



SUSTAINABILITY TIPS **SPRING**

Spring is an exciting and fresh time of year. You can finally shed the winter coat and gloves. Signs of life are beginning to appear everywhere and color is returning to our drab landscape. Below are some tips and reminders of things we can do to become better stewards of our surroundings. Before you begin these activities please take time to do some stretching and to wear UV protection like hats and sun screen.

- Wait to turn on sprinkler systems until the 3rd week of May
- Replace sprinklers with water savings devices and moisture sensors
- Compost or put green yard waste into proper waste container for landfill composting
- As you clean out your garage or sheds, be sure to dispose of items properly (paint, solvents, oils and other chemicals). These should be disposed of at a collection site, landfill or community collection events.
- Use environmentally friendly products for cleaning both inside and outside of your home. Avoid products that have phosphates, bleach or chlorine in them.
- Use fertilizers and insecticides that are human, pet and environmentally friendly
- Spring is an excellent time to tune up vehicles, lawn mowers and equipment
- Consider replacing gasoline lawn mower to an electric lawn mower
- Consider growing some of your food via a garden or patio pots and planters Recycle old newspaper, magazines, clothing, etc. Plant a tree
- Place mulch around plants to conserve water
- Get activate outside by walking, jogging or riding a bike
- Get to know your neighbors. Share stories, items that you no longer use, garden space and yard tools.
- Plant native plants that are drought resistant and that attract bees, butterflies and other wildlife
- Change air filters
- Use reusable plates, cups and flatware for your BBQ's and picnics.
- Reduce the amount of lawn that you must water and mow
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Upgrade outdoor lighting to LEDs
- Use only commercial car washes for your vehicles
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