Environmental Activities Calendar

November 1 - December 31

Nov. 1 — Dec. 31
Through Jan. 1
Mar. 23 — Mar. 29
Saturday Apr. 13
May 3 — May 5
Sunday May 5
Saturday May 18
Every Other Month
1st Wed. Monthly
1st Sat. Monthly
2nd Mon. Monthly
2nd Tues. Monthly
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
green@ci.elcerrito.ca.us

City Staff has been working with the City’s Urban Forest Committee to improve the existing El Cerrito municipal code language around trees and shrubs in public places. The City has drafted an updated and expanded ordinance that is intended to establish clear guidelines on the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees and shrubs in the public right-of-way, parks, and other public spaces. This ordinance would serve to improve the health of El Cerrito’s Urban Forest and would also meet a pre-requisite standard for the City to receive the Tree City USA designation. Please join the Urban Forest Committee in attending a Public Meeting to discuss the draft Tree and Shrub ordinance on January 7, 2019 at 7pm at the El Cerrito City Hall. For more information, contact Will Provost, Manager, Analytical at (510) 525-7622 or wprovost@ci.elcerrito.ca.us.

El Cerrito Goes "LEED Certified City" and Receives Multiple Environmental Awards in 2018

The City of El Cerrito is one of 75 cites and communities throughout the nation that are now recognized as LEED Certified. LEED for Cities is a program from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) that advances healthy, green, and economically/sty cities and communities.

The LEED for Cities certification follows several environmental awards received by the City. El Cerrito received three Beacon Spotlight Awards in 2018, which “recognize an agency’s holistic approach to addressing climate change.”

The Beacon Spotlight awards included:

- Gold level award for greenhouse gas reductions
- Platinum level award for energy savings
- Platinum level award for natural gas savings

The City also received an Honorable Mention from the National Waste & Recycling Association in its 2018 Recycling Facility of the Year Award program, providing national recognition to the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center for its state-of-the-art design and the comprehensive array of services it provides.

The awards wrap up a successful year of environmental events in El Cerrito that included: a film event showing “Tomorrow” and a panel on climate change, a workshop on butterflies and pollinators, a solar and electric vehicles event, Earth Day, the 5th Annual Hillside Festival, two “Fixit Clinics” to repair household items, and participation in National Drive Electric Week, Bike to Work Day, and more!

For more information about getting involved in El Cerrito’s environmental events, contact the City of El Cerrito’s Environmental Analyst, Will Provost, at (510) 525-7622.

2019 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates

Residential Solid Waste Services include weekly collection of recycling (gray cart), green waste (green cart), and garbage (blue cart); limited free on-call collection of larger quantities from your home; free access to the regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility and to most services at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center. Additional recycling carts are available at no extra cost. Commercial Solid Waste Services include collection of recycling (gray cart), green waste (green), garbage (blue) and most services at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center. Additional recycling carts are available at no extra cost.

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Volunteer for El Cerrito’s Annual Earth Day

Earth Day April 13, 2019

Work Parties from 9 AM to 12 PM (Citywide)
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch from 12 PM to 1:30 PM
El Cerrito Community Center - 7007 Mooser Lane

Register online at www.el-cerrito.org/earthday or by phone at (510) 215-4350.

For more info email earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call (510) 215-4350.

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 Spring Citywide Garage Sale. Registration fees cover the cost of advertising and promotion. This 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 Laurenteen Brazil in the Operations + Environmental Services Division at lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call (510) 215-4350.

Garage Sale Registration Form
Spring 2019 El Cerrito Citywide Garage Sale
May 18, 2019 | 9 AM to 3 PM
Registration forms are due by April 12 at 4 PM
Mail or drop-off form, along with a non-refundable $17 registration fee made 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:

Do you have any suggestions for potential work projects?

Email: _________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________
Name: ________________________________________________________
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Environmental Services Division

www.el-cerrito.org

Capital Improvement Program Highlights from 2018

Thanks to several grants, El Cerrito’s Public Works Department has been able to complete Capital Improvement Program projects throughout the community, with many upgrades on the Ohlone Greenway.

The Ohlone Greenway BART Station area access, safety and placemaking Improvements Project serves to increase BART accessibility and included enhancements to create high visibility pedestrian zones with new striping, special pavilion, additional signage, curb bulb-outs and upgraded curb ramps with flashing lights.

The Ohlone Greenway Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding and Amenities Project enhances access, safety, and convenience for users along the Greenway’s entire length by installing way-finding, trail use, gateway, bike route, and street name signs, as well as various other amenities including new bicycle racks, benches, and trash/recycling containers.

The Richmond-Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project, led by the City of Richmond, connects the Ohlone Greenway to the central Richmond Greenway and on to the 400-mile Bay Trail system.

New Donation Station at RERC

Looking for a place to donate your used clothes and household items? A St. Vincent de Paul Society donation station is now located at the El Cerrito Recycling Center, 7501 Schmidt Lane. The station accepts items from 8 AM to 4:45 PM, Wed. -Sun., during the Center’s winter hours and accepts items for reuse, including clothing and accessories, linens, small electronics, kitchen goods and other housewares, small furniture in good condition, tools, and sporting goods.

St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization that provides direct services to the homeless. For more information, please contact the City by email at green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call (510) 215-4350.

Properly Disposing of Packaging

The internet has revolutionized our shopping experience. Today, we can order just about anything to be delivered to our front doors. However, all those packages and the packing materials used to ship them are taking up a larger portion of our landfills. CalRecycle estimates these increasingly common materials make up about 25% of California’s waste stream. Here’s how you can help properly dispose of them:

- All cardboard boxes should be broken down, flattened, and placed in the recycling.
- Bubble wrap, air pillows, and other plastic packaging can be collected and placed into plastic bags before going into your recycling bin.
- The El Cerrito Recycling Center accepts hard block, white Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam for recycling. However, the Recycling Center is unable to accept “peanuts” or food trays for recycling.

Questions? Please contact the Recycling Center at green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or by phone at (510) 215-4350.