

Resource guide to greening your business

City of San José staff specialists and local resources for information and assistance on environmental issues for your business.

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY

FOR ALL BUSINESSES IN PG&E SERVICE TERRITORY

Savings and Rebates

www.pge.com/mybusiness/energysavingsrebates

Free PG&E Energy Classes are offered to assist you with employing energy saving practices at your business

www.pge.com/energyclasses

MUNICIPALITIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

(any business with a peak load under 250 KW)

Silicon Valley Energy Watch connects professionals, businesses, and residents to a broad range of audits, rebates, and technical support to help save energy and money.

www.svenergywatch.org

Shayna Hirshfield

Silicon Valley Energy Watch program coordinator

(408) 975-2531 shayna.hirshfield@sanjoseca.gov

Ecology Action provides individuals, businesses and governments with environmental education services, technical assistance, and program implementation.

(831) 426-5925 www.ecoact.org

Rightlights provides subsidized energy efficiency upgrades for lighting and refrigeration systems to qualified PG&E business customers to help lower energy bills and boost cash flow.

(650) 210-8547 www.rightlights.org

HOTELIERS

LodgingSavers delivers money-saving energy efficiency retrofits to lodging property at reduced cost.

(888) 846-5050 www.lodgingsavers.org

PUBLICLY-FUNDED CALIFORNIA K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND NON-PROFIT K-12 SCHOOLS

Bright Schools Program helps schools find ways to become more energy wise.

(916) 651-9857 www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/brightschoools

SOLAR ENERGY

For information about solar energy resources:

www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/natural-energy-resources/

Solar America City San José provides technical assistance to guide the community toward adoption of solar technologies.

Jessie Denver

City of San José Community Solar Program coordinator

(408) 975-2588 jessie.denver@sanjoseca.gov

GREEN BUILDING

BUILDING CERTIFICATION

City of San José Green Building. The city's Green Building Team helps guide construction projects to implement green practices in new and existing buildings.

www.sanjoseca.gov (search "green building")

Dionne Early

Green Building Coordinator for new construction projects

(408) 975-2595 dionne.early@sanjoseca.gov

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) provides information, resources and LEED certification for residential and commercial buildings.

(800) 795-1747 www.usgbc.org

Build It Green offers green building training, tools, technical expertise, and partnership opportunities.

(510) 845-0472 www.builditgreen.org

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PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

To learn more about the standards referenced in green building rating systems:

Environmental Choice

www.environmentalchoice.com

Energy Star www.energystar.gov

Forest Stewardship Council www.fscus.org

Greenguard www.greenguard.org

Green Seal www.greenseal.org

WATER CONSERVATION

Water Efficient Technologies Program offers rebates of up to \$50,000 per water efficiency project to businesses in Santa Clara County. www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/water-conservation/business/wet.asp www.valleywater.org

Three water companies serve commercial and industrial businesses and residents in San José. These water companies offer helpful tips about how businesses can save and conserve water, links to water conservation resources and eligible rebates, and information about local workshops.

San Jose Municipal Water

www.sjmunwater.com

Alice Ringer

City of San José Environmental Services Specialist

(408) 363-4708 alice.ringer@sanjoseca.gov

San Jose Water Company

www.sjwater.com

(408) 279-7900 customer_service@sjwater.com

Great Oaks Water

www.greatoakwater.com

(408) 227-9540

customerservice@greatoakwater.com

Santa Clara Valley Water District is the primary water resources agency for Santa Clara County. It acts not only as the county's water wholesaler, but also as its flood protection agency and the steward for its streams and creeks, underground aquifers and district-built reservoirs.

Free Water Use Surveys are conducted for eligible Santa Clara County businesses or schools to help find ways to save and conserve water.

(408) 265-2607, x2707 www.valleywater.org
(search "water use surveys")

Irrigation Technical Assistance Program offers free site evaluations to assist property owners in better managing their water use.

(408) 265-2607, x2639 www.valleywater.org
(search "Irrigation Technical Assistance Program")

RECYCLED WATER

South Bay Water Recycling protects our potable water supply by providing high quality recycled water to Milpitas, Santa Clara and San José. To connect to the recycled water system, contact:

Tina Simmons, Customer Relations Specialist
(408) 363-4717 tina.simmons@sanjoseca.gov

STORMWATER RUNOFF AND WATERSHED PROTECTION

BUSINESSES

The City of San José requires all new and redevelopment projects to have a Stormwater Control Plan to treat stormwater runoff prior to it entering the storm drain system. For more information about these National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit requirements, contact:

Jared Hart

Planner and Associate Environmental Services Specialist

(408) 975-2588 jared.hart@sanjoseca.gov

To report illegal dumping in a storm drain in San José:

(408) 945-3000 www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/stormwater/stormdrain-complaint.asp

K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND NON-PROFIT K-12 SCHOOLS

Watershed Watch Program connects educators to community watershed resources, workshops, and educational field trip ideas.

(800) 794-2482 www.mywatershedwatch.org/

The City of San José's Watershed Program offers youth education grants to promote stewardship of the Santa Clara Basin Watershed among South Bay youth.

Sandra Freitas, Assistant Environmental Services Specialist
(408) 277-5786 sandra.freitas@sanjoseca.gov

RECYCLING/WASTE REDUCTION

BUSINESSES

The city's Integrated Waste Management Division assists all businesses with starting or improving recycling programs. www.sjrecycles.org

Clay Reigel, Environmental Services Specialist

(408) 975-2574 clay.reigel@sanjoseca.gov

To learn about upcoming enhancements to commercial garbage and recycling services: www.sjrecycles.org/business/zerowaste

Bay Area Green Business Program helps local businesses comply with all environmental regulations and take actions to conserve resources, prevent pollution, and minimize waste.

(408) 282-3180 www.greenbiz.abag.ca.gov

Santa Clara County Recycling Hotline provides information on how and where to recycle unusual items.

(408) 924-5453 www.recyclestuff.org

Junk Mail Reduction Campaign helps businesses substantially cut back the amount of junk mail received and be more efficient with large mailings.

(877) 786-7927 www.stopjunkmail.org

Cutting Paper offers tips on how to use less paper.

(510) 486 7089 <http://eetd.lbl.gov/paper/>

DuPont manages a nationwide recycling program that collects used Tyvek envelopes and recycles them into other useful materials such as park benches and playground equipment.

(866) 33-TYVEK www.dupont.com/Tyvek_Envelopes/
(search "recycling Tyvek")

Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Recycling and Disposal Program provides a drop-off location for batteries, paints, pesticides, precious metals and other materials that cannot be thrown in the trash.

(408) 299-7300 www.hhw.org

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RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) accepts donations of manufacturing discards, promotional items, and office supplies.

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