

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY

REDUCE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Tip #1: Get Rid of Clutter

START HERE



Need to get rid of something?

You no longer need to put it off because you don't know what to do with it? RecycleStuff.org can help. Enter your item and zip code, and the tool will provide places where you can donate, recycle, or dispose.

RECYCLE RIGHT



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

It's not always obvious what can be recycled, and just because an item has the recycling symbol does not mean it is recyclable in your area. Follow the County's Recycle Right guides to figure out which materials can be recycled in your city.

Recycle Right: <https://bit.ly/3fynivr>

USE CARE WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



Used motor oil, extra paint, and leftover medications...

...are all classified as hazardous waste and need to be disposed of safely. Santa Clara County collects all these items! If these items are sitting around your place, learn how to dispose of them.

Household Hazardous Waste Program:
<https://bit.ly/3fJdPkK>

Tip #2: Rethink Your Purchases, Big and Small

ENVIRONMENTAL
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REPAIR BEFORE YOU REPLACE



Repair instead of replacing with new.

Don't be afraid to ask for help! Take your worn-out boots to a cobbler, your ripped jacket to a tailor, your broken bike to a repair shop. Check out the Repair Cafés, which hold in-person and virtual events where volunteers help fix your broken items.

Palo Alto: repaircafe-paloalto.org

Mountain View: repaircafemv.org

SHIFT YOUR MINDSET



Buy used if possible.

If buying new, look for durable, high-quality items that can be repaired or recycled by the company you purchased from. Consider companies that employ fair trade/fair labor practices, responsible manufacturing, and sustainable materials and shipping practices.

BENEFIT FROM CLEAN ENERGY REBATES



Home improvement project?

Homeowners can receive up to \$5,000 in rebates for installing electric space heating, electric water heating, clothes drying, and induction cooking ranges. These upgrades help you save energy and money and improve indoor air quality. You can also receive rebates on products like smart thermostats or search for energy efficient products marketplace.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network:

bayrenresidential.org

PG&E: <https://bit.ly/2Qdi6Ct>

Silicon Valley Clean Energy:

svcleanenergy.org/water-heating

CONSIDER AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE



In the market for a new car?

Receive up to \$9,500 on electric vehicles for income-qualified residents.

Bay Area Air Quality Management:

<https://bit.ly/3dsmBkG>

Tip #3: Upgrade Your Landscaping

LESS IS MORE



Learn landscaping, it's easy to implement and maintain!

Sustainable landscaping requires less maintenance, less water, less fertilizer, and less pesticides. Learn the basics by visiting the pages below.

County's Sustainable Landscape Management Program: <https://bit.ly/3fCmeqj>

South Bay Green Gardens: southbaygreengardens.org

PLANT A TREE, FOR FREE



Love that will last a lifetime.

Trees provide shade, cooling, habitat, and food for wildlife, and even help fight climate change. Our City Forest provides trees for your yard or park strip, and offers training and support for planting and maintenance.

Our City Forest: ourcityforest.org/plant-trees

BE WATER WISE



Make conservation a California way of life.

Get paid to replace your landscaping with drought-tolerant, native plants that use less water through Valley Water, which offers rebates up to \$3,000 for landscape conversions, irrigation equipment upgrades, rain barrels, and rain gardens.

Valley Water: <https://bit.ly/3wg6orc>

We hope these tips help you reduce your environmental footprint and save money. www.sccgov.org/EarthDay

HAPPY EARTH MONTH