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EDMONTON'S GREEN HOME GUIDE

Take a Good Look at Your Location

Changing how you travel in the city and making travel choices that are sustainable – taking the bus, cycling, walking, carpooling – reduces Edmonton's greenhouse gas emissions and helps to mitigate climate change. So take a good look at your location, because it plays a big part in determining how reliant you are on your personal vehicle.

A Walkable Location is a Healthy Choice

Whether you're buying a new or existing home, 800 metres (about 8 downtown blocks) is generally considered a walkable distance for most individuals. Housing that's located in a walkable neighbourhood near public transit, employment centres, schools and other amenities is often considered to be location efficient. And a walkable location promotes an active lifestyle, which contributes to better health.

Every Home in Edmonton has a Walk Score. What's Yours?

Walk Score is a large-scale, publicly accessible walkability index that assigns a numerical walkability score for any address in Edmonton. To learn more, Please visit: walkscore.com

And be sure to look for Walk Score on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS), as many listings are starting to include it.

Taking Transit Reduces Transportation Costs

Being close to transit gives you the opportunity to cut down on the amount you drive, which helps reduce transportation costs.

Increase Your Location Efficiency

Here's something for home buyers to consider: Depending on where you work and your lifestyle, purchasing a home in a mature area may increase your location efficiency. Household energy costs include your transportation, so improving your location efficiency can reduce your overall household bills. Also, purchasing a home in a mature area keeps Edmonton's existing neighbourhoods vibrant and sustainable into the future.



GREEN FACTS AND TIPS: LEVERAGING YOUR LOCATION



Jobs

Living close to work is one of the greenest moves you can make. Your daily commute becomes low carbon, and the convenience, the health benefits and the time-saving advantages of not driving to and from work can all have a positive impact on your quality of life.



Transit

Generally, a home is considered to have good access to transit if it's within a 5-minute walk of a regular city bus stop, and within a 10-minute walk of a rapid bus or rail. The primary goal with locating close to transit is that daily trips (such as commuting to work or school) are possible on transit.



Amenities

Finding a home in a neighbourhood with convenient access to services, groceries, restaurants and shopping means you'll spend less time in your car.



Parks and Green Space

Being able to quickly and easily get to a walking trail, a dog park, or sports field can have a positive impact on your family's lifestyle. In Edmonton, most homes are within a 5-minute walk from a green space.



Walking Maps

Check out Edmonton's walking maps at: edmonton.ca/walkmap

