

City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

January 2025

Climate Ready Cotati

Save the date! Join us at the Climate Ready Cotati Fair on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Cotati SMART Depot, 970 E. Cotati Avenue. This is a free community event where you can learn how to reduce your environmental footprint, connect with people and resources for climate resilience, and act now for a more sustainable future. Climate Ready Cotati will also feature interactive activities including: clothing, books, and puzzle swaps; kids activities; and food trucks. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Planning Your 2025 Garden

Winter is a great time to plan your garden for the coming year! To learn more about plants that will thrive in our Mediterranean climate and are suited to different microclimates you may have on your property, use the [Water Smart Plant Picker tool](#) on the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership webpage. Are you looking for a groundcover that uses low water, is deer proof, and thrives in mixed sun/shade? A vine that uses very little water, likes full sun, and attracts pollinators? The Plant Picker can help you! Each plant profile has pictures; size, shape, and color information; habitat and food value for wildlife; and details on different varieties. You can even create your own personalized plant list.

If you are looking specifically for trees that will be resilient as our climate changes, also check out this list of [Climate Ready Trees](#) from the City of Santa Rosa. These are all low-water trees. Although Santa Rosa is a little hotter than Cotati on average, most of these trees should also do well here. Learn more about how this list was created and how changes in Sonoma County's climate will impact trees in this [article from the Press Democrat](#) from March 2024.

Free Energy Savings Box

Sonoma Clean Power is currently offering a FREE Energy Savings Box for renters and those living in multi-family housing. This energy box, valued at \$100, contains LED light bulbs, an "advanced" power strip, and more! To apply, you must have an active electricity account with PG&E. For more information and to place your order, please visit: <https://sonomacleanpower.org/energy-savings-box>.

Happy New Year from Redwood Bikeshare

Kick-off the new year with 90 minutes of free ride time from Redwood Bikeshare! This is a great way to test out the bikes, commute, explore, or just get moving! The offer is redeemable anytime during the first two weeks of January at any of the Redwood Bikeshare locations in Sonoma and Marin Counties, including the three locations in Cotati at: the Cotati SMART Station, La Plaza Park downtown, and at the corner of East Cotati Avenue and La Salle Avenue by the Rancho Cotati Shopping Center. Between now and January 15, 2025, use the coupon code: **HELLO2025** for 90 minutes of free ride time. Visit [Redwoodbikeshare.com](https://www.redwoodbikeshare.com) for more information.