

Sustainable ROSEVILLE

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MAY 2022 UPDATE



Partners in Energy



Monthly Sustainability
Tip



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No Mow May

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Sustainability Tip of the Month

Starting this month, we'll start offering tips each month for ways to lighten your carbon footprint!

May is National Bike Month! Dust off your bicycle and try replacing one or two short trips you'd normally take by car and go by bike instead. **Bonus tip:** look up directions on Google Maps and select "cycling" as your transportation mode. It will automatically try to find bike lanes and paths, and will even tell you how hilly your route will be!

Ramsey County is also conducting a bike/walk survey to determine their next priorities for their next projects! **Fill out their survey** to share your thoughts about what is most important to you when it comes to getting around on foot or by bicycle.

Is your bike in need of a tune-up? Visit [Bicycle Chain](#), [Freewheel Bike](#), or [Erik's Bike Shop](#) in Roseville to get your bike ride-ready.



Partners in Energy Updates



After engaging with over 100 businesses in our April Business Blitz, including visiting 60 in person, we are shifting gears to increase residential home efficiency. Roseville has joined the **Intercity Home Energy Squad Challenge**, competing for the most energy squad visits per capita compared to other Minnesota cities!

This challenge also supports our Partners in Energy goal to engage **1,400 households** in utility savings programs by the end of 2022! Consider signing up for a **Home Energy Squad** visit (discounted 50% for Roseville residents, and free for income-qualified households!) before tackling your home improvement projects, and it will count towards the challenge! If you complete an insulation or air sealing project through Xcel after your audit, the city gets additional credit for those too— and you'll see savings on your energy bills and increase your home's comfort. **Sign up today!**

Shredding Day



When: Saturday, May 21, 2022, 9:00 am - noon
Where: Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN

Roseville residents (no Businesses) can bring up to 3 Banker boxes or grocery bags of documents for shredding. Crews will unload the documents from your vehicle, and load them into a secured cart where the paper will be shredded on site by a mobile shredding company. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but binder clips are not accepted.

More details and suggested materials to bring for shredding can be found [on the event page](#).

Community in Bloom

Join us at the Rice Larpenteur Alliance's spring Community in Bloom event on **May 21st from 12pm-2pm!** We will be there with free LED lightbulbs, information about energy assistance and ways to improve energy efficiency at home, and fun activities for kids!

There will also be food trucks, kids' games and activities, fishing, arts and crafts, and more!



Location: Lake McCarron's Park, 1795 Rice Street, Roseville MN 55113

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Update



After our latest round of severe storms, stormwater management is at the top of everyone's minds! (Well, maybe not everyone, but it sure is in our department here at Public Works!)

Environmental Manager Ryan Johnson will provide the annual update to the Public Works, Environment, & Transportation Commission on our MS4 permit with the MN Pollution Control Agency. Staff will highlight water quality achievements from 2021, and look ahead to 2022 and beyond.

The meeting is **May 24th, 2022 at 6:30pm** and open to the public.

No Mow May

On Monday, April 25, City Council supported a council member-initiated item to support residents who wish to participate in “No Mow May.” Local ordinances pertaining to lawn maintenance are temporarily suspended until June 1.

By suspending or limiting lawn mowing this month, you can provide early season foraging resources for emerging pollinators. [A study in Appleton, WI](#) found homes that didn’t mow in May had three times more bee species and five times more bees compared to yards that were mowed!



Thank you from your Sustainable Roseville Team!

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