



Selling a home? Make sure it's ECAD compliant



Selling a home this spring? Decide which steps to take to comply with the Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) ordinance, which requires home sellers to disclose home energy details to buyers during a real estate transaction.

ECAD applies to homes 10 years old or older that fall within the Austin city limits and the Austin Energy service area.

Your ECAD compliance options:

Option 1: Schedule a home energy audit with a qualified ECAD Energy Professional, especially before putting your house on the market.

Option 2: Participate in a qualifying Austin Energy program:
» **Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®** provides rebates and financing to help customers make energy upgrades. Limited Time Offer!

Enjoy rebates averaging \$2,550 or 0% financing through April 15. Start today at austinenergy.com/go/hp.

» **Weatherization Assistance** offers free home energy improvements to qualifying customers. Apply in minutes at austinenergy.com/go/weatherize.

» **Rebates and incentives** provide ECAD compliance for customers who complete three or more qualifying energy improvements or receive at least \$500 in energy rebates. Learn more at austinenergy.com/go/residential.

Learn more about ECAD compliance at austinenergy.com/go/ecad.

You have options to get around Austin without a car!

Discover all the ways you can move around Austin at getthereatx.com. Every time you take a trip by bike, transit, scooter, pedicab, rideshare or carpool, you help everyone get where they're going happier, faster and more sustainably. Find up-to-date information about transit and bike routes, e-bike, scooter, pedicab and rideshare pickup locations. Also, get alerts about the latest street closures during the busy Spring Festival Season.

Follow @GetThereATX on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter for fun, in-person events like scavenger hunts, commute challenges, biking and walking trips and transit adventures.



What would you create if the city were your canvas?

Every artist needs a canvas — a blank slate, full of potential for the creator to express their individuality. For the Neighborhood Partnering Program, City-owned property is the canvas, Austin Public Works is the paintbrush and Austin residents are the artists.

Austin Public Works' Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) works with groups across Austin to build community-driven improvements. From pocket parks to playscapes and lighting to landscaping, any local organization can apply to take a creative project from idea to installation.

Over 60 community-initiated projects have been completed since the NPP program first launched in 2010. Start turning your vision into reality: visit AustinTexas.gov/NeighborhoodPartnering today to learn more.

Spring cleaning? Don't forget about the outside

It might surprise you to learn that landscaping has an impact on public safety. A driver, cyclist or pedestrian may not see approaching vehicles, wildlife, or people when vegetation blocks their view.

To make your neighborhood a safer place, prune trees and trim or remove any vegetation that obstructs sidewalks, streets or alleys. Cut limbs at least 8 feet above the sidewalk. Private trees that branch above roads are a hazard for

oversized vehicles, so those limbs should be cut to at least 14 feet above the street.

Streets, sidewalks and other public rights of ways are for everyone's use. Plants make streets scenic, but to ensure ease of mobility and safety for all residents, it is important to keep right-of-ways free of obstructions. Learn how at austintexas.gov/cleartherow.



Get Connected, Stay Connected: now it is more affordable to connect to the internet!

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps ensure families and households can afford the broadband they need for school, healthcare, work and more.

The ACP benefits include:

- » Discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households.
- » Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers, if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

To learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program and to see if your household is eligible visit austintexas.gov/affordableinternet.



Green By Design: free webinar series

Learn how to build, buy or remodel a home to improve energy and water efficiency, increase comfort and reduce maintenance. Austin Energy Green Building will provide insight and experience on sustainable building practices including guidance on selecting materials with health in mind.

Thursday, April 7
Session 1: Planning and design

Thursday, April 14
Session 2: Materials and landscaping

Thursday, April 21
Session 3: Home systems

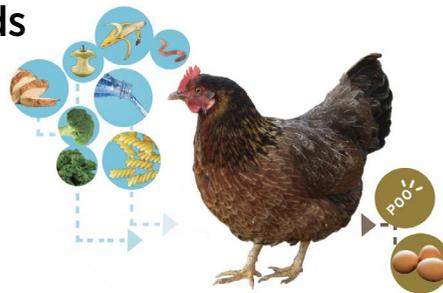
Choose to join live on the session dates or view later — all registrants will receive a recorded version of all three sessions afterward.

Registration link: austinenergy.com/ae/energy-efficiency/green-building/learn-connect.

Composting is for the birds

Did you know that Austin Resource Recovery offers a chicken-keeping class? Chicken keeping and composting go hand-in-hand to keep food waste out of the landfill while creating healthy soil, and it is a great way to help Austin reach its zero-waste goal.

The average chicken eats about one-quarter pound of food per day or nearly seven pounds per month. People throw away food scraps every day; by utilizing your green composting cart and feeding some of it to chickens, we can collectively reduce our impact on our environment.



In addition to being nature's composting system, chickens will add a new feathered friend to your life and allow you to enjoy fresh eggs from your backyard. To learn more about chicken keeping and take a self-guided course, visit austintexas.gov/chickenguide.

Si gusta recibir este folleto en español, llame a los Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad de Austin al 512-972-9523.

Customer Service Phone: 512-494-9400

24-Hour Power Outage Reporting: 512-322-9100 | 24-Hour Emergency Water Service: 512-972-1000

North Austin Utility Customer Service Center (Walk-in Center): 8716 Research Blvd., Ste. 115

South Austin Utility Customer Service Center (Walk-in Center): 1901 W. William Cannon Drive, Ste. 100



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