

## Report showcases Edmonton's environmental progress

The City of Edmonton has released its [2014 Report on the Environment](#). The report highlights progress being made towards Edmonton's goal of becoming the nation's leader in setting and achieving high standards of environmental preservation and sustainability.

"In order to lessen our impact and implement successful environment- focused systems and programs we must fully understand the condition of our environment," says Mark Brostrom, Director of City Environmental Strategies. "A healthy urban environment contributes to a rich quality of life for all of us. We want to keep Edmontonians up-to-date with our progress in environmental sustainability and inspire them to continue to advocate for healthier ecosystems and green initiatives."

Highlights of this year's report include:

- Solar energy use has increased by 2,740% in five years
- The City currently maintains 330,000 trees
- Edmonton has 80 community gardens
- The Air Quality Health Index saw improvement with 86% of days in 2014 rated with a low air quality health risk, compared to 81% in 2013
- Edmontonians, on average, used 195 litres of water per day per person, a reduction from 204 litres in 2013



Citizens can learn more about the report through social media and by interacting with "characters" who represent different elements of the environment by email and by phone.

The Report on the Environment can be viewed in two forms: a [dynamic online version](#) and a [hard copy version](#).

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