

New Solar Group Buy

Are you interested in installing and owning solar panels on your home? Solar Switch Chicagoland is the new solar group buy serving the region. www.solarswitch.com/chicagoland

Solar for Low Income Households

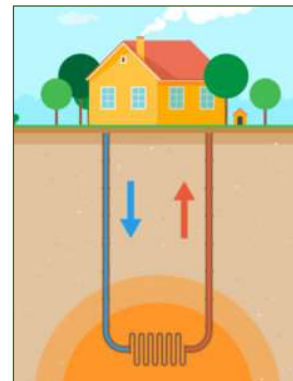
Low income households can install solar panels without the upfront costs under the Illinois Solar For All program. Find out if you qualify at www.illinoisfa.com/for-il-residents/

Electric Vehicle Chargers Survey

The City is interested in where you think that public electric vehicle (EV) chargers should be located. The City is pursuing federal and state grants to install public EV chargers. Take this survey to let them know where you would use electric vehicle chargers. <https://questionpro.com/t/AXq8nZxsPI>

New Geothermal Group Buy

A new group buy to install a geothermal heating and cooling system in your home is now available. Geothermal heat pumps use the constant temperature of the earth below the surface to provide cooling during the summer and heating during the winter. Learn more at <https://growgeo.org/> You may qualify for a federal tax rebate of 30%. Additionally, ComEd has a rebate of up to \$9,000 per home. <https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/HeatingCoolingRebates.aspx>



GreenFest Recap

We enjoyed seeing you at the Aurora GreenFest! The Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board's table hosted the energy efficiency games (left), watershed table (bottom left), and a net zero energy home (bottom right). See the video recap at www.auroragreenfest.com Board member Kittler's MRM Video and Photography Production created these videos.



The Mayor's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM in City Council chambers (44 East Dower Place). www.aurora-il.org/1072/Mayors-Sustainable-Aurora-Advisory-Board



Summer Reading

Looking for some new books to read this summer at the pool, beach, or on vacation? Here's a list of our favorite picks: <https://earth.org/climate-change-books/#>

Air Quality Alerts

Wildfire smoke from other areas is impacting our air quality, creating hazardous conditions for children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions. Check current conditions and the 4-day forecast at www.airnow.gov/?city=Aurora&state=IL&country=USA

Aurora Farmers Markets

The Aurora Farmers Markets, in their 111th season, offers fresh fruits and vegetables from local growers. Any item that you can buy with a LINK card at a grocery store can also be bought at participating vendors. See www.aurora-il.org/1595/Aurora-Farmers-Market for details on dates and locations.

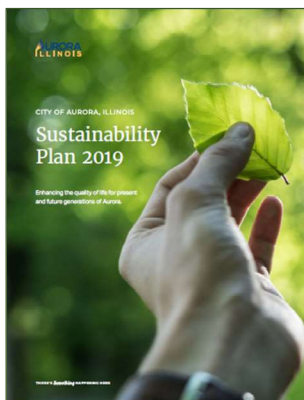
Saturdays (8 AM – noon): Downtown (Water Street Square)

Wednesdays (5 – 8 PM): South Stolp Avenue between Downer Pl and Galena Blvd

Thursdays (10 AM – 2 PM): West Plaza on West Galena Blvd

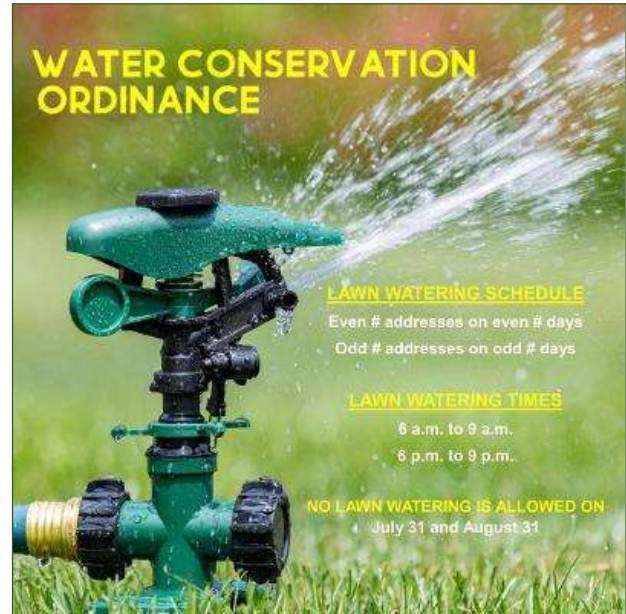
The 2019 Sustainability Plan

The City approved 2019 Sustainability Plan, which you can access on the website or by scanning the QR code below, lists sustainable actions for City operations, residents, and businesses. The Board advises and assists City Council and City staff with implementing the plan.



Lawn Watering

This summer has been drier than normal. When watering your yard, remember to follow the water conservation ordinance to reduce your water usage.



Curbside Food Scrap Composting

The City's waste hauler, Groot, offers curbside food scrap composting during the summer months. www.groot.com/residential-organic-waste Food scraps can be added to your landscape waste bags. To avoid attracting animals to your waste, do not include meat or bones. Also, wait to add food scraps until the morning of your trash pick-up. Private companies also provide curbside compost pick-up services for a fee.

Community Events in the Region

Powering Your Home with Solar Energy Webinars

September 18 at 7 - 8:30 PM

www.illinoisolar.org/Solar_events

Solar Switch Group Buy In-Person Events and Webinars

<https://solarswitch.com/en/chicagoland/info/webinars>

Geothermal Power Hour Events

<https://growgeo.org/events/>

