## Environmental Activities Calendar

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<th>Events in Sept. 2017</th>
<th>Happy Birthday, El Cerrito! The City is turning 100 years old this year. Find out about the Centennial Parade and Celebration taking place in September by visiting <a href="http://www.ElCerrito100.org">www.ElCerrito100.org</a>.</th>
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<td>1st Wed. Monthly</td>
<td>Free Monthly Tour of the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center: Interested in a behind-the-scenes look at the LEED Platinum Certified Recycling Center? Please wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Tours at an alternative time can also be scheduled for a fee. For more information, call City staff at 510-559-7686.</td>
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<td>2nd Tues. Monthly</td>
<td>Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) Monthly Meetings: Join El Cerrito residents in working to improve environmental quality in El Cerrito! The EQC meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.el-cerrito.org/eqc">www.el-cerrito.org/eqc</a>.</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Drive Electric at the Farmers’ Market — National Drive Electric Week Event: Learn about discounts on EVs through SunShares, and federal, state and utility rebates and credits. Experts and EV owners will be on-hand to answer questions. Located at the Berkeley Civic Center Parking Lot, 800 Alston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. Visit <a href="https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1064">https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1064</a> to find out more.</td>
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<td>Saturday Sept. 23</td>
<td>Green Team / Coastal Clean Up: Join Friends of Albany Parks, Friends of Albany Hill, El Cerrito Green Teams, and Friends of Five Creeks in sprucing up and helping to restore the beautiful urban oasis of Cerrito Creek and Albany Hill. Meet at Creekside Park, 3499 Santa Clara Avenue, El Cerrito. For more information, contact City staff at 215-4350.</td>
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<td>Saturday Oct. 14</td>
<td>Fall Citywide Garage Sale: keep waste out of the landfill while discovering your community and finding great deals. To register to host a sale, complete the Registration Form in this newsletter or online. Registration due by 4 PM on September 8, 2017. Visit <a href="http://www.el-cerrito.org/garagesale">www.el-cerrito.org/garagesale</a> for more information or to register.</td>
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<td>Tuesday Oct. 17</td>
<td>East Bay Energy Upgrade Workshop: Free workshop will offer information to residents on current rebates and opportunities to make their homes more energy efficient. The event will be located at the Albany Community Center at 1249 Marin Ave., Albany, CA, 94706. Contact City Staff, at <a href="mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us">wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us</a>, for more information.</td>
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<td>Nov. 1—Feb. 1</td>
<td>Recycling Center Winter Hours: The Recycling Center will have winter hours from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1: 8 AM – 4:45 PM weekdays; 9 AM – 4:45 PM weekends.</td>
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<td>Nov. 10</td>
<td>Veteran’s Day Holiday: The Recycling Center and East Bay Sanitary offices will be closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran’s Day. Curbside collection of recycling, green waste and garbage will occur as normally scheduled.</td>
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<td>Nov. 23 Nov. 24</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Holiday: The Recycling Center and East Bay Sanitary offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. Curbside collection will occur as normally scheduled.</td>
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<td>Dec. 24 Dec. 25 Dec. 31 Jan. 1</td>
<td>Christmas and New Year’s Holidays: The Recycling Center will be closed on December 25, December 31 (beginning at noon), and January 1. The East Bay Sanitary office will be closed on December 25 and January 1. Curbside collection of recycling, green waste and garbage will not occur on December 25 and January 1. Service for all routes will resume one day later than normally scheduled, with Friday’s normal pick-up happening on Saturday.</td>
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<td>Friday Jan. 12</td>
<td>Last Day for Free Christmas Tree Pick-Up: Christmas trees will be picked up free of charge through January 12 by East Bay Sanitary. Flocked trees will be taken for a $15.00 fee. Please call (510) 237-4321 for more information or to schedule a pick-up.</td>
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**Household Hazardous Waste Collected at Recycling Center on Tuesdays**

The City of El Cerrito has partnered with RecycleMore to provide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection at the El Cerrito Recycling Center, offering residents in the RecycleMore service area with an additional location to properly dispose of HHW. This service at the Recycling Center will be available only on Tuesdays from 9 AM to 4 PM (closed for lunch from 12 to 12:30).

Residents can also dispose of their HHW at the West County Resource Recovery Facility at 101 Pittsburg Avenue in Richmond, open every Wednesday through Sunday from 9 AM until 4 PM.

### Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Includes:

- Garden pesticides and fertilizers
- Propane gas cylinders
- Hazardous aerosols, cleaners, sprays, and poisons
- Auto products
- Paints, solvents, and adhesives
- Photo/pool chemicals
- Mercury thermometers

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**Recycling Education for ROSEED Classes**

Recycling presentations are available for all West Contra Costa Unified School District schools. Republic Services, the solid waste hauler for the School District, can provide free classroom or assembly style recycling presentations throughout the school year. Field trips to the Republic recycling facility in Richmond are also available, with bus transportation provided. Teachers can request a presentation or field trip by contacting Julio Arroyo at the School District at julio.arroyo@wccusd.net

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**El Cerrito Household Hazardous Waste Collection (Every Tuesday)**

Items not accepted:

- Explosives, ammunition, medical waste, or radioactive waste
- No treated wood waste or contaminated soil
- No refrigerators

To participate, eligible users must be a resident in the RecycleMore Service area (El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, and some unincorporated Contra Costa County communities). Waste from businesses is not accepted. Proof of residency, such as a driver’s license, utility bill, or other current document showing residency is required.

To learn more about the program and household hazardous waste, visit RecycleMore.com or call 1-888-412-9277.
El Cerrito City Council Votes to Support Paris Climate Agreement and to Obtain 100% Renewable Energy

The City of El Cerrito is committed to reducing the pollution that causes global warming. Since 2006 the El Cerrito City Council has consistently supported local, regional, and state initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In 2013, the City Council approved the El Cerrito Climate Action Plan, outlining policies and actions the City could take to meet reduction targets of 15% below 2005 levels by 2020 and 30% by 2035. The City is in the process of implementing those strategies and is close to exceeding these reduction targets.

Underscoring its commitment to reduce GHG emissions, the El Cerrito City Council recently passed a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement. The City Council also voted to shift all municipal electrical accounts to MCE's Deep Green option, which provides 100% renewable energy from local solar and wind projects.

In addition, the City and the Environmental Quality Committee have partnered with MCE to celebrate the City’s 100th anniversary by launching the ‘100 for 100’ Deep Green initiative, encouraging residents and businesses to join the City in opting up to the 100% renewable energy service. Deep Green is an affordable and easy way to make a big difference for the planet and generations to come, at an average cost of $5 more per month for the typical household. Visit [www.mcecleanenergy.org/elcerrito](http://www.mcecleanenergy.org/elcerrito) to learn more and to enroll in Deep Green.

For more information about the Climate Action Plan and the latest developments contact City staff at wprowost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

**Citywide Garage Sale Registration Information**

HOST A GARAGE SALE!

Turn your old stuff into treasure! Register now to host a garage sale at your home during the Fall Citywide Garage Sale. Registration fees cover the cost of advertising and promotion, which includes posting your sale in the garage sale brochure, classified ads in newspapers and online.

Spread the word about the Garage Sale!

Make your event fun and enjoyable by providing refreshments, treats, prizes or other enticements! For more information contact Laurenten Brazil in the Operations + Environmental Services Division at lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-559-7686.

Garage Sale Registration Form

Fall 2017 El Cerrito Citywide Garage Sale

October 14, 2017 | 9 AM to 3 PM

Registration forms are due by September 8 at 4 PM

Mail or drop-off form, along with a non-refundable $16 registration fee payable to the City of El Cerrito, to: Environmental Services Division – Citywide Garage Sale

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito CA, 94530

Name:

Street Address/Sale Location:

Nearest Cross Street:

Phone Number:

Email Address (please provide an email address, especially if you would like the opportunity to review your listing prior to publication):

Sale Description: Maximum of 20 words describing the items for sale and any other details about the sale:

GARAGE SALE MAPS:

Garage sale maps, locations, and listings available October 5, 2017 in print and online at el-cerrito.org/garagesale

Help Keep Our Waterways Clean!

Allowing anything other than clean rainwater to drain into storm drains or creeks presents a serious threat to fish, wildlife, and marine life. Please do your part by keeping yard waste from entering gutters and storm drains, using fewer household herbicides and pesticides, and properly disposing of household hazardous waste at a household hazardous waste collection facility.

To report pollution or debris that has been dumped into a gutter, storm drain, or creek call the Contra Costa Clean Water Program hotline at 1-800-No-Dumping (1-800-663-867-464). If the material is potentially hazardous, contact the County Health Services Department - HazMat Division at 925-335-3200 (during business hours) or 925-335-3232 (24-hour hotline for emergencies only).

New Steps Improve Public Access to Motorcycle Hill

The City recently finished construction of a new staircase and access point to the Motorcycle Hill Trail in the El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area. The staircase provides residents and visitors with greater access to the trail system in the Hillside Natural Area. The steps are located at the Northeast corner of where Blake Street and Navellier Street intersect. Additional way-finding signs will be added in the future to ensure that the trail is even more visible and accessible to the public.

The project was the culmination of several years of work by community members, organizations, and the City—in particular, the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers, the El Cerrito Park and Recreation Commission, numerous volunteers, and City staff. The project was made possible thanks to funding from Measure WW, a regional park’s bond passed by voters in 2008.

**Ask the Recycling Desk**

Greener El Cerrito is beginning a new article to answer questions about solid waste reduction services offered in our community. Email your waste reduction tips and questions to green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, and we may feature them in a future article. This issue’s article answers a number of frequently asked questions received by the City’s Recycling Desk.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

Does the Recycling Center take medications and sharps?

Yes. We take pharmaceuticals and sharps for free. Please remove excess packaging and empty all pills into a Ziploc-type bag for proper disposal. All pills can be mixed together in one bag. Liquids, creams, powders, and inhaler canisters do not need to be bagged unless leaking. Syringes and sharps used for injections are also accepted. They must be safely contained in a thick plastic container with a screw top lid. The pharmaceutical and sharps bins are locked at all times. Please ask a yard attendant or office staff for assistance.

Do you take wood?

No. If you have untreated wood (no stains, no paint, or treatments), it can be composted at curb-side. If you have more wood than will fit in the green waste bin, please contact East Bay Sanitary at 237-4321 to schedule a FREE Annual Clean-up.

**New public access steps to Motorcycle Hill in the Hillside Natural Area.**