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Fitchburg and Monona Pass Clean Energy Resolutions - 100% clean electricity

Fitchburg, WI – On Tuesday, February 26th, the Fitchburg Common Council formally approved the city’s commitment to clean energy. The Resolution to Address Global Climate Change through Clean Energy allows the city to develop an Energy and Water Plan that includes a resiliency, sustainability, and adaptation plan to deal with anticipated climate changes. The resolution sets a goal to meet 100% of electric needs for City operations with renewable energy resources by 2030. <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1289>

Monona, WI – On Monday, March 4, the Monona City Council committed to clean energy by adopting a resolution to address climate change through 100% clean energy and resilience. The resolution acknowledges the impact of climate change on Monona residents and businesses and identifies the City’s leadership role in implementing renewable energy technologies and other sustainability practices. <http://www.monona.wi.us/>

SolSmart Bronze Designation + Inspection Special Recognition Award

<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18582/press-release-SolSmart-Fitchburg-201903>

The City of Fitchburg is pleased to announce recent recognition as a solar-friendly community by SolSmart, a national program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. The City of Fitchburg received “Bronze” level designation under the program, which recognizes cities that foster solar energy use and remove obstacles to solar development at local levels.

Fitchburg also received a Special Recognition Award in the Inspection category. The SolSmart Special Recognition Award celebrates and shines a light on communities that have gone above and beyond – earning at least 60% of the total points available in the Inspection criteria category.



SolSmart website: <http://www.solsmart.org/>

City of Fitchburg Solar Resources website: <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/2554/Solar-Resources>



Fix a Leak Week – March 12-24, 2019

From the US Environmental Protection Agency <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Mark your calendars for EPA's annual Fix a Leak Week, March 18 through 24, 2019—but remember that you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year and ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

Energy 101 Video Series

U.S. Department of Energy
<https://www.energy.gov/eere/education/eere-energy-101-video-series>

The Energy 101 video series is a collection of educational videos produced by the U.S. Department of Energy, with the next generation of clean energy leaders in mind. Short videos on the website explore electric vehicles, lighting choices, clean energy manufacturing, and more. Renewable energy technology videos include solar PV, geothermal energy, wind turbines, and biofuels.

Check for Leaks

<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water and then identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips for finding leaks:

- **Take a look at your water usage during a colder month**, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.
- **Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period** when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- **Identify toilet leaks** by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- **Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings** for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

Comprehensive Energy Plan – Office of Energy Innovation Grant

https://madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/seven-area-cities-and-villages-aim-to-reduce-or-eliminate/article_71e09d0f-d90d-59e2-944d-02ae77c3bf7f.html

Fitchburg, Marshall, Middleton, Monona, Stoughton, Sun Prairie and Waunakee are collaborating with Madison-based energy research firm Slipstream to write comprehensive energy plans for each community. This includes setting individualized priorities for minimizing carbon footprints and effects on climate change using a \$200,000 grant from the state Office of Energy Innovation.



Earth Month events

Celebrate Earth Day, April 22, all month! Check out the city calendar for activities at the library and around the city throughout the month of April. Here are a few highlights:

- **Earth Friendly Crafts**, Saturday 4/6 - Create earth friendly crafts for Earth Month! Recommended for ages 2-5 years old [calendar link](#)
- **Unbook Club: Green Topics**, Thursday 4/11 – Share what you’ve been reading, watching, and listening to related to any "green" topic [calendar link](#)
- **Spring Cleanup Event**, Saturday, 4/13 – recycle electronics, shred confidential documents, dispose of unused medications [calendar link](#)
- **EV 101 and Shared Solar**, Thursday 4/18 – MG&E is returning to the library to share information about electric vehicles and their shared solar program! [calendar link](#)
- **Birds of Prey**, Friday 4/26 – Join us to see raptors from Hoo’s Woods for an afternoon of learning and adventure, recommended for families with children ages 5+ [calendar link](#)

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