



**Press release**  
**"National Ecological Rating of Russian Regions"**  
**Environmental results for spring 2021**

**June 04, 2021, Moscow.** Today the National Russian public organization "Green Patrol" published their latest 'National Ecological Rating of Regions' based on the results for spring 2021. The information used to compile these ratings has been collected by the organization's experts since 2007 and has, since Spring 2008, been published at the end of each season. The regions of the Russian Federation are ranked according to criteria listed on the Green Patrol website [www.greenpatrol.ru](http://www.greenpatrol.ru).

**Andrey Nagibin, Chairman of the Board of Green Patrol, Deputy Chairman of the Public Council Rosprirodnadzor:** "My colleagues and I conceived the 'National Ecological Rating' 15 years ago, however it wasn't until 2017 that we saw a real surge of public interest, as well as interest from local authorities. This was prompted when the Russian President, Vladimir V. Putin, announced the "Year of the Environment" on the day of the "direct line" (his annual televised public Q&A) when his personal intervention led to the closure of the stinking refuse dump near Balashikha, Moscow. The public were amazed "is such a thing possible?". Suddenly people were paying attention to environmental problems around them. After publishing our 'National Ecological Rating of Russian Regions' at the end of each season for all these years the level of interest in our expert assessments of the situation has grown significantly. Our level of responsibility has also grown, with an increase in the volume of processed information and the number of criteria taken into account when compiling a rating. Currently, most regions provide the information we request.

Today, on behalf of our expert community at "Green Patrol" I present the latest 'National Ecological Rating of the Regions of the Russian Federation' as at the end of the spring 2021".

**According to the information collated for Spring 2021, the top ten regions of the 'National Ecological Rating of Regions' are:**

1. Tambov region;
2. Belgorod region;
3. Republic of Altai;

4. Kursk region;
5. Altai Territory;
6. Moscow;
7. Chuvash Republic;
8. Kaluga region;
9. Chukotka Autonomous Okrug;
10. St. Petersburg.

**The bottom ten 'National Ecological Rating of Regions' for Spring 2021 are:**

76. Moscow region;
77. Khabarovsk Territory;
78. Republic of Sakha (Yakutia);
79. Primorsky Territory;
80. Sverdlovsk region;
81. Chelyabinsk region;
82. Trans-Baikal Territory;
83. Krasnoyarsk Territory;
84. Omsk region;
85. Irkutsk region.

**The top rated cities of the Russian Federation are**

1. Moscow;
2. St. Petersburg
3. Sevastopol.

**Ratings of Federal Districts:**

1. Central Federal District;
2. North Caucasian Federal District;
3. Northwestern Federal District;
4. Volga Federal District;
5. Siberian Federal District;
6. Southern Federal District;
7. Ural Federal District;
8. Far Eastern Federal District.

**Roman Pukalov, director of Environmental Programs of 'Green Patrol'** explains the National project "Ecology". In addition to much needed funding to solve the most pressing environmental problems, the program has given a powerful push to involve citizens in environmental projects across the country. It encourages everyone to think about the volume of waste produced, about its separate collection. Many people have taken an active part in the discussion of projects which could potentially be hazardous to the environment. The National project encourages campaigns for planting trees and cleaning the banks of rivers and lakes, etc.

Rospirodnadzor has stepped up for the whole country, rolling up its sleeves and working hard to identify and punish violators of environmental legislation.

Multimillion-dollar fines for these violators are now being issued almost daily, collected either voluntarily or through the courts. People believed that they could breathe clean air, drink clean water, enjoy forests and reservoirs, the unique natural beauty of their surroundings. The environmental agenda in Russia has finally become relevant for all. We hope that our 'National Ecological Rating' will give society an additional opportunity to obtain objective comparative information”.

**Andrey Nagibin:** “In May of this year, the 25th anniversary ministerial meeting of the Arctic Council took place. The Chairmanship of the Council passed from Iceland to Russia. This is a great responsibility. Russia's share of the Arctic is approximately 40%. It is recognized that the nature of the Polar region is a unique and fragile ecosystem, very susceptible to human intervention. Since Soviet times, the polar region has suffered environmental damage from various types of pollution that are both multicomponent and multifactorial. So close attention must be paid and measures to eliminate this pollution are required. This is a gigantic undertaking and the volume of work requires the efforts of both the state and society as a whole. Over the next two years, we must demonstrate this to the countries of the Arctic, as well as to the wider world community and, first of all, ourselves.

Russia must take the lead in the preservation of the natural, cultural and ethnic wealth of the Arctic territories. Special responsibility for solving environmental problems in the Arctic must take precedence over businesses that are actively implementing their global projects in the Arctic zone”.

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