



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

