

# EARTH DAY 2020 RESOURCE GUIDE

MOUNTAIN VIEW SUSTAINABILITY

EARTH DAY  
50TH ANNIVERSARY



# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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On April 22, 1970, approximately 20 million people in different cities across the United States engaged in the first “Earth Day.” By the end of that year, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was created, and the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts were passed. Fifty years later, environmental protections have improved, but there is still much work to be done to bring the planet back into balance. People are battling to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change; they are still pushing for cleaner air and water; they are striving to eliminate pervasive environmental toxins; and they are working to create a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system.

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day this year, the City of Mountain View’s Sustainability team had planned a big, in-person festival. However, the reality of COVID-19 became apparent, which forced us to cancel the event. Instead, we are bringing you this curated Resource Guide, which is a compilation of resources from 29 other Bay Area organizations and four City of Mountain View divisions that are working hard to address a variety of social and environmental issues. We hope that these organizations inspire you to TAKE ACTIONS that make you feel more connected to your family, friends, and neighbors and help improve both our local communities and the health of this place we call “home.”

We are all in this together. Thank you for your contribution.

## THE MOUNTAIN VIEW SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

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# THANK YOU

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Thank you to every organization that contributed to this Resource Guide, for your input and for the work that you do every day!




















Thank you to the residents of Mountain View, the Bay Area, and those around the world that are taking the time to create a more sustainable future.

## ***Want to Stay Connected with Us?***

- [Like the Mountain View Sustainability page on Facebook](#)
- [Collaborate with us on Collaborate Mountain View](#)
- [Subscribe to our newsletter](#)

**Content Disclaimer:** The pages in this guide are adapted from content provided by each organization. The views and language expressed in this guide are not necessarily a reflection of the positions or views of the City of Mountain View.

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# Acterra

[Acterra](#) is a Bay Area-focused environmental organization based in Palo Alto that brings people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet. The organization's roots go back to 1970 with a history of motivating action for change. Acterra offers a number of programs that help individuals and organizations combat climate change and take action for the planet.



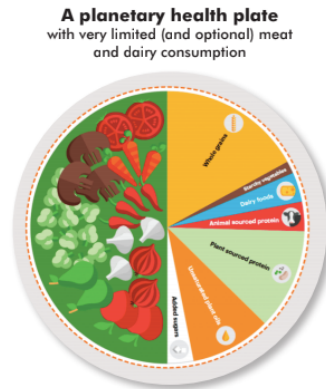
## Check Out These Resources:

- [Acterra's YouTube channel has an array of educational videos to help you go green.](#)
- Acterra is still accepting [electronic sign-ups](#) for their free Induction Cooktop Loaner Program. The loaner kit provided includes a plug-in portable cooktop plus compatible pan that you can borrow for up to three weeks.
- Electric vehicles are better for the climate and their quiet, smooth ride produces no harmful tailpipe emissions. To learn more, visit [Acterra's GoEV website and view online resources](#) or arrange a one-on-one consultation with a local EV expert.
- [Sign up for the monthly GoEV Newsletter for tips, news, and discounts delivered to your inbox.](#)



# Acterra

- [Learn more about Acterra's Healthy Plate, Healthy Planet program!](#) It encourages plant-forward eating to reduce your carbon footprint and combat climate change.
- Acterra is currently organizing a "Meatless May" challenge to reduce meat consumption, in partnership with the Darwin Challenge App (available on iOS), for a dedicated group of beta-testers. Join the Acterra Group on the App [here](#) and start tracking your meat-free days.
- [Learn about electrifying your home here.](#)
- Acterra is hosting several live community events this spring in a virtual format. Details can be found [here](#), or subscribe to Acterra's [EcoHappenings Newsletter](#) to stay informed.
  - Webinar: How to Green Your Organization's 401K. Speaker: R. Paul Herman, founder of HIP Investor. May 14, 1pm - 3:30 pm.
  - Webinar: Public Lecture Series. Speaker: Chance Cutrano, Director of Programs at the Resource Renewal Institute. May 20, 4:30pm-5:30pm.
  - Acterra's 2020 Business Environmental Awards Ceremony (30th Anniversary). May 28, 5:30pm-8:30pm.



# Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) & “Spare the Air”

The Air District aims to create a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident while protecting and improving public health, air quality, and the global climate.

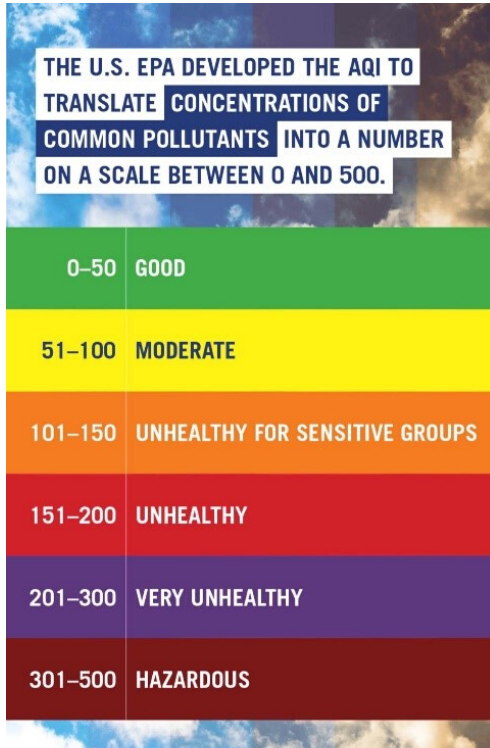


## Resources to Reduce Your Impact:

- [Commuter Tips](#)
- [Spare the Air Youth](#)
- [Idle Free Bay Area](#)
- [Spare the Air Activity Book](#)



# Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) & “Spare the Air”



## Understanding Air Quality:

- [Air Quality Forecast](#)
- [Reading the Air Quality Index](#)
- [Wood Burning Rule](#)
- [Air Pollutants and Health Effects](#)
- [How to Make an Air Quality Complaint](#)

## Connect with Us!

- [Sign up for Air Quality Alerts](#)
- [Video Library](#)
- [News and Events](#)
- [BAAQMD Website](#)
- [Spare the Air Website](#)





# Bay Area Ridge Trail



The mission of Bay Area Ridge Trail is to plan, promote and sustain a connected hiking, cycling, and equestrian trail on the ridge-lines around San Francisco Bay linking people, parks and open space for today and future generations.

## De-Stress Safely With These Outdoor Resources:

- [Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority's guidelines](#) to exploring their preserves safely in the time of COVID-19.
- Check out the [Outer Spatial app](#) to create your own outdoor adventure.
- [Curated Trail Adventures](#) - hand selected Ridge Trail adventures for you to explore.
- [More information here](#) about the Bay Area Ridge Trail!
- Visit the [Bay Area Ridge Trail website](#).



# Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)

The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) was created on May 27, 2003 to represent the interests of 24 cities and water districts, and two private utilities, in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties that purchase water on a wholesale basis from the San Francisco Regional Water system.

[Their website](#) includes resources for water conservation rebates, landscape classes, water saving tips, drought information, and more!



[Water Wise Gardening in the Bay Area](#) is full of information on how to garden beautifully while saving water. The website was produced specifically for BAWSCA member agencies in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda Counties. The site includes garden tours and galleries of water efficient gardens, resources for planning your own landscape projects including plant selection tools, and a watering calculator to help you determine your yard's water needs and program your irrigation controller.



# BayREN

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is a collaboration of the nine counties that make up the San Francisco Bay Area. Led by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), BayREN provides regional-scale energy efficiency programs, services, and resources.

[Visit their website here](#)



[A BayREN information packet is available here](#)

## The packet includes:

- BayREN overview
- Electrification opportunities
- Home+ programs
  - Home+ rebates
  - Home+ trifold (available in 3 languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese)
  - Home+ case study
- DIY opportunities to save energy
- Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements (BAMBE) program
  - BAMBE tri-fold
  - BAMBE case study



# Canopy

Canopy plants and cares for trees where people need them the most. Our mission is to grow the urban tree canopy in Midpeninsula communities for the benefit of all. Our vision is a day when every resident of the Midpeninsula can step outside to walk, play, and thrive under the shade of healthy trees.



- Breathing exercises are powerful antidotes to tension in the body. You can practice this simple breathing exercise while standing in front of a tree, looking at a tree outside your window, or even looking at a picture of a tree. [Try the Tree Breathing Exercise here.](#)
- Finding a task to focus your energy can be an effective way to clear your mind. Tree care is an excellent stress-reliever, and a great way to get outside while staying home. [Find tree care tips here.](#)
- Canopy Tree Walk maps are available on our website. [Take a self-guided tree walk here.](#)
- [Take a walk through your neighborhood while playing "Canopy Tree BINGO".](#)

# Carbon Free Mountain View



We are an eight-year-old all-volunteer organization with an impressive track record. Our goal is to help Mountain View, and its residents and businesses, dramatically reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

## Our Three Focus Areas for 2020:

- 1) Making sure that the \$7.5 million allocated for sustainability is spent on the right projects and that staff to oversee those projects is hired speedily.
- 2) Directly influencing Mountain View residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprints.
- 3) Supporting the strongest environmental candidates in the 2020 City Council election.



Carbon Free Mountain View holds public meetings every two months. They will be held via video conference starting in May.

For more information, [visit our website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Google Group is the primary way that we share ideas and information – [click here to join](#).

# Citizens Climate Lobby

[Citizens Climate Lobby](#) empowers everyday people to work together on climate change solutions. Our supporters are organized in more than 400 local chapters across the United States, including the local Silicon Valley North chapter. Together, we are building support in Congress for a national bipartisan solution to climate change.



- To learn more about how we work together to create the political will for a livable world, [check out this short two-minute video](#).
- Join the Silicon Valley North chapter by [signing up here](#).



# City of Mountain View Forestry

- **Street Tree Brochure** - [this brochure](#) explains the details of the street tree planting program and ways Mountain View residents can sign up for the program.
- **Mountain View Street Tree List** - [a list of 50 trees](#) Mountain View residents can select from for an upcoming tree planting.
- **Street Tree Color Photos** - [a brochure](#) containing color photographs of the many trees growing in Mountain View.



If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a street tree, please call the Community Services Department, Forestry Division, at 650-903-6326 or email [Parks@MountainView.gov](mailto:Parks@MountainView.gov)



# City of Mountain View Recycling & Zero Waste

The [Recycling & Zero Waste homepage](#) has links to all program information and is being kept up to date with service impacts during the Shelter in Place order. Please visit this page for current program and service information.

- The [Food Scraps page](#) contains information about how to participate in Mountain View's food scraps composting program.



- The [What Goes Where page](#) has detailed information about what is recyclable and compostable in Mountain View (and why). Use the What Goes Where widget at the bottom of the page to look up any particular items. If you can't find what you're looking for, email your recycling and composting questions to [Recycle@MountainView.gov](mailto:Recycle@MountainView.gov)



- The [Zero Waste tips page](#) has information to help you establish Zero Waste practices to reduce waste and save resources.



# City of Mountain View Recycling & Zero Waste

The [Zero Waste page](#) provides an overview of what Zero Waste means and explains the process for establishing the Zero Waste Plan. The full plan and the City's most recent waste characterization is available [here](#).



# City of Mountain View Sustainability

Through the Sustainability Program, the City envisions **"a thriving community where residents and businesses actively consider the environmental impact of their daily activities, and strive to leave the world better than they found it."** Toward this goal, the City engages with residents, businesses, and municipal staff to collaboratively develop policies and implement programs that reduce carbon emissions and other environmental impacts.

## Resources for Integrating Sustainability into Your Life and Community:



- [Collaborate Mountain View](#) - A new community engagement platform for the City's sustainability efforts! Get updates on projects, provide input, share stories, answer surveys, and more. [Join here!](#)
- [Cool Block](#) - The City has launched a new program for residents that focuses on 3 main themes: disaster preparation, sustainability, and getting to know your neighbors. *Cool Block is currently on hold due to COVID-19.* [Stay updated and get involved here.](#)
- Email us at [Sustainability@MountainView.gov](mailto:Sustainability@MountainView.gov) with comments or questions.
- [Like us on Facebook for helpful resources and project updates](#)
- [Subscribe to our monthly Sustainability newsletter](#)
- [Visit our website for more resources](#)



# City of Mountain View Sustainability

## Sustainability Action Plan 4

The City Council approved this 3-year, \$7.5 million action plan in October 2019. The plan is intended to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions, provide environmental and health benefits to the community, and support other sustainability goals.

The plan includes a total of 160 ongoing and newly-proposed initiatives across multiple City departments, as well as 10 new staff positions. More information about the plan can be found on [Collaborate Mountain View](#).

### A Few Sustainability Action Plan 4 Highlights:



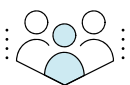
- Programs and infrastructure to encourage walking, biking, and public transit



- Initiatives to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles in the community and the City fleet



- Building code requirements and incentive programs to make buildings more efficient and reduce natural gas use



- Support for increased use of renewable energy
- Improving sustainability outreach to residents, businesses, and employees



- Programs and outreach in support of plant-based eating

Want to **get involved** as we develop the programs and policies in the Sustainability Action Plan? [Join our email list](#) or [follow us on Facebook](#) so you can be notified about upcoming programs and give us your input.



# City of Mountain View Water Conservation

Are you concerned about a possible water leak at home? [Learn how to read your water meter and check for leaks here.](#)

Visit [Valley Water's website](#) for helpful how-to videos on reading a water meter, performing a house line test, and checking toilets for a flapper leak.



Valley Water also has a two-part [Water Wise Survey Program](#). Part One is a Water Wise Outdoor Survey where customers can call and schedule a free irrigation inspection from a Valley Water irrigation professional. Part Two is a Do-it-Yourself Water Wise Indoor Survey Kit that addresses the steps for identifying leaks at home. *These kits can be mailed and used during the Shelter-in-Place!*

## **More Resources:**

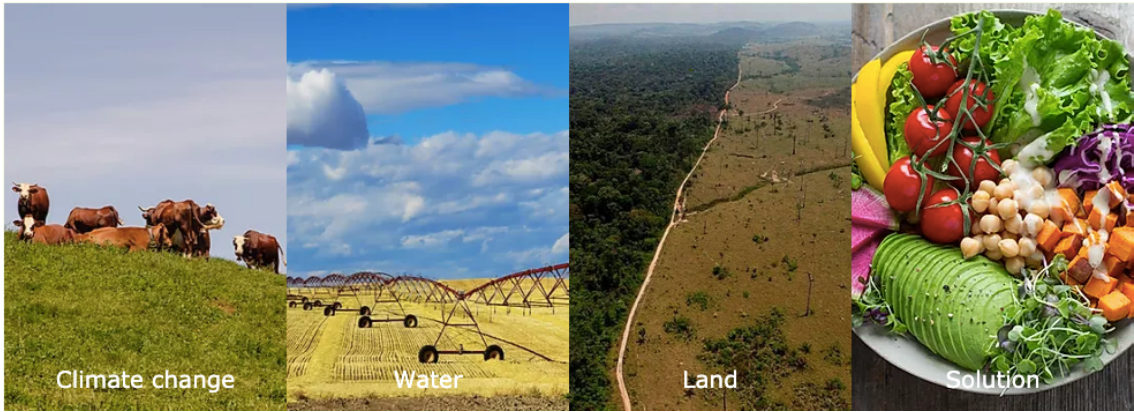
- [Water Conservation Rebates](#)
- [Recommended Irrigation Guide](#)



# Clorofil

[Clorofil](#) is an all-volunteer animal advocacy nonprofit and micro-sanctuary in the San Francisco Bay Area. We grow awareness in our community by giving talks about the plight of farmed animals and the impact of animal agriculture on our planet.

Test your knowledge about the environmental impacts of different foods [here](#).



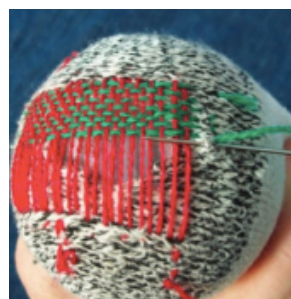
# FabMo



Every year [FabMo](#) rescues approximately 70 tons of discontinued designer samples such as fabric, wallpaper, tile, and carpet, then makes them available to the creative community for reuse.

Goods are available at monthly Selection Events and Sales at our facility in Sunnyvale, and periodically at satellite events in Santa Cruz and elsewhere. In addition, we host meet-ups and workshops where people can learn new skills and meet like-minded creators.

- Gift wrapping costs lots of money and most wrapping paper ends up in the landfill. Try something else this year! [Find inspiration here](#)
- Saving fabric provides people with tons - literally - of great material for projects. [Read up on how much energy and water 70 tons of fabric translates into](#)
- [Read our post on the importance of setting a green example](#)
- As we take a break from our normal shopping habits, let's spend some time thinking about what we really need new and what we can mend. [Read our related blog post here](#)
- [Check out more blog posts here](#)
- [Sign up for our newsletter](#)
- [Find upcoming events here](#)



# Factory Farming Awareness Coalition & Green Monday US

From social justice to public health to sustainability, factory farming is one of the most serious issues facing the planet. By educating young people and stakeholder audiences about the realities of factory farming, the [Factory Farming Awareness Coalition \(FFAC\)](#) works to build both a consumer base for a sustainable, compassionate food system and an informed citizenry that supports cultural and legislative change.



FFACC is offering virtual presentations for classes, organizations, or other groups who are interested in learning more about the ecological, public health, animal welfare, and social justice impacts of industrial agriculture, and the power of our food choices. Find more information on scheduling a virtual presentation and for other online resources [here](#).



# Factory Farming Awareness Coalition & Green Monday US



Green Monday US is a robust program that equips organizations and individuals to introduce and institutionalize environmentally-friendly, plant-based food options one day per week. Learn more about implementing Green Monday at your organization or business [here](#).

Watch this video about our food systems to learn more: [Hidden in Plain Bite](#)

To find out about more upcoming webinars and other online events, follow [FFAC's Facebook page](#) or [sign up here](#) to receive FFAC's newsletters.







# Farm Sanctuary

[Farm Sanctuary](#) rescues, rehabilitates, and provides lifelong care for hundreds of animals who have been saved from stockyards, factory farms, and slaughterhouses. At our three shelters, rescued residents are given the care and love they need to recover from abuse and neglect. All of the animals enjoy nourishing food, clean barns, and green pastures every day.

Check out the Farm Sanctuary's Sustainable Future Curriculum [here](#).



[We will be coming to you live from Facebook](#) with online presentations and sanctuary tours. We will also be offering three presentations on Earth Day via Zoom for pre-k through 12th grade that focuses on the animals of Farm Sanctuary and our food system. If you are an educator interested in a program for your class or if you have any questions, please contact us at [Aduncan@FarmSanctuary.org](mailto:Aduncan@FarmSanctuary.org)



# Food Empowerment Project

[Food Empowerment Project](#) seeks to create a more just and sustainable world by recognizing the power of one's food choices. We encourage healthy food choices that reflect a more compassionate society by spotlighting the abuse of animals on farms, the depletion of natural resources, unfair working conditions for produce workers, and the unavailability of healthy foods in low-income areas.



This might be the perfect time to try a new, earth-friendly recipe! Check out our websites [veganfilipinofood.com](http://veganfilipinofood.com) & [veganmexicanfood.com](http://veganmexicanfood.com) for delicious recipes everyone will enjoy.

[Visit our website](#) for more earth-friendly recipes, information, and resources.



# Herbicide-Free Campus



Herbicide-Free Campus' mission is to eliminate synthetic herbicide-use on school campuses to provide safe and healthy living, learning, and working environments for students, staff, faculty, and community members. [Visit the website here.](#)



- Herbicide-Free Campus is part of the [Organic Land Care Project](#), a partnership of organizations who are dedicated to educating the general public about organic landscaping practices. [Here you will find a resource guide on organic management, pesticides, cost, climate impacts, and more.](#)
- [Apply here to be an Herbicide-Free Campus Fellow for Fall 2020.](#)



- Watch [The Need to Grow](#) and check out the actions listed on their website.



# Herbicide-Free Campus

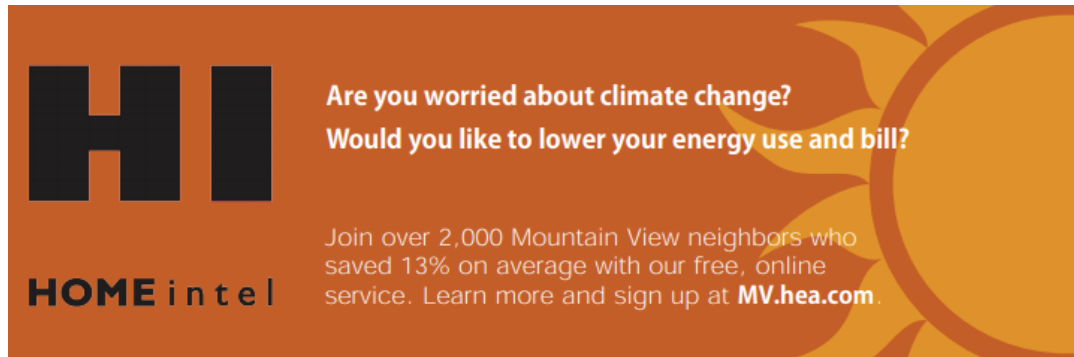


Interested in eliminating pesticides from your community? Herbicide-Free Campus and Beyond Pesticides have teamed up to create a **toolkit** that will guide you through this process, step-by-step. Please email [Hello@HerbicideFreeCampus.org](mailto:Hello@HerbicideFreeCampus.org) if you wish to receive a free, digital copy of the toolkit.



# Home Energy Analytics

## HomeIntel No-Cost, No-Contact Energy Savings Program



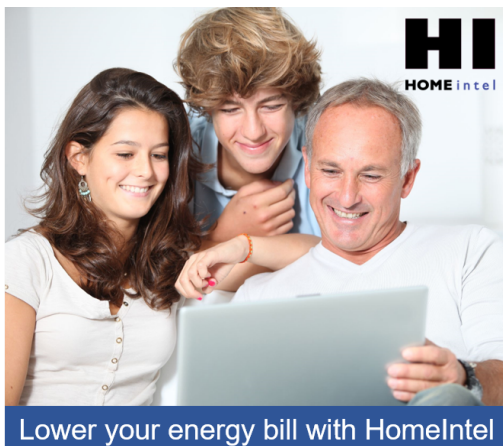
**HI**

Are you worried about climate change?  
Would you like to lower your energy use and bill?

Join over 2,000 Mountain View neighbors who saved 13% on average with our free, online service. Learn more and sign up at [MV.hea.com](http://MV.hea.com).

**HOMEintel**

Join over 2,000 Mountain View homeowners and renters who saved an average of 13% of their home energy usage with this free, self service program. Start with a web-based analysis followed by consulting – via email, phone or video conference – with your personal energy coach. Home Energy Analytics offers this no-cost program on behalf of [PG&E](#).



Why now? Many people are spending more time at home, so it's important to monitor energy bills! HomeIntel can help you find easy, no- and low-cost ways to lower your bill.

[Get started here](#)



# Our City Forest



Since 1994, [Our City Forest](#) has been the leading nonprofit in Silicon Valley for urban forestry and environmental education. They believe in the power of trees to transform homes, communities and cities. They believe in the power of people to help us achieve this needed transformation.

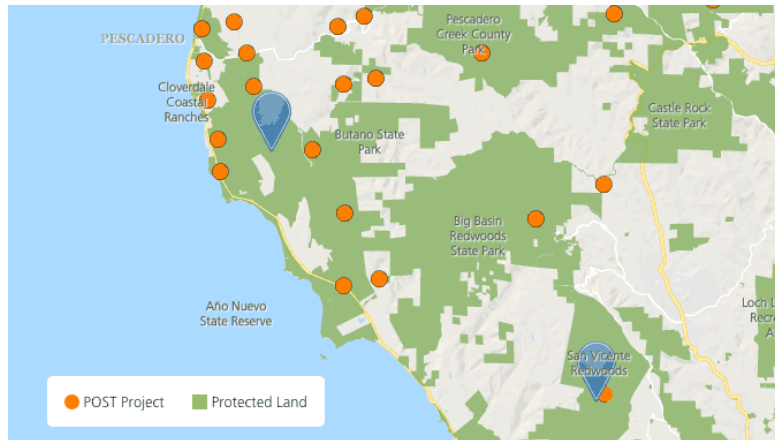
- [Tips for Trees & Water Conservation in Droughts](#)
- [Instructions for Deep Root Watering](#)
- [Planting Location Guidelines for Yard Trees](#)
- [Guía para planta árbol en su yarda](#)
- [Tree Care Tips](#)
- [Pruning Guide](#)
- [Programs & Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Monarchs & Milkweed Video](#)
- [Tree Stewardship Application](#)
- [Aplicación para recibir árboles](#)
- [Đơn cho người quản lý cây.](#)





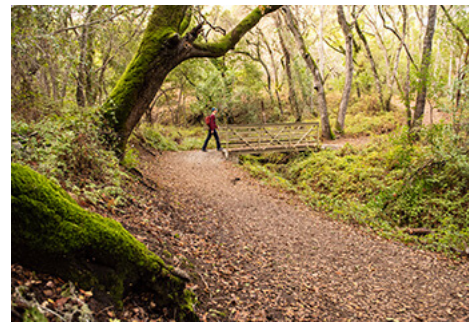
# Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)

[POST](#) protects open space on the Peninsula and in the South Bay for the benefit of all.



Since our founding in 1977, POST has protected more than 79,000 acres of permanent open space, farms and parkland in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. These lands are now part of the National Park system, National Wildlife Refuge system, California State Parks, county and city parks, regional preserves and private farmland. POST takes a science-driven approach in our decisions about land acquisition and stewardship so that every property is appropriately cared for. [Discover more](#) about the areas POST has worked to preserve.

[Check out this article](#) to read more about the POST Wildlife Linkages Program, and watch a video of coyote and badger friends.







# Planet Bee Foundation

[Planet Bee](#) is on a mission to change the world - one bee and one person at a time! We are dedicated to creating a green minded generation by inspiring environmental stewardship and individual action through the teaching lens of the struggling honey bee.



## HELP SAVE THE BEES WITH PLANET BEE!



We do corporate team building



Plant a seed ball



We teach kids in schools



# Planet Bee Foundation

## Happy Earth Month from Planet Bee Foundation!

- Join Planet Bee this Earth Month by planting flowers, which turn into food for bees. Did you know that bees pollinate  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all the food we eat? And bees need our help! Seed balls are a fun and easy way to plant seeds - check out how easy it is by reading [these instructions](#) on our website!
- Want to learn more or suit up and go elbow-deep in a real beehive with Planet Bee at a public [hive-dive](#)? Read about our education programs for [schools](#) and the [local community](#), as well as our team-building workshops for [corporations](#).
- Looking for something to do while you're tucked away at home? Check out our newest blog that explains [3 Ways to Help the Bees from Home](#).
- Do you want to see what's happening inside a hive of honey bees? Join Planet Bee on Instagram Live on **April 23rd at 1pm** for an Earth Day **Hive Dive Live!** Follow us on Instagram at @planet\_bee to find out more.





# Rising Sun Center for Opportunity

Rising Sun Center for Opportunity is a local nonprofit that helps Bay Area residents conserve resources, address economic inequality, and foster a sustainable world by working to address the triple bottom line: **people, planet, and pathways**. Rising Sun does this by providing earn-and-learn opportunities for local youth (15-22 y/o) who in turn provide no-cost Green House Calls to homes throughout the community. During one [Green House Call appointment](#), a resident may receive, at no cost:

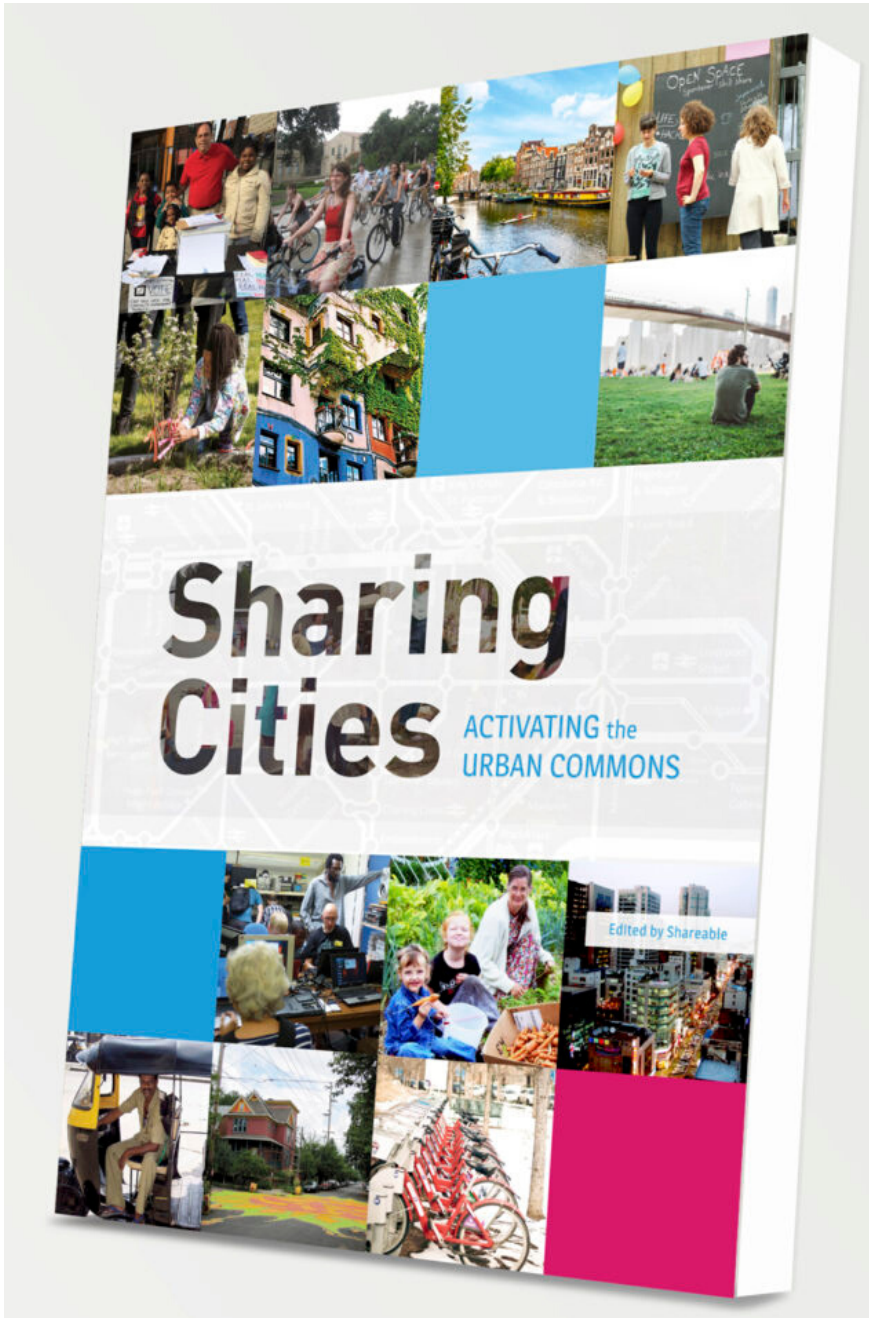


- A home energy and water efficiency assessment.
- Installation of efficient LED light bulbs, shower heads, and faucet aerators.
- Installation of an Advanced Power Strip (approx. \$50 value).
- A toilet leak detection test.
- [Information about BayREN's \(Bay Area Regional Energy Network\) Home+ program](#) that offers up to \$5,000 in financial assistance and cash rebates for home energy improvements.

For more information about job opportunities, or to sign up for your Green House Call, call: (510) 665-1501 ext 300 or [visit their website](#).

# Shareable

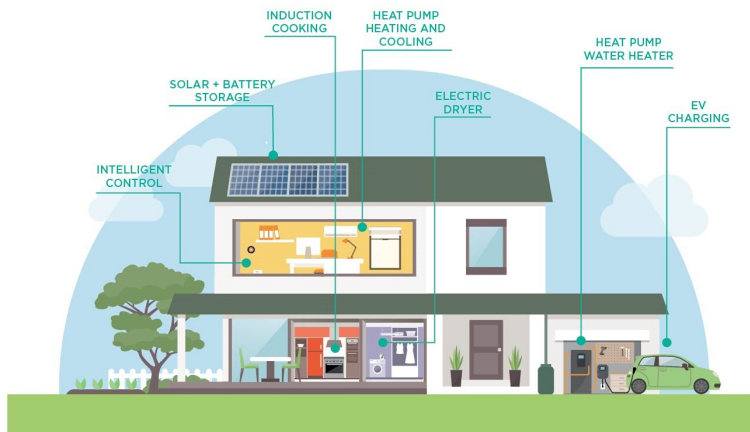
[Shareable](#), a Mountain View-based NGO, would like to offer free PDF's of our book, "Sharing Cities: Activating the Urban Commons." The description and link to download are [here](#).



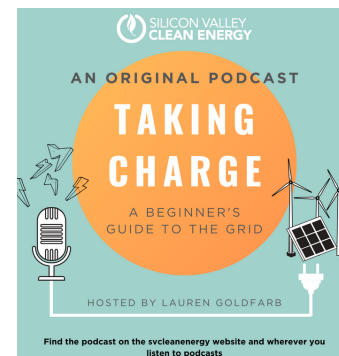


# Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)

[SVCE](#) is redefining the local electricity market, providing their residents and businesses with new clean energy choices—renewable and carbon-free electricity at competitive rates. Thirteen communities in Santa Clara County govern SVCE, creating a community-owned agency. For these communities, SVCE is now your official electricity provider.



- As a Mountain View resident, your electricity is carbon-free from SVCE. [Learn about your electricity source and switch to GreenPrime](#)
- Did you know that one-third of our area’s greenhouse gas emissions come from the use of natural gas for space and water heating in our homes and businesses? [Learn more about electrifying your home and getting all of your power from carbon-free electricity](#)
- Typical water heaters burn fossil fuels to warm water – but that is old news. Heat Pump Water Heaters move heat from one place to another to warm water. [Learn more about switching here](#)
- [Listen to Silicon Valley Clean Energy's original podcast, Taking Charge](#)



# Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

The younger generation has a key role to play in addressing the climate crisis. Young people across the country and the world are taking action to tackle climate change, often when their leaders have failed them.

Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action is organizing workshops, summits, strikes and mentoring Youth Climate Action Teams to combat climate change in their local jurisdiction through aggressive public policy initiatives. We bring together high school students, college students, and young adults to be inspired to make a difference in averting the climate crisis. Participants learn about and develop pathways to meaningful action in their local community.

How can students and young adults get involved? [Visit our website and sign up here.](#)



[Here is a Video Compilation](#) of some of the work we have done!



# SunWork



[SunWork](#) is a nonprofit organization that installs solar electricity systems on small energy footprint homes with the help of trained volunteers.

In partnership with a local company, YellowTin, SunWork offers an Energy Dashboard on their website that allows home owners to evaluate the cost, savings and greenhouse gas emissions reductions of various home electrification options combined with solar. To create and access the Energy Dashboard, click on the "Request Quote" button on their [website](#) and then complete the information for your home.



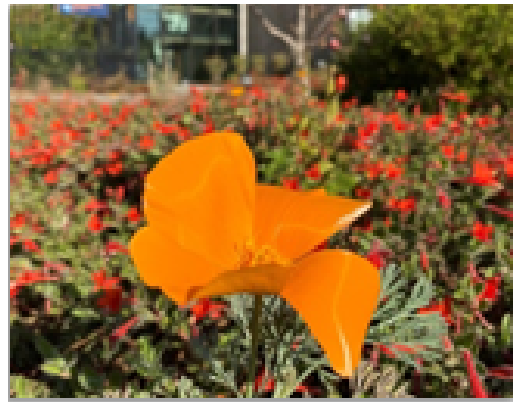
For those interested in volunteering and getting hands on experience, you can [sign up to hear about future training sessions](#) when installations resume.



# UC Master Gardener Program Santa Clara County

The UC Master Gardener Program of Santa Clara County is a volunteer organization sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension.

Our mission is to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to county residents.



Our volunteers complete a 16-week, 60+ hour training program in home horticulture and remain certified on a yearly basis.

UC Master Gardeners are a primary resource for the dissemination of gardening information from the University of California to the Santa Clara County community. [Learn more here.](#)



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# UCCE Compost Education Program

The Compost Education Program is a partnership with the County of Santa Clara and serves all residents of the cities within Santa Clara County. The program offers educational opportunities to schools and to households with the end goal of educating the community about composting.



Anyone interested can learn more on our website [here](#). Currently we are not offering workshops and going to schools at this time due to COVID-19, however we have a [video series on our website](#) where the community can learn more about composting from home.







# Valley Water

Founded in 1929, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, now known as [Valley Water](#), is the water management agency for Santa Clara County, providing safe, clean water; flood protections; and environmental stewardship. Valley Water is working on a series of efforts to increase sustainability of water resources in the county.



## Water Conservation

Looking for a cool indoor activity for your Kids? Make them a leak detective, so they can have fun while learning about water conservation! Valley Water will send you a [FREE Do-It-Yourself Indoor Water Wise Survey Kit!](#) We also have videos you can watch to follow along. For more information, [go to our website here.](#)

## Safe, Clean Water

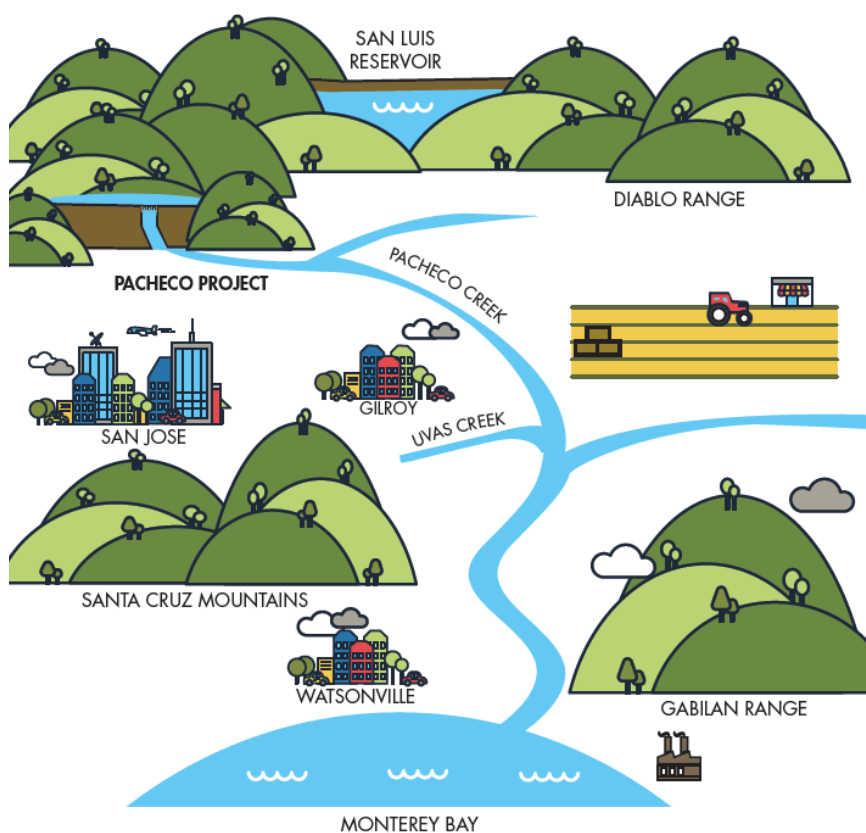
The [Safe, Clean Water Program](#) was approved in 2012 as a special parcel tax with a sunset date of 2028. Valley Water is exploring the opportunity to potentially renew the existing program beyond 2028. We are gathering the community's input to update and enhance the projects under each priority to better meet the future water needs of Santa Clara County. Please take two minutes to vote today and make your voice heard! [The survey can be found in multiple languages on our website.](#)



# Valley Water

## Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

The Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project is an on- and off-stream reservoir that makes smart use of water supplies for emergency response. The project will increase water supply, reduce the frequency and severity of water shortages during droughts, protect our water infrastructure, and improve habitats for fish. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).



## McKelvey Flood Protection Project

The McKelvey Park Detention Basin Project will provide natural flood protection for at least 2,200 properties in Mountain View and Los Altos, create recreational opportunities and enhance the environment, as well as save residents thousands of dollars on flood insurance each year. [To learn more about the project, please visit the website.](#)

# Vegan Outreach

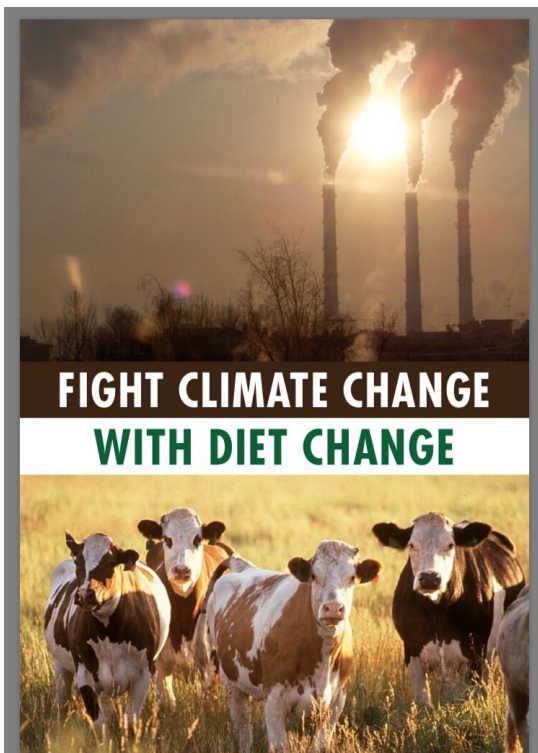


[Vegan Outreach](#) is a nonprofit organization working to end violence towards animals.

Animals



Food



## Check out these resources:

- [Environmental Benefits of Veganism](#)
- PDF booklet: [Fight Climate Change with Diet Change](#)
- [Join the free "10 Weeks to Vegan" support program](#). This includes free recipes, nutritional tips, and info about plant based products at stores.

# Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley



**WILDLIFE CENTER OF  
SILICON VALLEY**

[The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley](#) is dedicated to providing sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with exceptional free care, rehabilitation, and the opportunity for release. We also aim to educate the public about coexisting peacefully with local wildlife.

## **Learn more:**

- [How to Coexist with Local Wildlife](#)
- [What To Do If You Find An Injured Animal](#)



Animals



Nature



# YellowTin

[YellowTin's](#) mission is to inspire every homeowner to electrify with clean energy.

REEP (Residential Electrification Engagement Platform) is our web platform where residents easily receive personalized and unbiased clean energy recommendations so they can make informed decisions on clean energy solutions. REEP analyzes a homeowner's energy data and planned changes to energy usage, to create the optimal solution (solar, electric vehicles, battery storage, heat pump water heater, air-sourced heat pump, induction cooktop and heat pump dryers). *Coming soon to Mountain View residents!*

