

# Woodbury GreenTimes

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## Choose the right LED light bulb for your needs



Shopping for the correct LED light bulb can be overwhelming, especially with the growing selection of lighting options available. To help consumers through this process, the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) has developed the Right Light Guide and free app. The app helps users choose the right energy efficient LED bulb, from bulb and fixture type to color and brightness suggestions. The Right Light Guide and app are available at [mncerts.org/lighting](http://mncerts.org/lighting).

## Environmental Center now accepting organics recycling

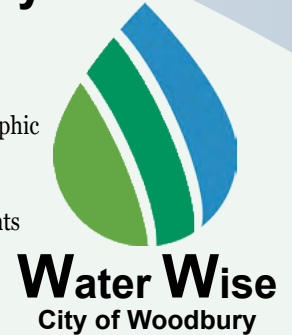
Utilize organics as a resource, and not a waste! More than one-third of trash is organic material that can be recycled into compost. Recycling organics, such as food scraps and paper towels, is an easy way to reduce trash and make a difference!

Washington County is offering FREE organics recycling starter kits to residents, including a 2-gallon kitchen pail and 10 compostable bags. Materials such as fruits and vegetables, meat, fish and bones, coffee grounds, filters and tea bags, paper towels, napkins and tissues (and many other items) are accepted at the Washington County Environmental Center during regular business hours.

For more information about acceptable items, and to sign up for a free starter kit, visit [www.co.washington.mn.us/organics](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/organics).

## Water Wise: Irrigation efficiency programs reducing water use

The City of Woodbury's irrigation efficiency programs are helping homeowners, associations and businesses reduce water use. The infographic below illustrates the recent success of the initiatives. Businesses and homeowner associations can receive a 50 percent cost share for water efficiency improvements, up to \$8,000 (per metered property). Residents can purchase a WaterSense-certified smart irrigation controller for \$35. Details about the 2019 programs are available at [woodburymn.gov/waterwise](http://woodburymn.gov/waterwise).

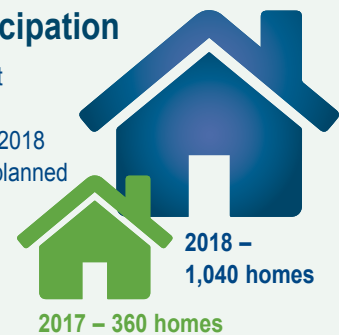


### Residential Smart Irrigation Controller Program



#### Participation

1,500 smart controllers installed in 2018 and 1,000 planned for 2019.



### Commercial Cost Share Irrigation Program

#### Participation since 2015

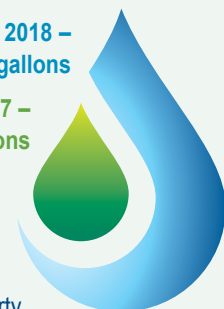


**\$1,006**

Average annual savings per association and commercial property

#### Annual Water Savings

2018	19.3 million gallons
2017	9.4 million gallons





## Compost bin and rain barrel sale



This spring, Washington County is partnering with the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) to sell compost bins and rain barrels at a reduced price to Woodbury residents.

Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from rooftops that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. The rainwater is then reused for other purposes such as watering gardens.

Compost bins store garden refuse and other organic waste in order to produce compost.

With the discount code, you can purchase a Rain Catcher rain barrel for just \$59 plus tax

and a Home Composter compost bin for \$44 plus tax. To receive the discounted price, order online and enter promo code "Washington."

Pre-ordered items will be available for pick up at the Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, in Woodbury.

Please note that all items must be pre-ordered through the RAM website. Items cannot be purchased at the Environmental Center, only picked up.

Learn more at [www.co.washington.mn.us/2813/Backyard-Composting](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/2813/Backyard-Composting).



## Washington County to host FREE document shredding events



Residents and businesses are invited to shred their personal and confidential papers during five upcoming shredding events at the Washington County Environmental Center in Woodbury.

The events are free. Participants will be allowed to drop off up to six boxes weighing no more than 30 pounds each for shredding. All papers will be shredded on site by Shred Right and recycled. Staples and paper clips do not have to be removed. CDs and other media will also be accepted for off-site destruction.

The Washington County Environmental Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury.

### Shred Event Dates

- Wednesday, April 17
- Wednesday, June 5
- Wednesday, July 31
- Wednesday, Sept. 18
- Wednesday, Nov. 6

**All events are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

For more information about the events, visit [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us).

## Save the Date Curbside Recycling Event!



The 10th annual Curbside Recycling Event is scheduled May 13-16. Once again, the city will partner with licensed trash haulers to provide curbside recycling of appliances, tires and scrap metal at a one-time reduced rate. A flyer will be mailed to all households in early April with cost, participation deadlines and contact information to schedule a pick-up. Additional information will be available in early April at [woodburymn.gov/curbside](http://woodburymn.gov/curbside). Questions should be directed to Jennifer McLoughlin, sustainability specialist, at [jennifer.mcloughlin@woodburymn.gov](mailto:jennifer.mcloughlin@woodburymn.gov) or 651-714-3522.



### Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste

These items should be taken to the *Washington County Environmental Center* during regular business hours.



### Reusable Items

- List your items on the *Twin Cities FREE Market*
- Check the Residential Recycling and Disposal Directory at [recyclesearch.com/profile/wcdd](http://recyclesearch.com/profile/wcdd).

