

City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter – July 2024

A Big Thank You to Farmer’s Market Participants

Thank you to all those who participated in the City of Cotati’s tree giveaway at the first Farmers’ Market of 2024! If you were not chosen as a winner of a free tree (or even if you were!), you are still eligible for two FREE trees per calendar year through the Plant-A-Tree Cotati program. California native species as well as a variety of fruit trees are eligible for reimbursement. Delivery and planting costs are reimbursable in addition to the cost of the tree. To learn more, please visit the [Plant-A-Tree Cotati webpage](#).

Check out the SMART E-Newsletter!

If you are looking for a convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel around the North Bay, look no further than the SMART train! The SMART train is a great travel option for commuting and exploring local attractions. SMART sends out a monthly e-newsletter to keep riders up to date with the latest news, schedule changes, special offers, and local events that can be accessed using SMART. [Subscribe to the SMART e-newsletter](#) today!

Conserve Water During the Hot Summer Months

Using water wisely is crucial all year round but it is especially important during the warmer months to conserve water collected from the winter rains. The [City of Cotati’s Water Conservation webpage](#) offers a number of ways residents can conserve water both indoors and outdoors, as well as the rebates available to residents wishing to take their conservation efforts to the next level. You can also track your household’s water usage and sign up for leak alerts by visiting [Cotati’s WaterInsight Program page](#). For even more information and resources on water conservation, including drought-tolerant landscaping and a water savings calculator, visit the [Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership website](#).

Compost Now for an Abundant Garden

Turning your vegetable scraps and yard trimmings into compost is easy and a great way to produce healthy fertilizer for your garden. As an added bonus, home composting diverts organic waste from the landfill and can reduce your household’s carbon footprint. There are a range of options for home composting based on your available space, how much time you can invest, the type of materials you want to compost, and your budget for equipment and materials. The [Sonoma County](#)



Previous Plant-A-Tree Cotati giveaway winners



From DailyActs.org – converting a lawn into a drought-tolerant landscape

[Master Gardeners website](#) includes a wealth of information about home composting to get you started. Another good resource is this [Composting 101](#) article. Not ready for home composting yet? No problem—place your food scraps in your curbside compost bin for removal by Cotati’s waste hauling company, Recology. Learn more about what and what not to put in your compost bin on the [Recology website](#).

