



# GOING GREEN

## in Turlock...

Summer 2011

### Community Event Information

#### Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Drop-Off Event



**AUGUST 26TH & 27TH**

**9AM TO 1PM**

**TURLOCK REGIONAL WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL FACILITY  
(PARKING LOT)**

**901 S. WALNUT ROAD, TURLOCK**

**15 gallon limit.** You may only bring up to 15 gallons (or 125 pounds) of waste per day. Please do not bring more than this limit, we cannot accept it. (H&SC 25218.5.1.)

**Be safe with your waste:** Label all materials. Do not mix materials. Keep all waste in original containers with lids on tight. If a container is leaking, place in a sturdy plastic bag or bucket, and label it. Transport waste in the rear of your truck or trunk of your car. Don't leave your car with waste sitting in the sun or leave it packed overnight.



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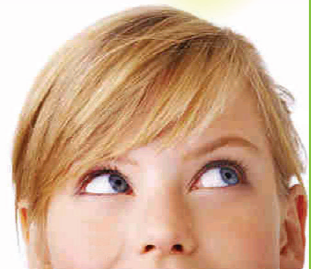
**WALNUT ENERGY FAIRE**  
Saturday, October 1st, 2011  
10 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.  
4219 N. Walnut Avenue  
Turlock, Ca 95382

LOCAL "GREEN" VENDORS  
EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS  
STUDENT & PROFESSIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS  
A PANEL OF ENERGY EXPERTS  
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES  
FOOD & CONFESSIONS  
WALNUT PTA E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT  
AND MORE!

**BRIGHT  
IDEAS  
inspired  
HERE.**



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#### Green Business Spotlight

##### TURLOCK SCAVENGER AND RECYCLING CO.

The Marchant family have owned and operated Turlock Scavenger, Turlock Transfer and Turlock Recycling for over 75 years. The three companies employ a combined 75 employees. Turlock Scavenger operates a fleet of over 25 trucks used for garbage, green waste and recycle collection for the City of Turlock residents and businesses along with several county areas.

Turlock Transfer provides a location for public customers to dispose of most any household garbage and yard waste along with FREE electronics drop off Monday – Saturday during normal business hours. Turlock Recycling is a dual certified location and operates a buyback center open to the public, as well as a processing center used to "cancel" out CRV materials. Turlock Recycling has a community outreach program and is available for facility tours as well as onsite presentations. For more information on any services/company info visit our website [www.turlockscavenger.com](http://www.turlockscavenger.com)



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If your business or another business that you may be aware of, practices exemplary greening procedures and you feel should be featured in the Green Business Spotlight, contact the City of Turlock, Municipal Services Department at 209.668.5590 today!

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featured company

### Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

**Using water wisely is especially important during the summer. Typically, outdoor water use accounts for 50% or more of water consumed by households and most residents double their winter water use in the summer months. The following are suggestions to help you reduce your water usage outdoors, while still maintaining a green and healthy landscape.**

#### CAR WASH & DRIVEWAYS

- **Washing your car:** When you wash your car, use buckets and sponges instead of a hose. Make sure you have an automatic shut off nozzle attached to the hose. However, most automated car wash services are the preferred option, since most have reclamation systems that recycle fresh water for re-use.
- **Sweep to clean driveway:** Avoid washing down paved areas. Sweep driveway and sidewalks in garden cleanup. For any water that is used, direct any run-off to water your landscape.

#### SWIMMING POOLS, FOUNTAINS AND PONDS

- **Good pool management practices:** Properly managing your pool to avoid unnecessary draining and refilling can save thousands of gallons of water a year.
- **Avoid purchasing recreational water toys that require a constant stream of water:** If you do allow children to play in the sprinklers to cool off, make sure it's only during your water days and

time so they can have fun and water the yard at the same time.

#### LANDSCAPE

- **Proper landscape design & irrigation:** Select plants that are appropriate for our local climate conditions. Having a yard with 100% lawn turf area in our dry climate uses significant amounts of water. Consider Valley friendly water efficient plants and grasses.
- **Mulch:** Put a layer of mulch around trees, bushes and plants. Chunks of bark, peat moss or gravel slow evaporation, help the soil retain moisture, discourage the growth of weeds, and provide essential nutrients.
- **Set lawnmower blade higher:** Set your lawnmower blade one notch higher allowing the grass to hold more water.
- **Over fertilizing landscape:** The application of fertilizers increases the need for water and is a source of water pollution. Use fertilizers according to direction.

#### GARDEN HOSE AND FAUCETS

- **Leaky hoses:** Check all hoses, hose bib connector and spigots regularly. Replace your hose if it leaks or is split. Look for little sprays of water along the hose. A hose washer will usually take care of hose bib leaks.
- **Hose nozzles:** Attach an automatic shut off spray nozzle to your hose, so that water doesn't run freely when you stop watering or set the hose down.
- **Leaving water run:** Your garden hose

and sprinklers can pour out hundreds of gallons of water a few hours. Never "forget" that you left them running.

- **Repair dripping and leaky faucets:** Small drips add up to 100-300 gallons a day. Consider the additional waste if you have more than one dripping faucet in your yard.
- #### SPRINKLERS, DRIP & OTHER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
- **Water early or late in the day:** To prevent water loss from evaporation, don't water your lawn during the hottest part of the day or when it is windy.
  - **Set Irrigation Timers appropriately:** Remember to set irrigation system timers to correspond with the appropriate City watering schedule. Be attentive if you are manually watering by setting your oven timer or some other reminder to move the water promptly. The City offers free assistance to customers who need their landscape timers adjusted.
  - **Repair system leaks:** Tune up your irrigation system for efficiency. Inspect sprinkler systems regularly for breaks, leaks and correct timers. More than 50% of your water can be lost to leaks with older, out-of-repair systems.
  - **Water in cycles:** For the healthiest and most water-efficient lawn, try to water in several short watering cycles rather than one long one.
  - **Drip Irrigation:** Install a drip irrigation system for watering gardens, trees and shrubs. Drip irrigation provides a slow, steady trickle of water to plants at their roots through a network of hidden pipes and hoses.

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