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Sustainable Santa Monica Newsletter

May 2015



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UPGRADE & SAVE
SoCal WaterSmart qualifying high-efficiency clothes washers can save loads!
REBATES UP TO \$300!
sustainablesm.org/rebate



24TH ANNUAL
SANTA MONICA FESTIVAL



Saturday, May 9 | 11am-6pm

**Music & Dance Performances | Local Craft Vendors
Cooking Demos | Art Workshops | Food Trucks
Family-Friendly Activities | DIY Workshops
Sustainable Living Solutions | Bike Hub**

Clover Park | 2600 Ocean Park Blvd.
Free Admission, Bike Valet & Parking | Rain or Shine
Ride the Big Blue Bus for free. Route 8 only. Coupon at bigbluebus.com

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SEE | TASTE | EXPERIENCE | SHOP



Pretend

Let's stop pretending and get real about saving water. Bay Foundation and LADWP team up for more fun ways to engage water customers.

WE SANTA MONICA

Save water. Show your love.

California is in an epic drought and we want you to show your love for Santa Monica and help save water! Visit us at the SM Water booth at the Santa Monica Festival to:

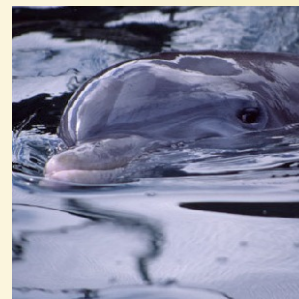
- Get expert tips from a water genius
- Pick up a water saving device
- Take a photo showing your love for Santa Monica

Get in the Energy Zone

Learn to save energy and reduce your carbon footprint at the Festival

What does a ton of carbon look like? How can infrared help you save energy? What the heck is a bear doing here? You got questions, we got answers to help you save energy and have fun!

Visit the Energy Zone to get the latest on the home energy savings, find out which financial incentives are best for you, learn about going solar.



A Load of Whale Sitings in Our Waters

Be Whale Aware

An unusually high number of gray whales, fin whales, humpback and several species of dolphins, including orcas, have been recently recorded by the Ocean Conservation Society research team just a few miles off Los Angeles.

Although Angelinos want to get up close, please respect these animals while viewing them from a distance. Whales and dolphins are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and boaters and whale watchers need to pay careful attention when approaching whales.

[Click here for details.](#)



1450 Ocean Fun Classes for May

Take a poetry workshop in honor of National Poetry Month, make some art paper with your recycled junk mail, learn basic



Landscape Rebate Revamped

We've updated our popular landscape rebate program to help you replace your lawn and save water.

- "Cash for Grass" incentive increased to \$3.50 per sq. ft. turf removed
- Maximum rebate increased to \$4,500.
- New irrigation rules
- Professional design consultations available for a small fee.
- For more details and to get started, click [here](#).

quilting with sewing machine tips, write an original song and more! In the Studio, Richard Hutman begins work mid-month, creating new works with paper and sharing his approach to papercraft.

[Click here for details.](#)

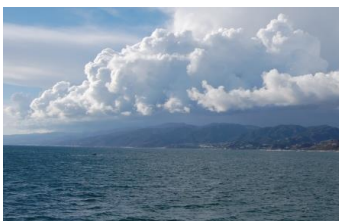


Bike Education Classes

Learn how to ride, repair and love your bike!

[Click here for details.](#)

The NRDC: Fighting for You, Our Environment and Our Future SMC Environmental Lecture Series



Find out what leading legal experts-such as David Pettit at the Natural Resources Defense Council-are doing to protect our natural resources and to improve the quality of our living and working environments in California and beyond. [Event link.](#)

Tuesday, May 5 | 6:45pm | Free | SMC HSS 263



Join your neighbors and discover how Home Upgrade can help you save energy and reduce your carbon footprint. With rebates and incentives up to \$3,000 are available for your qualifying energy efficiency upgrade.

More information [here](#).

**GreenBusiness
NETWORKING**



On the second Tuesday of every month, you are invited to the only pure networking event for owners and decision-makers of LA's green economy. Click logo for details.



Join a FREE Green Living Workshop. Learn ways to save money, positively impact your family, community, and the planet! The workshops are ongoing, attend one meeting or all six, whichever fits your schedule. This workshop a partnership of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and Sustainable Works.

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