



Earn your Green for Good patch and mini patches by working on any of the activities listed for each mini patch.

POWER BUTTON

- Turn off your lights when you leave the room
- Unplug your appliances when you go to bed
- Use cold water when you do laundry
- Replace your lightbulbs with LEDs
- Use a smart power strip

RECYCLE

- Recycle cardboard, glass, and paper
- Learn to compost
- Create a work of art out of recycled materials
- Try to buy less plastic (only 9% of plastic actually gets recycled)
- Buy used clothes and toys, or share your used ones

BUTTERFLY

- Make a pollinator habitat
- Raise monarchs
- Plant a milkweed or a butterfly bush
- Share what you know with your community
- Visit the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum to learn about butterflies

PAW PRINT

- Volunteer at an animal shelter
- Leave no trace when you go on a hike
- Pick up trash at a park or animal habitat
- Pick a day of the week to go meatless
- Put up a bird feeder

BEE

- Make a bee habitat
- Go to a farmer's market to support local farmers
- Plant pollinators
- Don't use pesticides on your plants
- Write to an elected official about not mowing tall grasses in public places

WATER DROP

- Turn the water off when you are brushing your teeth
- Pick up trash around the river
- Attend a beach cleanup at the Indiana Dunes State Park
- Don't run the dishwasher until it is full
- Create a rainwater barrel for a garden

TREE

- Plant a tree
- Reduce your paper use at home or school
- Visit the Morton Arboretum or Chicago Botanic Garden
- Identify different types of trees in your neighborhood or community
- Check out books from your local library

BREAD TAB

- Recycle your plastic waste
- Reuse plastic items and turn them into something new
- Work to reduce single-use plastic, like straws and water bottles
- Use a cloth bag when you go shopping
- Create art out of bread tabs!

SUN

- Hang your clothes in the sun to dry
- Buy a solar powered item
- Build a solar powered oven or water heater
- Plant a garden
- Identify solar powered buildings or structures around them

