



In partnership with *Nazarenes for Creation Care*, listed here are some suggestions to help mobilize your congregation toward blessing your community!

### ■ **Community Clean Up**

Often, blessing your community can look like doing the “dirty” work that no-one else wants to do. Partner with your local municipality and community to mobilize a trash clean up in your area. (If in a costal area, consider doing a beach clean up.)

### ■ **Reusables Drive & Giveaway**

Plastic and single-use items create many problems for our communities and God’s creation at large. Mobilize a drive to collect reusable cups, mugs, to-go containers, silverware, and shopping bags. Create “Reusable Kits” and give them away! These are great to keep in your car.

### ■ **Food Composting**

Food waste is one the biggest problems facing the planet today. Not only is throwing away food wasteful but it also creates harmful methane gases. Thankfully, composting is God’s “age-old” natural solution for this! Consider building composts and offering a “How To” compost class for your community. Have a little bit of unused land at your church facility? Build an accessible compost for the surrounding neighborhood to use!

### ■ **Recycling Team**

Depending on where you live recycling options can vary greatly. Consider what items are difficult to recycle in your area and offer that as a ministry to your community! If it’s glass, batteries, or bulbs for instance - create a drop-off location at your church facility. Schedule volunteers for monthly trips to a recycling facility. (If it’s metal, consider “scrapping” it and using the funds for further ministry opportunities.)

### ■ **Repair Cafe**

Everyone has broken items somewhere in their home without an easy way to fix them. Create a weekly or monthly gathering/work space, brew some coffee, recruit some handy people, and begin offering repairs for your community! This can also be a great chance to offer skills training for youth in the community.

### ■ **Planting and Gardening**

The Spring and Fall are great times to engage in blessing your community through planting! Consider engaging neighbors in a community garden initiative, planting trees, implementing a native polinator garden at your church facicilty, or work to remove invasive plants.

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