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Fitchburg Solar Options Forum Set for Oct. 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Library

*Please note our *new* start time of 6:30 p.m.*



Fitchburg's Resource Conservation Commission will host an interactive solar forum on Wednesday, October 19th from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Fitchburg Library, 5530 Lacy Road, featuring solar experts and local solar providers. Solar prices are at an all-time low, so if you're thinking about buying a rooftop system for your home or business or investing in a community or shared solar project off site, this workshop is for you!

Topics will include: solar benefits; shared/community solar investment options; solar electric costs and rebates; how to evaluate rooftop solar potential, and how to work with MGE. Speakers include: Michael Vickerman, RENEW Wisconsin; Jonathan Beers, MGE; Rik Rosenlund, Midwest Solar Power; Kurt Reinhold, Legacy Solar Co-Op; and Fitchburg residents who own solar electric systems.

There will be plenty of Q&A time, so please bring questions. Door prizes, including a drawing for two free in-home (or business) solar assessment from Legacy Solar Co-Op and Midwest Solar Power, free LED light bulbs from MGE, and free pizza from Ian's Pizza. We hope to see you there!

The City of Fitchburg will be launching a survey to gauge community interest in potentially hosting a community or shared solar project in Fitchburg. Look for the survey in mid-October. The survey will be available online and hard copies will be available at the Oct. 19th forum. For more information, contact Erika Kluetmeier, Fitchburg Sustainability Specialist, at erika.kluetmeier@fitchburgwi.gov or 270-4274.

Top five reasons to attend the Solar Options Forum:

1. Enter to win a free home/business solar assessment (two available)
2. Learn about affordable solar investment options
3. Receive free LED light bulb
4. Ask solar experts questions
5. Enjoy free pizza from Ian's Pizza

Fitchburg's Fall Paper Shred Day Set for October 29th

The City of Fitchburg, Pellitteri Waste Systems and Oak Bank will host a paper shredding event on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 8-11 a.m. Please join us in the parking lot behind Oak Bank, 5951 McKee Rd, at the corner of Marketplace & Executive Drives. This event provides **free** shredding and recycling to destroy **no more than five boxes** of confidential paper documents.



For more information, visit our web page at: www.fitchburgwi.gov/solidwaste and learn about other recycling options in Fitchburg's 2016 Recycling Guide. Hard copies are available in the lobby of Fitchburg City Hall and at the Recycling Drop-Off Site.

Fitchburg Toilet Rebates Provide \$100 for Qualified Replacements



Don't flush your money down your toilet; instead consider replacing your old 3.5-or 5-gallon toilets with a 1.28-gallon high-efficiency toilet. That's a savings of 2.22-3.72 gallons of water every time you flush, translating into savings of 11.1-18.6 gallons per day and a whopping 4100- 6800 gallons of water per year. Toilets use about 31% of average water in households, so getting a water-efficient toilet is a great strategy to conserve water. The Fitchburg Water Utility offers one rebate per year of up to \$100 for households that meet the following criteria:

- Participant must be a Fitchburg Utility District customer.
- Residential participants must own a single-family home, condo, or apartment built prior to Jan. 1994.
- Participant must replace existing larger-capacity toilets manufactured prior to 1994. Rebates are not for new construction.
- The program is limited to **one** rebate per year (five for complex/apartment owner per calendar year).
- Eligible replacement toilets must be 1.28- gallon [HETs listed on the EPA WaterSense website](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product_search.html).
- **Proof of the existing toilet size and manufacture date** is required to receive a rebate. If you cannot find this information, call the utility at 270-4270 before disposing of old toilet.
- Dated receipt with model name and number of new toilet must be submitted.



For more information, visit www.fitchburgwi.gov/Conservation.

Consider a Yard Waste Polybag for Fall Leaf and Lawn Cleanup



It's time to get ready for fall leaf and yard waste collection, which begins the weeks of October 24th and Nov. 14th for residents of single family homes and apartments with up to four-units who receive City refuse & recycling collection. Please have leaves at the curb by 6:30 am on the Monday that collection begins.

Yard waste polybags are available to Fitchburg residents at the 2nd floor counter in City Hall. One free bag is provided each year to residents who pay the refuse and recycling special charge on their property tax bill. Additional bags are \$2 each.

Residents may also take yard waste to the Fitchburg Recycling Drop Off site, located at 2373 S. Fish Hatchery Road. The site is open every day during daylight hours.

For more information, visit: <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/220/Yard-Waste-Collection>

Community Calendar

- [Climate Change Projections and Implications for the Great Lakes Region lecture](#), UW-Madison: Oct. 13, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
- [Doing Well by Doing Good](#), Wisconsin Environmental Initiative: Oct. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- [Dane County Food Days](#), Dane County Food Council: Oct. 21-23
- [Deescalating the Energy Wars](#) lecture, UW-Madison: Oct. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- [Memory, History, Race, and the American Landscape lecture](#), UW-Madison Nelson Institute: Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m.
- [Badger Bioneers](#), Sustain Dane: Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- [A Force for Positive Change](#), UW-Madison Institutes for Discovery: Nov. 18, 1-8 p.m.



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