

EcoMatters Environment Trust (EcoMatters) is a charitable entity serving the communities of Waitakere City and West/Central Auckland. EcoMatters delivers a range of community based programmes to help our communities to live sustainably.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Sustainable Living Centre

The Sustainable Living Centre is located at 4 Olympic Place, New Lynn. Friendly and knowledgeable staff are available to answer questions and/or identify the



right direction for specialist advice. Take a tour of the Centre and discover information and displays on anything from solar hot water and energy efficiency to green building and renovating. Visit our eco library for books, magazines, documentaries and films, or do your own research on the Centre computer. Enjoy a stroll through the organic gardens, designed incorporating permaculture principles. They showcase techniques that require less maintenance than the average garden, but can be incredibly productive. The gardens are divided into zones: Compost Zone; Food Forest; Guilds; Native Re-vegetation and Maori Medicinal. The Centre has working compost and worm bins on display - great for children and adults to discover just how simple and easy home composting can be.

Sustainable Homes Programme

The Sustainable Homes Programme provides householders with a practical toolkit aimed at helping improve environmental sustainability at home. The programme focuses on four major categories: energy efficiency, water conservation, waste minimisation and transportation. Facilitating behaviour change is

at the heart of the Sustainable Homes Programme. By supporting individual households, EcoMatters is able to provide tailored support and resources to suit each household's specific situation. EcoMatters works with residents to make clear goals and commitments to sustainability. The programme will be concentrated in Glen Eden and Massey initially, and grow to service all of Waitakere from July 2008.

Project Twin Streams – Glen Eden

Project Twin Streams (PTS) is an exciting programme for Waitakere communities to restore and reclaim the city's streams as the heart of their neighbourhoods. The project aims to improve the wellbeing of the city, through restoring natural systems for managing stormwater by replacing streambanks. The Waitakere City Council has contracted EcoMatters, in partnership with Glen Eden Primary School, to deliver PTS in the Glen Eden area. The Glen Eden contract covers the Waikumete sub-catchment and includes the Whakarina, Bishop and Waikumete Streams. PTS Glen Eden stretches from the headwaters in Titirangi, down through Kaurilands, Konini, Glen Eden and Parr's Park.

Water Wiseup

This programme assists schools, households and businesses to reduce their water use by 25%. The programme involves the provision of specialised support from Water Wiseup Advisors who work alongside schools, households and businesses to identify and then implement water saving actions.

Sustainable Schools Programme (incorporating Enviroschools)

The Sustainable Schools Programme aims to assist schools to reduce waste, use energy efficiently, conserve water and curb car use. The programme incorporates the Enviroschools programme. This is a new programme for EcoMatters and will be launched in late April 2008.



The WeedFree Trust works with a wide range of individuals and groups in Waitakere City to foster awareness of the threats posed by invasive weeds to our native ecosystems.

Contact the WeedFree Trust on 09 826 4276 if you are interested in any of the projects opposite:

- War on Weeds
- Mentoring Neighbourhood Groups
- Volunteerism
- Community Education
- Outreach



The Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT) promotes litter and waste reduction, tree planting, and civic pride activities

We support individual volunteers and groups to take action at home, at work, at school, and in our community...

Contact us on 826 4276 for more information on the projects opposite:

- Clean Stream Waitakere
- Community Projects
- EcoWise Community Awards
- Operation Spring Clean
- Trees for Babies
- War on Weeds



The Tag Out Trust works alongside Waitakere City Council assisting individuals, businesses, schools and groups in removing graffiti from their community.

Contact Tag Out Trust on 826 4276 for more information on the projects below.

Removal Programme - Phone the Waitakere City Council's 24 hr call centre on (09) 839-0400 for assistance on the following:

- Extensive removal contracts
- Use of volunteers in removal activities

- Removal of graffiti from residential properties

Note: Removal work is at no cost thanks to sponsorship from Portage and Waitakere Trusts.

Volunteer Projects:

- Self help removal
- Adopt a Spot
- Community Paint Outs
- Community Service