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Sustainability Tip of the Month— Holidays & Gifts

While the holiday season can be a joyful time of year for many, it can also be a wasteful time—**Americans generate as much as 25% more trash during the holidays**. Here are some tips to reduce waste with gift giving and hosting this year:



- **Give experiences** like gift cards to restaurants or events, or **consumables** like candles, soap, food, or other useful items.
- **Wrap gifts responsibly:**
 - Give two gifts in one by wrapping small gifts in fabric napkins or tea towels!
 - Save gift bags, boxes, and tissue for reuse
 - Use gift wrap that is recyclable or reusable—no glitter or foil
- **Shop locally**—we have access to so many great local businesses in Roseville and around the Twin Cities! Shopping local keeps money flowing within our community and reduces emissions created from shipping.
- Think **quality over quantity**—avoid purchasing lots of low-quality items in favor of well-made items or toys that will last.
- Getting new electronics this season? **Recycle your old electronics for free at [RePowered](#)**, or donate them if they are still in good working order.
- Make too much food for gatherings? Make sure you compost it—bring leftover food scraps to the **Roseville leaf site at 2580 Dale Street**.

Need some more ideas? Here are some other resources to check out below:

- Rewiring America's "[Bye, gas. Buy electric!](#)" gift guide
- Low-waste stores in the Twin Cities (not an exhaustive list!):
 - [The Zeroish Co.](#)
 - [Tare Market](#)
 - [The Foundry Home Goods](#)
- [Zero waste gift wrap guide](#)

Water Rebates Available!

Reduce your water usage and save some serious cash on your next appliance purchase or sprinkler system upgrade.

The City of Roseville is offering up to \$300 off your water bill when you replace your toilet, washing machine, dishwasher; or upgrade your irrigation system with new, more efficient models.

- Residents who purchase qualifying WaterSense® toilets; ENERGY STAR-Certified clothes washers or ENERGY STAR-Certified dishwashers are eligible for a 50% rebate up to \$300.
- Residents who upgrade to WaterSense® labeled irrigation equipment can receive a 75% rebate up to \$300.



It's as simple as saving your itemized receipt, filling out a one-page application and snapping a photo of your new appliance. Find out more and access the applications [on our website](#).

These upgrades will also save homeowners money in the long run by lowering water usage and their water bills.

Environmental Service Center Breaks Ground



Ramsey County's new Environmental Service Center, which will be located at 1700 Kent Street in Roseville, broke ground in late October!

The new facility is set to open in late 2025 or early 2026, and will offer multiple services for the community:

- Drive-through drop-off for household hazardous waste and electronic waste
- Free product reuse room
- Space for Fix-It Clinics and educational/community activities
- Food scraps and recycling drop-off

The Environmental Service Center will be adjacent to Larpenteur Avenue and the 65 bus line, and will add additional paths to connect it to existing walking and biking corridors.

Read Ramsey County's full press release [here](#), and [watch the groundbreaking event](#) with remarks from Commissioners Martinson and Reinhardt, as well as Ramsey County Director of Public Health Sara Hollie.

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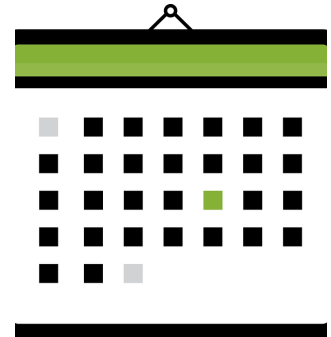
Events

Yale Climate Change Conversations—Hear from Yale faculty about various climate change issues in these virtual sessions during the month of December. No affiliation with Yale needed to attend! [More information and registration links here.](#)

Metropolitan Council Public Engagement Listening Session—The Met Council Governance Task Force is reviewing how the Council is run and how Council Members are elected. Sign up to attend a listening session **Friday, December 8th from 2:00-3:30pm** to hear a panel discussion and provide input. [Register here.](#)

Resilient Roseville winter talks: “A Busy Person’s Guide to Sustainable Living.” - They are hosting the City of Roseville for the first session on **Sunday, January 7th**, where Noelle Bakken will discuss strategies for increasing sustainability in the kitchen. Sessions are at the **Ramsey County Library Roseville Branch, 1:30pm-2:30pm**. Free!

January Sustainability Super Meeting! Our January Public Works, Environment, and Transportation Commission is when we provide our annual overview of our sustainability work and look ahead to our 2024 goals. Join us for an engaging discussion on January 23rd, 6:30pm in the Roseville City Council chambers!



Are you a Roseville Sustainable Steward?



Do you try to take day-to-day actions to reduce your environmental impact? Do you own a Roseville business that's making efforts to reduce energy usage or waste within your operations? Are you working on a significant home or commercial building project that incorporates energy efficiency and/or renewable energy?

We want to hear from you! Last year we introduced our [Roseville Sustainable Steward program](#) to recognize residents and businesses doing good work to make our community more sustainable.

[Please complete an application form](#) if any of the above questions describe you! Qualified applicants will receive a window cling, sticker, and/or a yard sign, and all applications will be entered into our annual award contest to receive a cash award, certificate, and City Council recognition. Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions—we encourage everyone to apply!

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Positive Climate News



Portugal just ran on 100% renewables for six days in a row—From October 31st to November 6th, Portugal produced enough renewable energy from wind, solar, and hydropower for all of its 10 million residents.

Panama orders controversial copper mine's closure—following numerous protests from environmental activists, Panama's Supreme Court ruled a 20-year concession granted to First Quantum Minerals was unconstitutional, and the mine will be shut down, ceasing destruction of a richly biodiverse area of the Panamanian jungle.

Groundbreaking transatlantic flight using greener fuel lands in the US—this was the first cross-oceanic flight of a large passenger plane powered by alternative fuels derived from household and cooking waste fats and waste from corn production. These alternative fuels have 70% lower lifecycle emissions than conventional jet fuel.

More Than 100 Countries at COP28 Call For Fossil Fuel Phaseout—COP28 is off to an extra-rocky start after COP president Sultan Al Jaber claimed there was "no science" behind the idea that fossil fuels must be phased out to keep global warming from exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius. However, 106 countries produced a joint statement calling for an outright fossil fuel phaseout alongside tripling installed renewable energy capacity by 2030.

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