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### 1. Fitchburg Green Thursday Films

**Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:30-8 p.m., Fitchburg Public Library – Room A/B**

*If a Tree Falls*. Academy Award<sup>®</sup>-nominated film about the radicalization of an environmental activist, from his work with the Earth Liberation Front to being arrested by the FBI and incarcerated as a domestic terrorist.



**Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Fitchburg Public Library – Room A/B**

December's Green Thursday film, *Unwasted: The Future of Business on Earth*, details the impacts of business waste, discusses zero waste as a key element of the sustainable business model, and covers ideas for sustainable business practices.

### 2. Fitchburg Farmer's Market Moves Indoors

The Fitchburg Farmer's Market moves indoors this Thursday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 p.m. just up the hill to the Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road. Fall favorites and summer staples are still available at the market through December.

### 3. Recycle Old Holiday Lights at City Hall

If you find some dead strings of holiday lights while decorating for the holiday season, you can now bring them to Fitchburg City Hall for recycling between November 3, 2014 and January 30, 2015. A special cart is now available 24 hours/day in the City Hall Lobby, 5520 Lacy Road. Fitchburg residents can drop off non-working holiday light strings and extension cords for recycling. Residents must remove any bulbs larger than marble-size and recycle those separately at participating stores.

### 4. Final Leaf Pickup Set for Week of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Reusable Bags Still Available

Fitchburg's final fall yard waste and brush collection is set for the week of Nov. 17-21. Place yard waste at the curb in reusable containers or 30-gallon plastic bags. Please visit our [website](#) for information on Fitchburg's current Curbside Yard Waste Collection Program or view the [Factv video](#), which describes the recommended options for curbside placement of yard waste.

Reusable polybags for yard waste are still available to Fitchburg residents at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor counter at City Hall, 5520 Lacy Hall, during regular hours from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday while supplies last. The first two bags are FREE to residents who pay the "Refuse & Recycling" special charge on their property tax bill. Additional bags are \$2/bag.



## 5. Campaign Seeks to Keep Leaves Out of Streets, Improve Water Quality

From October thru November, stop by Fitchburg City Hall to pick up **free** literature and yard signs with tips on keeping leaves and grass clippings out of the street (and storm system), and instead using them as nutrients in your yard and garden. The yard signs, beverage coasters, flyers and DVDs with information on the “Love Your Lakes, Don't Leaf Them” campaign are available in City Hall's main lobby, 5520 Lacy Rd.



## 6. E-Cycle, Shred Days Yield Results

Results from Fitchburg's fall Shred Day and E-Cycle events show residents' continued commitment to recycling. Thanks to the nearly 200 residents for participating as well as Surplus-IT, Pellitteri and Oak Bank for their commitment to recycling and assistance with these events.

On Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 21 residents turned in more than 400 electronic items for recycling, including 100 batteries, 25 laptop and desktop computers, 15 cell phones, and 11 printers. The E-Cycle event was hosted by Surplus-IT. On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, residents filled 47 large recycling carts full of paper during Fitchburg's 11<sup>th</sup> Shred Day Event, hosted by Pellitteri Data Destruction and held in the Oak Bank parking lot. About 170 residents shredded a total weight of nearly 8,360 pounds (4.18 tons) of paper, which represents an equivalent savings of 71 trees. Both events were also successful in reducing idling by using special signage to encourage participants to turn off their engine if they anticipated “Waiting > 10 seconds.”



If you missed the fall electronics recycling event, you can still arrange to drop off electronics at Surplus-IT near Fitchburg by calling 270-1100 for an appointment. You can also call Pellitteri at 257-4285 to schedule a special pickup for electronics to be recycled with a fee of \$25 per item. Additional recycling options are listed in Fitchburg's Recycling Guide available at <http://www.city.fitchburg.wi.us/solidwaste>.

The City of Fitchburg and partners are currently reviewing schedules for possible repeat events during Spring 2015. If you have any suggestions on timing for these events or would like to help out, please contact Felipe Avila, GIS Engineering Specialist, at [felipe.avila@fitchburgwi.gov](mailto:felipe.avila@fitchburgwi.gov) or 270-4277.

## 7. Subscribe to Fitchburg Green E-News Updates

Please note that Fitchburg's web page converted to a new format on March 27<sup>th</sup>, which includes a new way to subscribe to mailing lists including **Green E-News**.

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4. Click  (to subscribe/unsubscribe to emails) and/or  (to subscribe/unsubscribe) next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe / unsubscribe (e.g. “Green Fitchburg” is the mailing list for environmentally friendly suggestions or events)

Please contact [Rick Eilertson](#), Environmental Engineer, at 270-4264 if you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions on future Green E-News topics.

Thank you!