



Protect Our Bay

Did you know the City's storm drains and indoor sewer drains are not the same? They are two completely different drainage systems. The City's sewer system collects wastewater from toilets, showers and sinks. That wastewater travels to the City's Water Pollution Control Plant where it is treated. Water that enters the City's storm drains is not treated and travels straight to the Bay.



As this winter continues to be a wet one, pollutants like motor oil, cigarette butts, trash, pesticides, fertilizer, pet waste, soap from car washes and construction debris are likely to be washed into storm drains. These pollutants can have severe water quality impacts.

Help the Bay stay clean by being conscious of what's ending up in our storm drains. Check out Sunnyvale's [How to Get Rid of Anything](#) tool to help you when disposing of... well, anything!

Save the date for

Gourmet Earth Day!

April 18, 2020

Featuring a community cook-off competition, home electrification expo and fun, green activities for kids.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2020 Environmental Events Calendar.

Your Guide to Recycling in 2020

At the beginning of each year, we all set goals and strive to do better. Recycling is one of the easiest things we can all do to help the environment, but only if it's done right.

Confused about what to recycle in Sunnyvale? The [Sunnyvale Recycles Right](#) cheat sheet can help you along. You can also learn about [Recycling's Nice Nine and Dirty Dozen](#).

Whether you're an expert or someone who's not sure where to start, these resources can help you recycle. Every item we keep out of our landfill helps us get closer to our zero waste goals. So keep up the good work this year and recycle right.

Check Out A Free Do-it-Yourself Home Energy Saving Toolkit

Looking for a way to make your lifestyle more sustainable in 2020? Take the first step to make your home more energy efficient.

If you have a Sunnyvale Library card, you can improve your home energy projects by checking out a Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Saving Toolkit. Each toolkit contains tools to measure your home's water and energy use. What's more: it also includes several items that are yours to keep — including a low-flow showerhead, LED bulbs and faucet aerators.



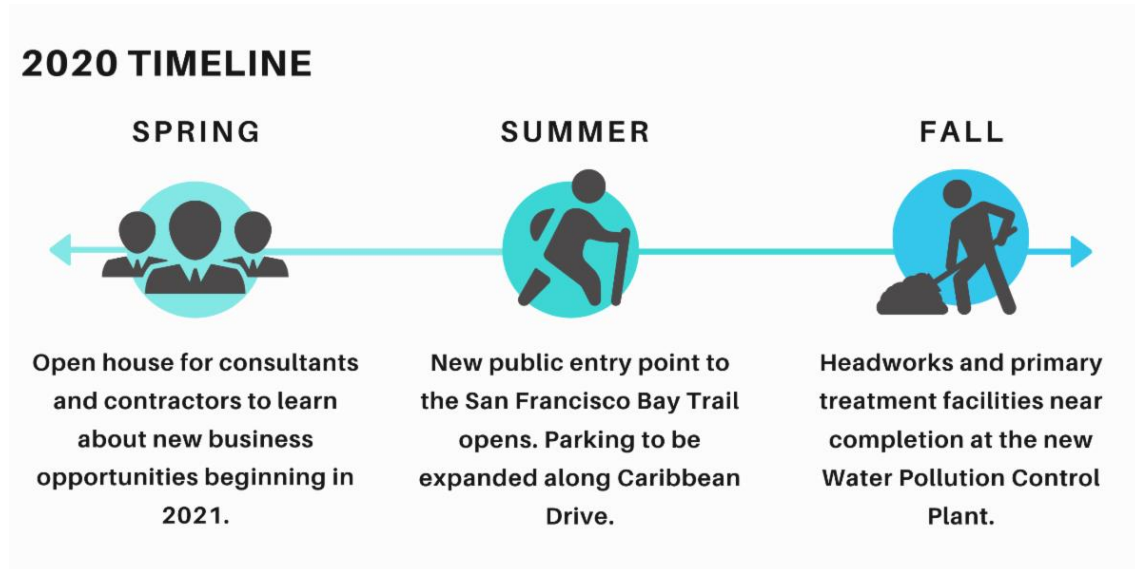
Making your home more energy efficient is a win-win-win:

- **You'll lower your energy bill.** Treat yourself to having a little extra cash each month. Look for [Rebates](#) to help fund your efficiency efforts.
- **Your home will be more comfortable.** With better energy efficiency, you can say goodbye to pesky cold spots in your home that linger even after you adjust your thermostat.
- **You'll be a local climate action leader.** Reducing energy use helps to lower carbon emissions that cause climate change. Help our city achieve its [Climate Action Playbook](#) goals.

Want a smart thermostat or an electric lawn mower? Take a photo of yourself using the toolkit. Then upload it to Facebook or Instagram tagging [@svcleanenergy](#), or email it to toolkits@svcleanenergy.org to be entered to win. Check out [SVCE](#) for guidelines.

The Cleanwater Program is Looking Forward to 2020

The year is off to a great start for the Cleanwater Program. There are several milestones the City is looking forward to achieving.



To stay up to date on these milestones check out [Sunnyvale Cleanwater](#).

Upcoming Events:

[Natural Pest Deterrent Workshop](#)

Find out how to grow more veggies and care for your ornamental plants with beneficial insects and other nontoxic alternatives to pesticides.

March 7, 2020

9 a.m. to noon

Sunnyvale Senior Center — Laurel Room

550 E. Remington Dr.

[Thermometer Exchange](#)

Still have mercury thermometers? We'll take them! Exchange your mercury thermometers for a free digital fever thermometer.

March 11, 2020

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sunnyvale Senior Center — Sequoia Room

550 E. Remington Dr.

[Less Traffic, Better Places: How Do We Get There?](#)

Join Patrick Siegman as he explains how shifting away from a car-centric society can improve the environment, local economies, equity and more.

March 11, 2020

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Sunnyvale City Hall — Council Chambers

456 W. Olive Ave.

[Document Shredding Event](#)

Protect your identity and bring your old confidential and personal documents to have them shredded.

March 14, 2020

8 a.m. to noon

SMaRT Station

301 Carl Rd.

Compost Workshop

Learn the basics of backyard and worm composting at this workshop!

March 14, 2020

10 a.m. to noon

Murphy Park Building

260 N. Sunnyvale Ave.

Gardening with Succulents Workshop

Learn how to care for and design landscapes with drought-tolerant succulents.

March 21, 2020

9 a.m. to noon

Sunnyvale Senior Center — Laurel Room

550 E. Remington Dr.

Extra Dumping Weekends

Sunnyvale residents may dispose of extra garbage at no charge. Vehicles limited to a one-ton capacity; trailers may not exceed five feet by ten feet.

March 28 and 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SMaRT Station

301 Carl Rd.

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