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Happy Earth Month!

April is officially Earth Month, and we're excited to share our love for our planet and the environment with you! This is a perfect time to identify one small step you can take to benefit the Earth. You can start recycling your food scraps and other organic waste, add a subscription to Windsource to source your home or business energy usage from renewable energy, adopt a drain to keep our waterways clean, or just take a walk around your neighborhood or favorite park and pick up litter!

Partners in Energy Updates



This week we are going door to door to local Roseville businesses to encourage sign-ups for free energy audits! We're hoping to meet with 50-100 businesses in person, and get at least 25 businesses to sign up for a free energy audit.

We also received our first report from Xcel on our progress. Participation in renewable programs is up 18.5% from 2020-2021, and we're just over halfway through our goal of engaging 1,400 households in utility savings programs by the end of 2022! Be sure to check out our web-

site for information on energy efficiency rebates and programs and home improvement loans for projects increasing energy efficiency or air quality.

Clean Up Day

Do you have items sitting around your house that need to be disposed of but can't go in a trash cart? Bring them to Roseville's Clean Up Day at the Dale Street Soccer Field Parking Lot, 2555 Dale Street.

Pay at the gate with cash or check—prices can be found on this year's flyer. Roseville covers 1/3 of the disposal costs!



Earth Day Celebration

Join us in celebrating <u>Earth Day at the Harriet</u> <u>Alexander Nature Center</u> on **April 23rd, from 10:00am—2:00pm!**

Sustainability intern Noelle Bakken will be there with free food scraps recycling kits and information on different ways to save energy in your home.

Stop by, enjoy the fun activities the Parks & Recreation team has put together, and enjoy some birthday cake to celebrate the nature center's 32nd birthday!



Adopt a Drain

Now that the snow has (mostly) melted, it's now the season of discovering all the rubble that the snow hid during the winter. Clean out your local storm drains now to keep our waterways healthy!

You can adopt a storm drain in your neighborhood, which includes giving your drain its very own clever name (optional but cute!) and tracking how often you clean it.

Last year Roseville had 192 people participate in Adopt a Drain. **Can we get to 250 in 2022?** Visit our **Adopt A Drain** site for information on how to get started!



Upcoming May Events



Free Shredding day—May 21, 9am-noon. Tired of all those piles of junk mail? Roseville residents can bring up to 3 banker-sized boxes or grocery bags of documents to Roseville City Hall for secure shredding.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4): Staff will provide an annual update to the Public Works, Environment, & Transportation Commission on our MS4 permit with the MN Pollution Control Agency. Staff will highlight water quality achievements from 2021, and look ahead to 2022 and beyond. The meeting is May 24th, 2022 at 6:30pm and open to the public.

What's Next?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently released its latest report on the state of our changing climate, and it's becoming more urgent than ever to keep global average temperatures from warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius (relative to 19th century levels). Roseville City staff, residents, and elected officials will need to work together in the weeks, months, and years ahead to meet these challenges head on.

We want to know: what aspects of sustainability are most important to you? How would you like to see Roseville working with residents to mitigate climate change? **Email us and tell us your thoughts!**

Thank you from your Sustainable Roseville Team!

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