2011 Environmental Task Force FREE Environmental Programs for the Community



Are you trying to find ways to save money while preserving the environment? The City is offering several **free environmental programs** that will help you do just that. These programs are targeted to households and businesses that want to take simple steps to reduce their energy and water use, with the added benefit of seeing a savings on electricity and water bills.

Visit the Environmental Task Force website on the Going Green page at www.citymb.info for more information on this committee and its programs, and to find out how you can take advantage of these incredible services.

- "Watt" Watchers Energy Contest: Trim Your Energy Waste! Monitor your Edison bills starting January 1st, and make simple changes to reduce your electricity use to win great prizes. Sign up now for a chance to win prizes for your school too!
- Green Business Challenge:
 Earn a free, green certification for your business -- and save money and energy, while promoting sustainable business practices.
- Solar Display at Metlox: Interested in supporting the development of renewable energy in your community? Please email 2011ETF@citymb.info to make a donation for a state-of-the-art solar display at Metlox Plaza.
- Landscape Sustainability
 Audit: FREE advice from a landscape professional on the changes you can make to create a beautiful landscape that is environmentally compatible with the local environment and climate.

- Community Mulch Pilot Program: Got Mulch? If you don't, and would like to pick up free mulch for your landscape project, visit the City's Public Works Yard at 3621 Bell Avenue to obtain as much FREE mulch as you need.
- Post Office Demonstration
 Garden: A program to display the principles of sustainable landscaping and show the community how beautiful a California-friendly garden can be.
- School-wide Water Efficiency Slogan and Logo Contest: Water is Life, the theme of West Basin's annual art contest, is one possible theme for an upcoming school-wide contest focusing on the efficient use of water to help the City meet a water conservation goal of 20% by 2020.

The community is encouraged to participate in these programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, use water efficiently, and win prizes for individual families and schools.

Want to find out more? Sign up today! Email: skalapura@citymb.info