Committee, which makes major policy decisions and helps with fund raising, is comprised of volunteers. We have a few staffers who keep the office going, help organize volunteers and are the leads on our current projects.

OUR GOAL: Through education about important local environmental issues and facilitating environmental leadership we believe we can help fight climate change and make Ottawa the Green Capital of Canada. We do this in a variety of ways:

- **Council Watch:** a volunteer group that monitors and reports on the Mayor and City Council. Council Watch also produces a yearly environmental report card on each Councilor and in the last election organized a highly successful mayoral debate on the environment.
- **Building Community Power:** an initiative that helps communities move toward renewable energy and pool their resources to maximize clean energy opportunities.

- Community Energy Network of Eastern Ontario: an initiative which includes researching and promoting best practices in renewable energy and energy efficiency in Eastern Ontario.
- Ecology Ottawa Info Booth: facilitates reaching out to citizens at various fairs and other events.
- Green Teams: we work with EnviroCentre to organize Green Teams to green workplaces and schools.
- Ecology Ottawa Updates (a bi-weekly electronic newsletter) and the Ecology Ottawa website, which feature an ever growing local Environmental Events Calendar and local news highlights. We provide fact sheets and reports on local policy issues and mobilize residents to speak out on urgent matters with tools such as action alerts circulated through our e-mail list.
- Petitions and peaceful demonstrations

To keep up the exciting progress we have made and move forward on our new initiatives we are completely dependent on you – the volunteer!

Volunteers are involved in every aspect of what Ecology Ottawa does. There is something for everyone.

Welcome to the Ecology Ottawa Team!