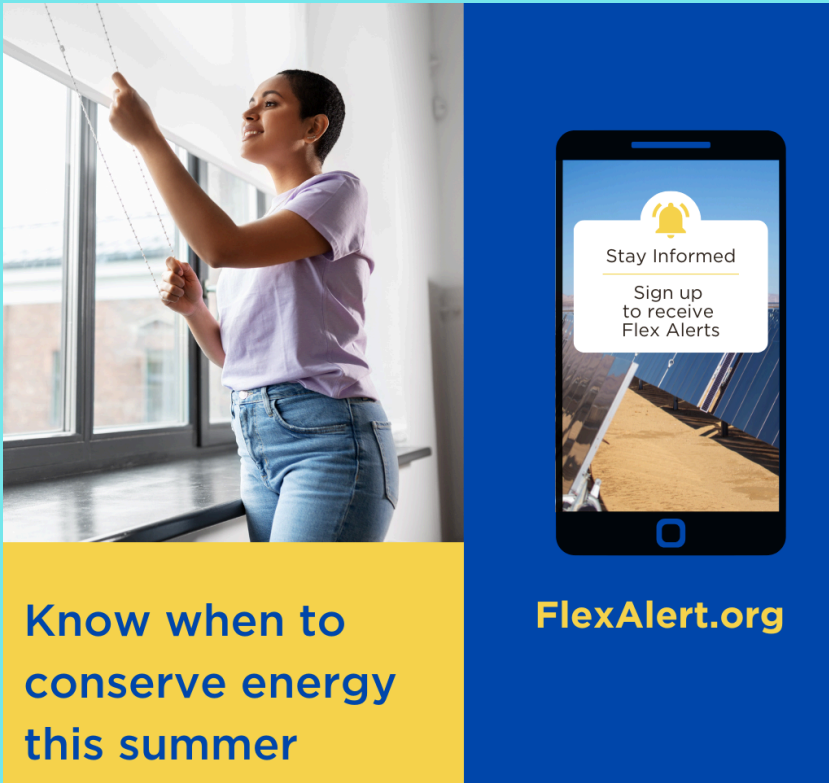


GROWING GREENER

Summer 2024

FlexAlert Ready for the Summer!



We can never fully predict when the next historic and unprecedented heatwave is going to occur. Shifting your energy use to the morning and early afternoon hours can help prevent energy shortages. PG&E's FlexAlert is a notification system to alert customers when immediate conservation is needed to ease strain on the grid. Sign up to receive FlexAlert notifications to know when energy conservation is needed and learn more ways to conserve. Residents can also enroll in the free Power Savers Rewards Program offered by PG&E and receive bill credits for reducing their usage during peak hours.

Events

Los Gatos Farmers' Market

Every Sunday | 9:00AM - 1:00PM | Town Plaza Park

Held in Downtown Los Gatos at the Town Plaza Park on Main Street and N. Santa Cruz Avenue, the Los Gatos Certified Farmers' Market offers seasonal fruits and vegetables from Santa Clara County year-round. With over 40 local farmers and food producers, the market features Asian vegetables, honey, mushrooms, eggs, baked goods, organic meats, and more.

Wildmind: Wild World (Ages 3-14)

July 16th | 3:00PM - 3:45PM | Children's Room

Join the Los Gatos Library this summer for a wildlife presentation from the organization, Wildmind Science. Take a journey into the inner world of wildlife. Learn how the delicate balance of nature is maintained by the predator-prey relationship. Check out the Los Gatos Library Calendar to learn more!

Virtual Composting Basics

July 20th | 10:00AM - 12:00PM | UCANR

Learn the art and science behind composting from a University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) Master Composter. Come learn about the importance of managing your organic waste (food scraps and yard trimmings) at home. With wide-reaching applications, backyard composting cuts your contribution to landfills, conserves water, and builds healthy all-natural soils that store carbon. At this workshop, you will learn to build, manage, and utilize a home compost pile, and much more! Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Sustainable Summer

5 Tips for a Greener Summer

- **Shop Local!** Enjoy the summer breeze, stop for lunch, and shop the unique array of businesses as you stroll through beautiful downtown Los Gatos.
- **Green Gardening.** Practice *Integrated Pest Management (IPM)* techniques in your garden this summer to attract beneficial pests and use less pesticides. For more information visit www.southbaygreengardens.org
- **Get Outside!** Take advantage of the beautiful summer weather on trails or at Town parks!
- **Green Grillin'.** Nothing says summer like a BBQ! When grillin' opt for a propane grill, which burns much cleaner than wood or charcoal.
- **Staying Cool.** Reduce your energy consumption by closing windows and blinds and adjusting your thermostat when you're not at home. Choose an energy-efficient air conditioner and make sure your house is well insulated to help keep it cool in the hot summer months.



For any questions or feedback regarding the Town's **Growing Greener Program**, please contact Marina Chislett at mchislett@losgatosca.gov