



# GOING GREEN

*in Turlock...*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### High-Efficiency Toilet and Clothes Washer Rebate Program



The City of Turlock's High Efficiency Toilet and Clothes Washer Rebate Program will be extended through the 2013-2014. The rebate program offers residents a credit on their utility bills if they install high efficiency (HE) clothes washers and toilets. There is a \$100 rebate for the purchase of a HE clothes washer and a \$75 rebate for new (1.28 gallons or less) HE toilets. A household may receive up to three rebates and the appliances must be installed within 30 days of purchase. Also, free curbside pick-up of the old appliances can be scheduled with Turlock Scavenger Company. Here is a great way to conserve water and make some extra cash!

For more information on the High Efficiency Appliance rebates, call (209) 668-5590

*Springtime is here...  
Please water wisely*

As a reminder for City of Turlock water customers, meter-based billing is now in effect. Landscaping is often the biggest, and misunderstood, consumer of domestic water. Call the Municipal Services Department for a free water audit and a review of your irrigation system. For more water-wise tips, visit [www.cityofturlock.org/gogreen](http://www.cityofturlock.org/gogreen) and look for the "water conservation" tab.

### Go Green Week

For the 6th year in a row, the City of Turlock collaborated with Turlock schools, local businesses, and volunteers to educate students about the importance of environmental stewardship. Throughout the week of February 25th-March 1st, school children participated in a variety of eco-themed activities. Students were given "Go Green" bracelets to wear and celebrated a district-wide "Wear Green Wednesday." Other activities included field trips, general assemblies, t-shirt, calendar and essay contests, live animal shows, student-produced Public Service Announcements (PSA's), and tree plantings. All participating schools held recycling contests and raised a combined total of nearly \$2000 for their schools.

The Go Green Week program is credited with planting 114 trees over the 6 years the program has been in place. Furthermore, the program is responsible for diverting 15,816+ lbs. of waste from the landfill.



### National Arbor Day & Tree City USA

Community members gathered at Donnelly Park to plant 30 trees in conjunction with the internationally recognized National Arbor Day. This special event happens every year on the last Friday in April. City staff officiated the event and the Honorable Mayor Lazar read a Proclamation stating the values of trees. For 22 years now, Turlock is one of 3,400 proud communities selected to be part of "Tree City

USA." Students from Pitman and Turlock High Schools, including Future Farmers of America (FFA) students, came to celebrate the importance of trees and help plant trees that are appropriate for the local climate, along with minimal watering needs. Some varieties planted were California Redwood, Chinese Pistache, and Red Maple. The Parks and Recreation Department employees demonstrated how to properly plant, stake, and care for a tree. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed pizza and drinks and received Go Green gift bags, courtesy of the City of Turlock.



### Mandatory Commercial Recycling

Recently the State of California enacted AB 341, a mandatory commercial recycling provision affecting businesses and multi-family complexes. California State law requires any business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of waste per week and multi-family complexes with five or more units to arrange for recycling services by July 1st, 2012. The City of Turlock and Turlock Scavenger

Company are aware of the new mandates, and currently have programs to assist with compliance. Employees and tenants are key to a successful commercial recycling program. Please make sure your employees and tenants know which materials can be recycled and where to place the recyclable materials for temporary storage and ultimate collection.

Information about business recycling is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Business/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Business/). You may also check the City of Turlock's website at <http://ci.turlock.ca.us/citydepartments/municipalservices/gogreen/apartmentsmultifamilyrecycling.asp>



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