

Dear fellow Autocatters,

There is quite a bit of repetition in the two guidelines (gotta love cut-and-paste!), but the one intended for the cataloguers gets more into the DDC tables than the one for the public staff.

We're a Dewey library, so my call number examples are all DDC. I went with --0286, Environmental engineering, from table 2, so I've used 648.50286 for green housekeeping, 640.286 for green living in general, 643.70286 for green remodelling, etc. The 650s are LCSH. Feel free to look things up in our catalogue if you want examples:

<http://catalogue.westvanlibrary.ca/search> .

Cataloguing Green Titles (for Cataloguing Staff)

“Green” topics are everywhere today, and the Library has been buying many of these books, but because there is no single Green Dewey number, these are not always easy for Cataloguing to classify.

In order to make these titles easier for the staff and patrons to find, we're putting titles into some new Green call numbers, and adding some extra subject headings.

Green DDC Numbers

Some topics, like Organic Gardening, Recycling, or Sustainable Architecture are inherently Green. Others, like housecleaning, construction, or food shopping, can have Green aspects, or have nothing to do with the environment.

To separate environmental topics from regular topics, add 0286 from Table 1 (environmental engineering), e.g. 640.50286 vs. 640.5 (housecleaning). For longer call numbers, just add 02, e.g. 690.83702 vs. 690.837 (construction).

General books on how to “Go Green”, e.g.: Ecoholic, and, Green For Life, are in a new number, 640.286.

Books that are on specific aspects of environmentalism will stay in their specific numbers, e.g.: Organic gardening titles will continue to be in the gardening number (635.0484), sustainable architecture titles will stay in the architecture number (mostly 720.472), titles on forestry, clear-cutting, etc. will stay in the forestry numbers (333.75 or 634.9), titles on the science of global warming will stay in the environment number (363.73874), etc.

Common Green DDC numbers:

333.7 , 333.72, etc.

363.7 , 363.705, 363.73874. etc.

381.33

574 (old number - anything in this number is at least ten years old)

640.286

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648.50286

690.83702

691.0286

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Green Subject Headings

Unfortunately, LCSH has not been consistent in its use of language.

Headings can start with:

Green

Green movement, Green technology, etc.

Eco-

Ecological, Ecology, Ecofeminism, etc.

Environment-

Environmental engineering, Environmentalism, etc.

Sustainable

Sustainable architecture, Sustainable living, etc.

Organic

Organic living, Organic farming, Organic gardening, etc.

Global

Global warming, Global environmental change, etc.

Bio-

Biodiesel fuels, Bioclimatology, Bioethics, etc.

Climatic

Climatic changes, Climatic factors, etc.

Clean

Clean energy investment, etc.

Nature

Nature study, Nature conservation, etc.

See also the subdivisions:

--Environmental aspects

--Effect of human beings on

--Citizen participation

There are also some that are relevant, but may not be obvious, for example:

Local foods

Farm produce

Human ecology

Social responsibility of business

Note that many books have several of these headings, which should make them easier to find. Bring up a title that we have that is similar to your title and drag and drop subject headings into the title you're cataloguing.

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(see next page for Public Staff guidelines)

How Green Was My Catalogue?
or
How to Find Green Movement Call Numbers and Subject Headings
(for Public Staff)

“Green” topics are everywhere today – on TV, in newspapers, in magazines, and in books. The Library has been buying many of these books, but because there is no single Green Dewey number, these are not always easy for Cataloguing to classify – or for you to find.

Green Dewey Numbers (Call Numbers)

Some topics, like Organic Gardening, Recycling, or Sustainable Architecture are inherently Green. Others, like housecleaning, construction, or food shopping, can have Green aspects, or have nothing to do with the environment. To separate environmental topics from regular topics, the call number will be a bit longer, e.g. 640.50286 vs. 640.5, or 690.83702 vs. 690.837.

A new topic people are writing about is how to live a more sustainable life in general, where one book covers many topics. Examples are: Ecoholic, and, Green For Life. These general books on how to “Go Green” are in a new number, 640.286.

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Green Subject Headings

We’ve covered call numbers, now for subject headings. Unfortunately, Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), which is the standard that most English-speaking libraries use, has not been consistent in its use of language. To find Green topics, you may need to look up headings that start with:

Green Green movement, Green technology, etc.
Eco- Ecological, Ecology, Ecofeminism, etc.
Environment- Environmental engineering, Environmentalism, etc.
Sustainable Sustainable architecture, Sustainable living, etc.
Organic Organic living, Organic farming, Organic gardening, etc.
Global Global warming, Global environmental change, etc.
Bio- Biodiesel fuels, Bioclimatology, Bioethics, etc.
Climatic Climatic changes, Climatic factors, etc.
Waste Waste minimization, Waste products, Waste disposal, etc.
Clean Clean energy investment, etc.
Nature Nature study, Nature conservation, etc.

See also the subdivisions:

--**Environmental aspects**
--**Effect of human beings on**
--**Citizen participation**

There are also some that are relevant, but may not be obvious, for example:

Local foods
Farm produce
Human ecology
Social responsibility of business
Salvage (Waste, etc.)

Note that many books have several of these headings, which should make them easier to find.

You can also do keyword searches, e.g. "politic* and green" or "environment* and business". Remember that you can use an asterisk to truncate a word to make sure you retrieve all the variations, e.g. politic* will get you politics and political.

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