

City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

May 2024

Bike to Work Day

Bay Area Bike to Work Day is **May 16th**! The City of Cotati and Sonoma Clean Power will have Energizer Stations from **7:30 AM - 9:30 AM** at the Cotati Smart Station (970 E Cotati Avenue, Cotati, CA 94931) for all participating commuters. These Energizer Stations will provide swag bags, snacks, and beverages to bicyclists on their way to work. We look forward to seeing you there!



Housing Strategies Workshop

We need your input! The Cotati City Council and Planning Commission are holding a joint workshop on **May 28th, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**, to discuss strategies for meeting Cotati's housing needs. Options include ideas such as promoting "plex" housing (2-9 units), developing policies to facilitate housing development, assistance with ADUs (accessory dwelling units), and more! Visit the City's website at <https://www.cotaticity.org/1574/Plex-Housing> for more information, or contact Autumn Buss, Associate Planner, at 707-238-5276 or abuss@cotaticity.org. The Housing Strategies Workshop will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue.

Your Energy Efficient and Resilient Home Workshop

The Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) has partnered with the County of Sonoma to create the Your Energy Efficient and Resilient Home workshop series. The goal of these workshops is to educate Sonoma County residents about home repairs and upgrades that will improve your home's energy efficiency and reduce your energy bill. The presentation will include information on home improvement projects, current and upcoming incentives, rebates, and project financing opportunities. The Rohnert Park-Cotati Regional Library is hosting a free workshop on Tuesday, **June 25th, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**. Register for the event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/your-energy-efficient-and-resilient-home-tickets-840877405957?aff=erelexpmlt> (Registration is encouraged but not required).

Start a Home Garden this Summer!

Now is the time to get started on your home vegetable garden. Growing your own food can reduce your carbon footprint—your food doesn't have to travel as far to reach you, which cuts back on greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, home-grown produce tastes great, and gardening is a great stressbuster. Learn all about food gardening and get useful resources on the Sonoma County Master Gardeners' website: <https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/>, and make sure your garden grows well



with some free compost from Farmster. Compost giveaways will take place at Veronda-Falletti Ranch on the **first weekend of every month beginning in May and ending in September**. Sign up at the following link to participate:

<https://cotati.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=995>

Climate Action and Resiliency Community Survey

Take the [Climate Action and Resiliency Community Survey](#) to help shape the County of Sonoma's Climate Resilience Comprehensive Action Plan! Provide your input on the most challenging climate-related issues and how the County can work together to achieve climate resilience.

