

Preserving Turlock's Next 100 Years

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"100 Things to Go Green"

City of Turlock's Going Green on the Web!



Check out the City of Turlock's new section of the web for information on how you can become more earth-friendly at home, school, work and everywhere else that you spend your day! At www.ci.turlock.ca.us/gogreen you will find suggestions on water conservation, recycling practices and waste management, energy conservation as well as the youth and community programs that the City of Turlock has to offer plus more! So log on today and see just how green you can go!

*The Go Green tab is located under the municipal services department on the go green tab at www.ci.turlock.ca.us

The Solution = No Pollution

The City of Turlock is coordinating a volunteer-based, community storm drain stenciling project. The purpose of the program is to raise awareness of a relatively unknown pollution problem, storm water runoff. The project will involve a kick-off event on September 27th starting at 9:00 am, where a multitude of volunteers will spend the day stenciling the message, "The Solution = No Pollution" on drains located throughout the City of Turlock to help educate residents and suggest ideas on how to help prevent storm water run-off.

If you or your club/organization would like to be a part of this worthwhile event, contact the City of Turlock Municipal Services Department at 209.668.5599 ext.4474. And remember "The Solution = No Pollution"!

More Details

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Green Business Spotlight



Is Your Business Green?

If your business, or another business that you may be aware of, practices exemplary greening procedures and you feel should be featured in the Green Business Spotlight, contact the City of Turlock, Municipal Services Department at 209.668.5590 today!

GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM EXAMPLES:

*Green Purchasing Policies
Renewable Energy Systems
Expansive Recycling Programs
Lead Certified*

Submit a Green Business Nomination to:

tcordell@turlock.ca.us or call 209.668.5599 ext. 4474 for more information on how your business can go green

The City of Turlock's Greening Efforts

The City of Turlock has a long history of environmental stewardship which permeates the entire organization. Examples include:

Land Use

- An Urban Design Element in the 1993 Turlock General Plan which was recognized in the first edition of the SJVUAPCD's Air Quality Guidelines as a model for land use planning.
- All new neighborhoods are developed through master land use planning that stresses livable neighborhoods and street designs that include walking and biking facilities to encourage alternative transportation modes.
- Turlock planned a freeway commercial shopping center to allow Turlock residents to shop locally, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled.
- To implement its commitment to a jobs housing balance, Turlock adopted the Westside Industrial Specific Plan to spur job growth and development in Turlock.

Transportation

- For the past 10 years, Turlock has operated a fixed route and para-transit bus system
- All city buses run on compressed natural gas
- The City of Turlock's fleet contains a number of alternative fuel vehicles including compressed natural gas and electric vehicles
- The City of Turlock owns and operates a compressed natural gas fueling station, one of only two in Stanislaus County

Wastewater

- Since 2006, the City of Turlock has operated a tertiary wastewater treatment facility that allows for the unrestricted reuse of the city's wastewater. Currently, the city provides up to two million gallons per day of recycled water to the Turlock Irrigation District for cooling purposes at the Walnut Energy Center.
- The city has installed the infrastructure so that recycled water may be used at Pedretti Sports Complex.
- In partnership with the Turlock Irrigation District, a Fuel Cell Energy Plant is being constructed at the Turlock Regional Water Quality Control Facility to use methane gas, a byproduct of the wastewater treatment process, to produce energy and heated water.

Solid Waste

- In 1993, Turlock pioneered the curbside collection of commingled recyclables in Stanislaus County, as well as the collection of green waste to increase the rate of recycling in the community.
- The City of Turlock land applies all of its biosolids to farmland in Merced County; no biosolids are disposed of in the county landfill
- The City of Turlock has developed its own specialty fertilizer, Nutrilock, derived from the composting of biosolids with green waste
- Fluorescent lamps, batteries and other "universal waste" generated by the City of Turlock is collected and disposed of properly.
- For the past 12 years, the city has held an annual Take Pride in Turlock Day to allow for residents to dispose of solid waste for free. The program has reduced illegal dumping and Turlock Scavenger recycles as much of the material as possible to divert the waste from the landfill
- Turlock participates in the Stanislaus Resource Recovery Facility, a waste-to-energy (WTE) project. Since 1989, the project provides for disposal of waste generated within the County in an efficient, cost effective and environmentally sound manner. The WTE facility is not only a sound alternative to land filling one hundred percent of our waste; it generates electricity which is sold to partially offset the cost of operating it.

Water

- To preserve drinking water, the city uses non-potable water for irrigation purposes at many of its landscaped parks and open spaces. Nuisance water is filtered and reused for irrigation at city storm drain basins.
- Turlock has committed to the early compliance with the state mandate to meter all water customers. The city has chosen a state of the art automatic meter reading system to allow for up to the minute meter readings to aid in water conservation and reduce water wasting. It also eliminates the need for meter

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