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Spring 2016 Waterway Cleanups Set for April 23rd & April 28th

Join us rain or shine for Fitchburg’s 2016 Spring Waterway Cleanups planned for:

- Saturday, April 23rd from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Meet at the east end of Ninebark at the asphalt multi-use path (Ninebark Dr. and Syene Rd.).
- Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m.-11a.m. Meet at the Apache Pond, 4523 Crescent Road.
- Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m.-11a.m. Meet at the NE corner of Yarmouth Greenway Drive and McKee Road intersection.
- Thursday, April 28th from 2-5 p.m. Meet at Target Fitchburg near Fitchrona Road. Join Target staff volunteers to clean up various streets and waterways throughout Orchard Pointe (Fitchrona Rd., Nesbitt Rd., Limestone Ln. and adjacent public stormwater facilities).

Anyone interested in being a group leader and coordinating a cleanup in your neighborhood may contact Rick Eilertson, Fitchburg Environmental Engineer, at rick.eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov or (608) 270-4264. Garbage bags, recycling bags and a limited number of gloves are provided for all volunteers as well as small prizes and refreshments. Volunteers are encouraged to wear boots and bring work gloves. Please be forewarned: Restroom facilities are often not convenient to the planned cleanup locations. Further details and maps of the waterway cleanups will be posted at www.fitchburgwi.gov/stormwater closer to the events.

Spring 2016 Shred Day & MedDrop Events Set for April 23rd

Fitchburg’s Spring 2016 **Shred Day Event** will be held from 8-11a.m. on Saturday, April 23rd behind Oak Bank, 5951 McKee Road, at the corner of Executive & Marketplace Drives. Look for Pellitteri’s Shred Truck in the parking lot. This event provides shredding to destroy up to five banker’s boxes of confidential paper documents for recycling **FREE** of cost.



The event is being sponsored by City of Fitchburg, Oak Bank, and Pellitteri Waste Systems. Please contact Jeff Potter (Pellitteri) at 257-6232 ext 323, jeffp@pellitteri.com or Rick Eilertson at 270-4264 or rick.eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov, with any questions about the shred event.

Med Drop will be held from 8-11a.m. on Saturday, April 23rd at the Fitchburg Police Department, west entrance to City Hall, 5520 Lacy Rd. Empty pills into a clear plastic bag and recycle the containers at home. Any liquids, gels, creams, etc. should be left in the original container and placed in a clear plastic bag. No sharps, or lancets will be accepted – Sharps and lancets can be taken to Hometown Pharmacy, 3000 Cahill Main, Ste 114, or Walgreens, 2931 S. Fish Hatchery Rd. Fitchburg's permanent MedDrop box is also available Mondays through Fridays from 7:30am to 4:30pm at the Fitchburg Police Department. Hometown Pharmacy also takes "uncontrolled substances" during their regular business hours. Please contact Rick Eilertson, Environmental Engineer, at rick.eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov, 270-4264, with any questions about the Med Drop Event.



Information about other options for solid waste reduction, reuse, or recycling may be found in Fitchburg's 2016 Recycling Guide on Fitchburg's web page at: www.fitchburgwi.gov/solidwaste. Hard copies are available in the lobby of Fitchburg City Hall. Idling Reduction signage will be posted at both events to remind drivers to turn off their engine while waiting more than 10 seconds.



Kids Earth Day Challenge April 23rd at Fitchburg Library

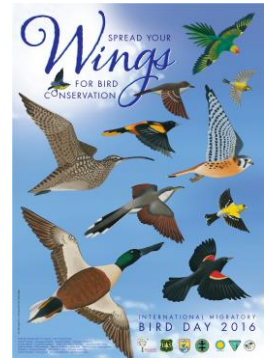
Test your Earth-saving prowess from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 23 at the Fitchburg Public Library, 5530 Lacy Rd. The program will feature recycling, energy-saving, and repurposing challenges. The Library will provide the activities and supplies, and kids will bring the creativity and fun! Recommended for ages 5-12 and their parents or caregivers.

Fitchburg Arbor Day and Migratory Bird Day Events Set for May 7th



Mark your calendars to celebrate the 144th year of Arbor Day and International Migratory Bird Day on May 7th from 8:30 a.m.-noon at Swan Creek Park, 5175 E. Cheryl Parkway, rain or shine. We hope you can join us for the following activities:

- 8:30-10 a.m. – Birding in Swan Creek Park with David Drake, UW-Extension
- 9:30 a.m. – Bird & Tree City Recognition
- 10 a.m. – Tree planting with Mayor Arnold
- 10:30 a.m. – Meet the Raptors – Hoos Woods
- 11:30 a.m. – Monarch Wayside Installation
- Fri., May 6, 6:30pm – [Nine Springs Evening Birding Event](http://www.madisonaudubon.org) (www.madisonaudubon.org)



For more information, contact [Anna Healy](mailto:anna.healy@cityof-fitchburg.com), Fitchburg Urban Forester/Naturalist, at 270-4289.

May 7th New Date for Spring 2016 Electronics Recycling Event

The Electronics Recycling Event will be held on Sat., May 7th from 8-11a.m. at Surplus-IT's warehouse, 901 Watson Avenue. Look for directional signage from the intersection of Fish Hatchery Road and Greenway Cross heading to the east.



Items Accepted:

Free! Computers, LCD (Flat panel liquid crystal display) Monitors, Printers, Stereo Equipment, Media (cds, dvds, floppy disks), lead acid and other recyclable batteries, Styrofoam Packing Peanuts

\$0.25/lb Charge: VCR & Cassette Tapes & Alkaline Batteries



- \$5 Charge: Microwaves, other Kitchen Electronics
- \$15 Charge: All CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) Monitors
- \$25 Charge: TVs less than 27", Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners
- \$35 Charge: TVs 27" or larger (console TV's may cost more for disposal)

Please contact Lee Shinefield (Surplus-IT) at 209-8000, lee@surplus-IT.com or Holly Powell at 270-4263 or holly.powell@fitchburgwi.gov, with any questions about electronics recycling.

Idling Reduction signage will be posted at each event to remind drivers to turn off their engine while waiting more than 10 seconds.

Another option for recycling small electronic devices and batteries is the "E-Cycling Bin" in the Fitchburg City Hall Lobby, 5520 Lacy Road. The "E-Cycling Bin" is accessible 24/7 and accepts rechargeable and alkaline batteries of all sizes, cell phones, empty inkjet/toner print cartridges, eye glasses and hearing aids for recycling.



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Conserve Water During "My Water Pledge" Challenge April 1-30

The **Fifth Annual National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation** has started. Do your part to conserve our precious water resources by taking one minute to go to MYWATERPLEDGE.COM this Earth Month (April 1-30), and make your pledge to conserve water and energy. By pledging today, you will be eligible for over \$50,000 in prizes like a 2016 Toyota Prius v, a \$1000 green home improvement shopping spree, and many more energy savings items for your home! For more tips on water conservation, visit Fitchburg's [website](#).



Madison Compost, Rain Barrel Sale May 7th



This year's Madison Compost and Rain Barrel sale is set for Saturday, May 7th at the Alliant Energy Center parking lot. Pre-order online before April 18th and save an additional \$10 off your purchase and pay no shipping charges. This event is open to Madison residents and non-residents. Visit www.rainreserve.com/madison to place your pre-order by April 18th.

Community Calendar

- Nelson Earth Day Conference, [Everyone's Earth: Sharing Experiences on a Restless Planet](#), 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monona Terrace, 1 John Nolen Dr.
- [Science, Policy & Water Summit](#), May 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UW-Madison Union South, 1308 Dayton St.



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