

What Is KY EXCEL?

KY EXCEL is the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection's free, environmental leadership program that encourages its members to complete voluntary projects to improve the environment.

KY EXCEL members choose projects that fit their work plans or lifestyles. Since 2006, this community of environmental leaders has collectively:

- Recycled enough scrap metal to make more than 18,000 cars!
- Planted more than 180,000 trees, which have reduced carbon dioxide by more than four tons per year!
- Saved enough electricity to power more than 13,000 Kentucky homes for one year!

Voluntary Environmental Projects

Completion of approved voluntary projects is a key component of KY EXCEL membership. Voluntary projects can include any activity that will benefit Kentucky's environment provided that the activity is not a regulatory requirement for the applicant. The variety of projects that can be performed is extensive. Members are encouraged to look for projects at home, within their organization, or within their community. All KY EXCEL members must complete a project report form that summarizes the year's project.

Project Ideas!

- Alternative energy (solar, wind, biogas)
- Use motion sensors and dimming devices
- Install programmable thermostats
- Insulate your hot water heater
- Provide educational opportunities
- Switch to cleaning products that are safer for the environment
- Fix leaky faucets and toilets
- Landscape with drought-resistant or native plants.
- Fence cattle from creeks and ponds
- Harvest or collect rainwater
- Use mulch around plants to retain moisture
- Install water aerators on sink faucets and water spigots to decrease water use
- Start a recycling program
- Create a rain garden or pollinator garden
- Have an energy audit
- Hold an event for Earth Day, America Recycles Day, etc.

The list of potential projects is endless. Unsure where to start? Contact us. We can help you decide on a project, design and start your project.

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Making a Difference,



One Project at a Time



Incentives

- Fifty percent off the price of all DCA Environmental Assistance Branch training events
- Use of logo and KY EXCEL material for marketing opportunities
- Recognition at events, in newsletters, websites and social media
- Networking opportunities with KY EXCEL members and partners

KY EXCEL offers a home for Kentucky's environmental stewards. From beginners to environmental stewardship experts, KY EXCEL is a community filled with information, resources and ideas to encourage your development as an environmental leader. For those who are already on the path of stewardship, KY EXCEL provides a place to explore environmental issues, engage in environmentally beneficial projects and network with like-minded individuals.



Services

- Free assistance with project development, implementation and evaluation
- Coordination with other DCA services, such as compliance assistance

Our staff is available to discuss the level of membership that is right for you and to assist you through the application process. We can help you with project selection, implementation and reporting your results.

We are here to help you excel for the environment!

Membership Levels

Whether you are an individual, household, farm, organization, community, local government or business (Ky. Department of Environmental Protection regulated or nonregulated entity), there is a level for you!

Levels for Non-Regulated Participants

FARM

- Annually commit to one voluntary project.
- Complete an annual project report form for each project.
- Conduct production agriculture or is an agricultural advocacy group.

ADVOCATE

- Annually commit to one voluntary project.
- Complete an annual project report form for each project.

Levels for Regulated Participants

PARTNER

- Annually commit to one voluntary project.
- Complete an annual project report form for each project.
- Develop an environmental management plan.
- Conduct an environmental self-assessment.

LEADER

- Annually commit to three voluntary projects.
- Complete an annual project report form for each project.
- Implement an environmental management plan.
- Conduct an environmental self-assessment.

MASTER

- Annually commit to five voluntary projects.
- Complete an annual project report form for each project.
- Implement an environmental management plan.
- Conduct a third-party environmental assessment.
- Demonstrate past environmental achievement.

Join the Community!

Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Contact Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Which level are you interested in?

- FARM
- ADVOCATE
- PARTNER
- LEADER
- MASTER



Membership is annual and renewal is as simple as proposing a new voluntary project!