



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In an effort to encourage and promote sustainable initiatives within the community, the Village developed the Bayside Passport to Sustainability. This program is filled with sustainable and environmentally friendly activities, designed for participants of all ages.

Through a digital reporting system, each completed activity will earn the participant points that will be tracked and tallied. Participants can earn four different passport tiers based on accumulated points. To reach a tier, you must earn the associated points:

- Platinum: 50 points
- Gold: 35 points
- Silver: 20 points
- Bronze: 10 points

While some activities are seasonal, the program has no deadline, allowing for continuous participation and the addition of new activities. We also hope that you will come back to the program for inspiration and encouragement to continue these practices into your day-to-day life.

HOW TO GET STARTED

To begin, create an account on our [digital reporting platform](#).

Make sure the information entered belongs to the Passport Holder to ensure accurate tracking of points.

Once you have created your account, you can select the activity or activities you wish to complete and submit. Make sure you scroll down to the bottom of the page and hit 'next' to ensure your activities were submitted.

After activities have been submitted, we will keep track of what you have completed and how many points you have earned.

RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Our annual raffle will be on Friday, August 28, 2026, where we will draw a winner from each tier. All giveaway items will have a sustainable or environmental focus.

Our prizes this year are:

- Platinum: 50 pts - Yard waste bin and 1-year family membership to the Schlitz-Audubon Nature Center
- Gold: 35 pts - 1-year family membership to the Schlitz-Audubon Nature Center
- Silver: 20 pts - Rain barrel
- Bronze: 10 pts - Shout out in the Bayside Buzz

Any new participant who achieves a Silver, Gold, or Platinum passport will be automatically entered into an annual raffle.

ACTIVITIES

Take a look below at the list of activities for more details, including what the activity is, the points associated with its completion, why the activity is important, and how you will report completing it.

More activities may be added throughout the year, so be sure to check back often for new experiences!

Time to go green and have fun, Bayside!



Questions? Please reach out!

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Adopt-Your-Drain

Activity: Participate in the Adopt-Your-Drain program by adopting and taking care of a Village stormwater drain for a year.

Select a drain from this [map](#).

Find additional program details on our [website](#).

Points: 3

+1 Bonus Point: Take a picture of yourself next to your adopted drain and post to social media, tagging the Village of Bayside.



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Why is it important: Stormwater flows to waterways untreated and is the #1 contributor of pollution to our waters. By keeping litter and pollutants out of the storm drains, you are not only helping protect nearby lakes, rivers, and streams, but you're also helping reduce or prevent local flooding.

Track Activity: Adopt a drain! Upload a screenshot of the form you filled out to adopt your drain.

Arbor Day Celebration

Activity: Join us at Ellsworth Park on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 9am to celebrate Arbor Day! Watch and participate in the live demonstration on how to plant a tree.

Points: 3

Why is it important: Planting trees provides many environmental and community benefits. Trees naturally reduce light and sound pollution, help lower street temperatures in extreme heat, and lower stress by providing a mental health boost.

Track Activity: Attend the event by RSVPing [here](#).

+1 Bonus Point: Take a photo of yourself at the event and post to social media, tagging the Village of Bayside.

Earth Week Beach Cleanup

Activity: Participate in the Earth Week beach cleanup at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center on Saturday, April 25th. This is a drop-in program, there is no sign up necessary, so just show up between 1:00-2:30pm to help clean up the beach! Check in will be at the front desk in the lobby.

Points: 3

Why is it important: Litter is one of the major water pollutants. By cleaning up litter, you are not only impacting the visual appeal of the area, but you are also safeguarding local wildlife on and off the water.

Track Activity: Submit a photo or scanned copy of the completed and stamped beach cleanup form listing collected items.

Geocaching at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

Activity: Participate in the geocaching at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center on Saturday, April 25th, from 9am-3pm. Families/groups will work together to find various coordinate points around the property with GPS units. Each team has the opportunity to visit forests, prairies, and ponds. They can also climb the 60-foot observation tower and visit many more natural landmarks. Get your geocaching gear at the front desk in the lobby.

Points: 3

Why is it important: Geocaching at Schlitz Audubon combines nature education, technology, and team building. As you participate in the geocaching pitstop for your passport, you will develop a real-world understanding of latitude, longitude, and cardinal directions.

Track Activity: Submit a picture of yourself geocaching.

Plant a Tree

Activity: Plant a tree around the Village. Use the Arbor Day Foundation [planning, selection, & location](#) and [planting your tree](#) page to assist with research, and then visit a nearby nursery & gardening center to find your perfect tree to plant.

Points: 6

+1 Bonus Point: Record your new tree as part of the [Trillion Trees Pledge](#) through the WI Department of Natural Resources.

Why is it important: Trees not only beautify your yard but also play a vital role in our environment. By planting a tree, you are helping to increase and diversify Bayside's tree canopy.

Track Activity: Upload photos of your tree planting process.

Extra Bonus Point: Upload a screenshot of your pledge submittal.

Tree Identification

Activity: Go for a walk at Ellsworth Park or around the Village and find/identify 5 different tree species. You can use the Arbor Day Foundation [tree identification resource](#) to help you.

Points: 2

Why is it important: Trees are more than just outdoor scenery, they are key players in our ecosystem. Going outside and identifying trees is a great way to learn about and appreciate the trees around us.

Track Activity: Pick your favorite tree that you identified and draw or paint a picture of it, then turn it in to Village Hall to have it displayed!

- Turn your drawing in by April 30, 2026, to have your tree featured in our "Trees of Bayside" collage posted in the Village Hall lobby for the first two weeks of May.

Choose to Reuse

Activity: Upcycle something old or unused in your home to make it new and fun.

Points: 2

Why is it important: Upcycling is a great opportunity to reuse items that you already own rather than adding more waste to the landfill or having to buy a new product.

Track Activity: Upload a before and after picture of your upcycled item.

Disposable to Reusable

Activity: Make a commitment to reduce contamination in our recycling program by ensuring plastic bags are used less and those that are used, are recycled correctly.

Points: 3

Why is it important: Plastic bags are an environmental hazard, contributing significantly to current pollution rates. Their widespread use and improper disposal have led to an environmental crisis that needs our attention. By saying no to plastic bags, or at least yes to properly disposing of them, you can help create a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future.

Track Activity: Agree to the resolution.

By committing to this resolution, you signify your participation in the ongoing efforts to:

- Use reusable bags as often as possible,
- Not place plastic bags in your recycling container collected bi-weekly by the Village,
- Recycle plastic bags at either a participating local merchant or at Village Hall.

Bike Around Bayside

Activity: Get your bike and helmet out and take a bike around the Village.

Points: 1

+1 Bonus Point: Can you find the bike repair station and take a picture at it? One hint, it's near a hill that is popular during winter.

Why is it important: Riding a bike improves both physical and mental health while benefitting the planet. Biking is a zero-emission mode of transport, meaning no harmful pollutants are released into the atmosphere. Even just replacing short car trips with bicycle rides, you can reduce your carbon footprint and promote cleaner air.

Track Activity: Log your miles or time spent biking.

Bonus Point: Picture of you at the bike station.

Walk to Tennyson Trail

Activity: Lace up your walking shoes and take a walk through the Village to Tennyson Trail, situated north of E Standish Pl and south of E Hermitage Rd. On the trail, try to see if any wildflowers are in bloom or if any pollinators are buzzing around.

Points: 2

Why is it important: Like biking, walking is a zero-emission mode of transport. Choosing to walk for short trips helps reduce air pollution and supports a healthier environment.

Track Activity: Upload a photo of your favorite flower, plant, or pollinator that you found along the trail.

Volunteer at the Bayside Clean Up Day Event (16+)

Activity: Sign up to volunteer at the annual Bayside Clean Up Day on April 18, 2026.

- All volunteers must be at least 16 years or older by April 18.
- Volunteers accepted through April 15, 2026.

Points: 3

Why is it important: Clean Up Day is a well-attended event that gives community members the opportunity to recycle or donate items they no longer need or use, decreasing the likelihood of these items ending up in the landfill. It also serves as an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of any household hazardous waste items, reducing the risk of harmful chemicals getting into our water or soil.

Track Activity: If you are interested in volunteering, select yes in the digital reporting portal. We will then reach out to you with further details. There will be a sign in sheet the day of the event to track volunteers. Once the event is over, points will be added to your record as long as you signed in at the event.

Practice Recycling Right at a Recycling Day Event

Activity: Gather acceptable recyclables and drop them off at a Recycling Day. View acceptable items on page 16 in the [Collection Guide](#).

Points: 2

Why is it important: Recycling is all about creating new life out of previously used materials. Proper recycling conserves energy, lower costs, and helps protect the environment by keeping valuable materials out of landfills.

Track Activity: Select which recycling day you attended and list the items you dropped off.

Implement or Install Green Infrastructure

Activity: Implement or install a green infrastructure project at home. Look through our [Green Infrastructure Guide](#) for some ideas and resources to help you get started.

Points: 8

*If you already have green infrastructure on your property, you still qualify.

Why is it important: Green infrastructure can have many different looks, each of which helps to capture, slow, and filter stormwater. These features reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality before it reaches local creeks, rivers, and other bodies of water.

Track Activity: Upload your project plans (with an install/completion date) and/or project completion photos.

MMSD Rain Garden Plant Sale

Activity: Thinking about installing a rain garden as your GI project? MMSD's [annual rain garden plant sale](#) is a great place to start! MMSD has preselected dozens of hardy flowers, native flowers, native plants, wildflowers, and grass to take the guesswork out of what to buy for a beautiful rain garden.

Points: 1

Why is it important: Rain gardens help manage stormwater, reduce runoff, and enhance local biodiversity. Purchasing native plants supports sustainable landscaping efforts.

Track Activity: Upload a picture of either your receipt or the plants once you have picked them up.

Go Solar

Activity: Install solar panels.

Points: 8

*If you already have solar panels installed, you still qualify.

Why is it important: Solar power not only helps you save money but reduces your reliance on fossil fuel since solar panels draw their energy from the sun, a renewable resource. Installing solar power systems helps lower electricity costs while contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment.

Track Activity: Upload your project plans (with an install/completion date) and/or project completion photos.

Visit the Stormwater Classroom on King Road

Activity: Take a walk over to North King Road and explore the newly re-installed stormwater classroom. Look for both a bioswale and a rain garden on site.

Points: 2

Why is it important: Bioswales are a landscape feature that help manage stormwater on a property by capturing, treating, and soaking up stormwater. Rain gardens serve a similar purpose by collecting rain from hard surfaces and allowing it to naturally soak into the ground, improving local water quality.

Track Activity: Upload a picture of yourself at either Green Infrastructure location.

myCrew Night

Activity: Attend the annual myCrew Night event! Visit our [events page](#) for more details.

Points: 2

+1 Bonus Point: Take a picture in front of or operating the Bayside garbage truck and post to social media, tagging the Village of Bayside.

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Why is it important: Take this opportunity to view and learn about our Public Works facilities, equipment, and vehicles while connecting with local vendors and companies.

Track Activity: Take a brief post-event survey.

Bonus Point: Upload a screenshot of your social media post.

Coloring Pages

Activity: Choose one or more [coloring pages](#) to complete. These can also be found on our [website](#).

Points: 1 per page

Why is it important: These coloring sheets are more than just a fun activity; they provide an opportunity to learn about environmental topics in a creative way. Color the sheets and hang it somewhere you'll see it to help remind you to protect our planet.

Track Activity: Upload a photo of your completed coloring page(s).

Activity Pages

Activity: Choose one or more [activity pages](#) to complete. These can also be found on our [website](#).

Points: 1 per page

Why is it important: These activity pages are a great way to have fun and remember the importance of everyday sustainable actions you can do right at home.

Track Activity: Upload a photo of your completed activity page(s).

Do the Rot Thing

Activity: Make a plan to start composting at home, whether that is by doing it yourself or signing up with a local company.

Points: 3

*If you already compost or have a compost service, you still qualify.

+1 *Bonus Point*: Color the compost coloring page and hang it somewhere you will see it as a reminder for the dos and don'ts of composting

Why is it important: Composting is the process by which organic material, like food scraps and yard waste, decompose into nutrient rich soil. This simple yet mighty process helps protect the environment from harmful emissions from landfills, reduces food waste, and creates a natural fertilizer that can improve your soil and plant's health. Composting is nature's way of recycling!

Track Activity: Upload a photo of your at home or contracted compost bin.

Bonus Point: Upload a photo of your finished coloring page hung up.

Ellsworth Park Scavenger Hunt

Activity: Spend some time at our community park, Ellsworth Park, finding a variety of different items commonly found at our park. Look for the following items:

- Pollinator garden
- Tree you can wrap your arms around
- Rock bigger than your hand
- Bumble bee, butterfly, or bird spotting
- Doggy bag dispenser
- Painted rocks

Points: 3

Why is it important: Ellsworth Park is an important green space in our community. The items you may find are equally important, too!

- A pollinator garden benefits pollinators actively, and other wildlife passively. Providing pollinators with a reliable food source gives them energy to continue to pollinate native plants.
- Trees provide a surplus of benefits to us including, but not limited to, providing us with oxygen, cleaning our drinking water, and saving us energy.
- Did you know Bayside is a Bee, Monarch, and Bird City? Each of these creatures are important to our environment one way or another.
- Leaving pet waste behind will not only ruin shoes and boots but also has numerous negative effects on the environment. Make sure to always pick up and dispose of pet waste.

Track Activity: Select what items were found during the scavenger hunt.

- Bonus: Turn in the painted rock that you found to Village Hall for a prize!

*Submit any fun photos you took along the way!