



City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

January 2026

Eco-Wise Workshops, February-October 2026

The Cities of Cotati and Rohnert Park are excited to host “Waste Not, Want Not,” the first in our Eco-Wise Workshops series, on Saturday, February 7, 10am-noon!

At this FREE workshop at the Rohnert-Park Cotati Library, we’ll explore the 4 R’s—Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle—and how to work them into your lifestyle. From "what goes where" in your waste bins, to shopping to reduce waste, to how to put on a clothing swap with your friends, these best practices will save you money and keep the good stuff out of the landfill! All workshop attendees will receive a free compost bucket and other goodies. Snacks will be provided and all ages are welcome.

Visit the [Eco-Wise Workshop Series webpage](#) for the full calendar of 2026 workshops and more details. We hope you can join us!

Save the Date: Climate Ready Cotati Fair March 28, 2026

Following the success of our first Climate Ready Cotati Fair in 2025, the City is expanding the Fair and adding more activities and presenters in 2026! The Fair will once again be held at the Cotati SMART Train Depot, 10:00am to 2:00pm, and will be free to the community.

Visit the [Climate Ready Cotati 2026 webpage](#) for updates. Can’t get enough re-use? Visit the [Cotati Repair Fair](#) the next day, March 29.

Cotati Friends of the Laguna Works to Restore Native Habitat

Cotati Friends of the Laguna (CFL) and the City of Cotati hosted 29 volunteers at workdays in November and December, removing invasive Himalayan blackberries and French broom from approximately 1/5 of an acre in the Laguna de Santa Rosa channel. Six Recology green bins and one City truck were filled to the brim with the removed plant matter, and in their place 130 new native plants including sedges, rushes, yarrow, and asters were planted and mulch was applied. These plants will provide ground cover to reduce soil erosion and support local pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. In addition, volunteers removed four full

buckets of trash and recyclables from the area. The Rancho Cotati Rotary Club also supported this effort.

Additional workdays are planned for 2026 to steward the Laguna, and more volunteers are needed! To get involved, contact CotatiFriendsoftheLaguna@gmail.com. To learn more about the Laguna de Santa Rosa, visit the [“Celebrating the Laguna” exhibit at the Cotati Historical Museum](#), located at City Hall, open on Saturdays, 1-4pm.

Reuse Hub Now Open in Petaluma

The newly opened Reuse Hub is a central place for reuse in the North Bay. Come get all your reuse questions answered, learn new reuse skills, and get connected to local reuse resources. <https://www.reusealliance.org/the-reuse-hub>

California Residential Mitigation Program

Did you know you can significantly reduce the risk of earthquake damage to your older house by completing an earthquake retrofit? California Residential Mitigation Program has provided over \$100 million to help homeowners complete over 35,000 retrofits to-date. CRMP has grant-funded seismic retrofit programs that help homeowners reduce earthquake risk and protect their homes. Learn more about retrofit grants and see if you qualify.

[Earthquake Brace + Bolt \(EBB\)](#): Up to ****\$3,000**** for retrofitting pre-1980 homes. Supplemental grants are available for income-eligible households.

[Earthquake Soft-Story \(ESS\)](#): Up to ****\$13,000**** for soft-story residential homes with a living space above a garage.

[Earthquake Multi-Story Retrofit \(EMR\)](#): Up to ****\$49,600**** (soon-to-launch) for owners of larger multi-story residential buildings.

CRMP registration will reopen in 2026. Visit crmp.org for more information and details.