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Thank you for signing up for the Sustainable Denton newsletter!



Classes & Events

We're offering a number of classes this fall to sharpen your knowledge of **energy efficiency tips and tricks**, **recycling** and more. On November 15th, we're hosting a **Lunch 'N Learn** at our Materials Recovery Facility for Texas Recycles Day.

We're also co-hosting **Sustainable Saturday classes** at Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center, including **Monarch Madness**, **Recycling**, **Sustainable**

Gifts & Wraps, and Sustainable Resolutions.

And don't forget, our annual Stream Clean is coming up on October 15th! Join us to help keep our community's waterways clean and healthy.

Sign up for classes and events

Energy & Air Quality

October means a new City Fiscal Year and new funding for recent and qualifying energy efficiency upgrades to your home or small business! If you recently completed a project (within 3 months), or you are planning one for the near future, this message is for you. The GreenSense Incentive Program helps residents purchase more energy efficiency upgrades, while at the same time promoting energy conservation and reducing the load on the City's electric system.

For an application and additional details, please go to **www.cityofdenton.com/DME** click on rebates and resources and view the GreenSense manual on the right-hand side. For additional questions, please call (940)-349-7733 or email **rebates@cityofdenton.com**.

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES

Upgrade	Requirement	Incentive
Central HVAC	16 SEER	$200/$400
Smart Thermostat	Wi-Fi Enabled	50% up to $50
Radiant Barrier	min 80% Reflectivity	20% up to $300
Attic Insulation	min R-49	50% up to $400
Air Duct	repair or replace	30% up to $200
Solar Screens	min 90% blocking	30% up to $200
Windows	U-Facto max 0.29 & SHGC max 0.22	30% up to $500
Weatherization Supplies	enhance building envelope	50% up to $50

Waste Reduction



Sustainability takes no days off and especially during the holidays when consumption is at an all-time high. This creates a great opportunity for you to look at alternatives which can still get the job done without the big carbon footprint.

October - Means spooky season is officially here. Bring out the jack-o-lanterns and scary costumes! Donate or reuse last year's Halloween costume. You can even get the whole family in on creating your own costume from things you have at home. Once you're finished with your costume, considering donating it to a donation center. Please keep Halloween decorations, candy, and costumes out of your blue recycling cart. Our recycling program does NOT accept these items. Order a **FREE Trick or Trash box** provided by Rubicon/National Wildlife Federation to collect candy wrappers to be recycled. Candy wrappers are not accepted in our program (and most others), so this is a special opportunity!

On October 29th, we'll be at Denton's **Day of the Dead** festival! For those attending, be sure to stop by and recycle your empty bottles and cans in our clear stream containers.

November - Plan ahead when it comes to making your checklist for your Thanksgiving dinner. Don't forget you can place uncooked fruits and vegetable scraps in your brown yard waste cart. Used cooking oil can be taken or picked up by our Home Chemical Collection.

December - DIY your own wreath and ornaments. Keep string lights OUT of your blue recycling carts! They are tanglers and tangle the machinery at the recycling facility, causing halts in production. Don't forget to donate any holiday decorations to a donation center.

Please keep glossy wrapping paper out of your blue recycling cart! This material is not recyclable. Opt for wrapping with newspaper or other recyclable wraps this year.

Don't forget to place your natural un-flocked at the curb when you are finished. Ensure there are no decorations or tree stands. These natural Christmas trees end up getting diverted from the landfill to become material Beneficial Reuse that can be used to make Dyno Dirt.

Wildlife



It's bird migration season! Billions of birds are making their way south for the winter, and you can help them by keeping nights dark. Dim or turn off outdoor lights at night, install lighting shields, and **take other actions** to ensure that birds can navigate the night skies and find their winter homes safely. Check out our **Bird City Texas resources** to learn more about ways to protect birds in our community.

Fall is the time to plant native wildflower seeds to support pollinators, and it's not too late! When buying seeds, remember to look for native species and mixes, as these help us conserve water, lower your water bill, and provide food and shelter for our native pollinators. Our local **Native Plant Society of Texas Chapter** provides more **information and resources** on how to plant for pollinators.

In late September, Monarch Butterflies begin to appear in our area. This iconic species was **recently listed as endangered** and needs our help! Consider planting native milkweeds in your yard to help give our flying friends a boost.

Finally, it's never too late to register your home, school, or business as a **certified wildlife habitat** with the National Wildlife Federation. If your outdoor area provides food, water, shelter, a place to raise young, and is managed in a sustainable way (such as no pesticides), it is eligible to be certified. **Learn more simple tips** for how to make your backyard wildlife friendly.

Denton Sustainable Schools



Denton Sustainable Schools Re-Launch!
We are pleased to announce the return of the Denton Sustainable Schools program for the 2022-2023 school year. Check out the **Resource Guide** for all the new updates about the program, including participating in our Recycling Audit and Sustainable Activity Challenges for a chance to win environmental awards! **Enroll your school today!**

Tours are Now Available
Want an up-close look at how the City of Denton processes your curbside waste and turns local water sources into our drinking water? We **offer free tours** of our Landfill, Pratt Industries Materials Recovery Facility, Home Chemical Collection, and City of Denton water production plants. **Request your group's tour today!**



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