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A Very Green Holiday to You & Yours

6 WAYS TO GREEN YOUR HOLIDAY

BEST: A live, potted, local tree
A potted, native tree is a good choice if you can plant and care for it after the holidays, or try has an organization like [Friends of the Urban Forest](#) that will take back your tree and plant it for you.

BETTER: A local, sustainable tree
[Local Harvest](#) features a list of beautiful live Christmas tree providers across the country. Afterwards you can turn your tree into wood chips or compost with [Earth 911](#)

OKAY: Artificial trees made in the U.S.
Fake trees are often made in China with harmful plastics that are non-recyclable. To minimize your carbon imprint, consider buying from [U.S. Christmas Tree](#)

If you're planning to drive, try renting a hybrid or carpooling. If you must fly, consider **CARBON OFFSETS**

1.9 BILLION CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE SENT IN THE U.S. EVERY YEAR

Upcoming Events

Dec. 14th –

[Wetland Restoration Team](#)

Volunteer for a workday at Sheldon Lake State Park to help the restoration of wetlands within the Galveston Bay watershed.

8:15 AM

Sheldon Lake State Park

Dec. 16th –

[Christmas Party & Ride](#)

In the spirit of the season and fun; an Ugly Christmas Sweater, Tackiest Decorated Bike Contest, and a ride down to River Oaks to see the lights!

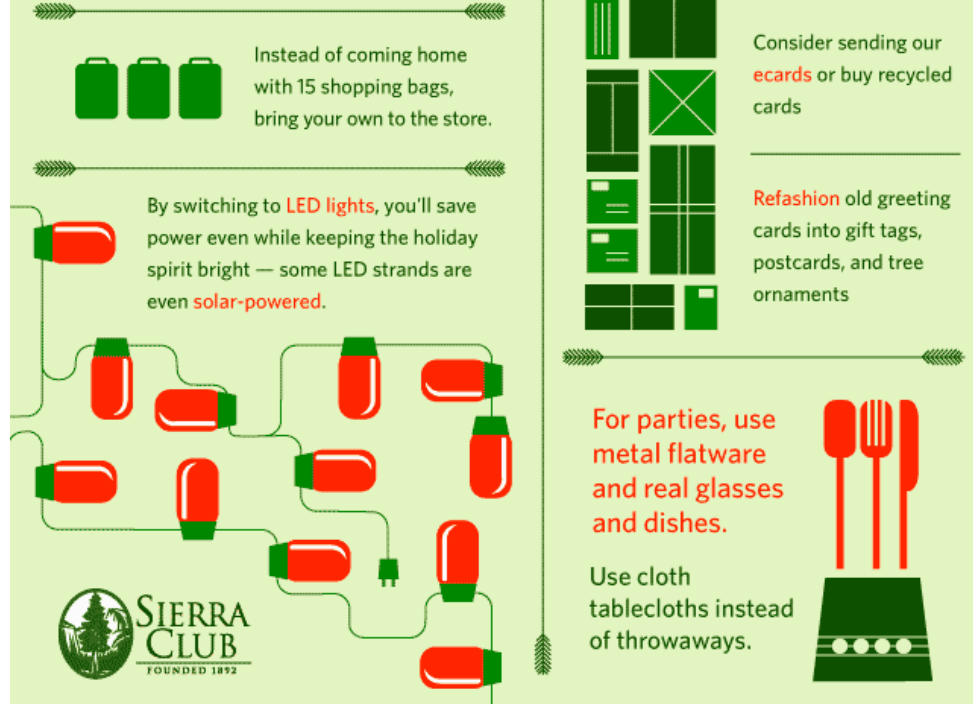
6:00PM – 8:30PM

Urban Bicycle Gallery

Dec. 17th –

[Historic Houston's Salvage Warehouse](#)

All of the materials are reclaimed from historic houses, as well as individual items that have been donated to our Salvage Program are available for sale through our



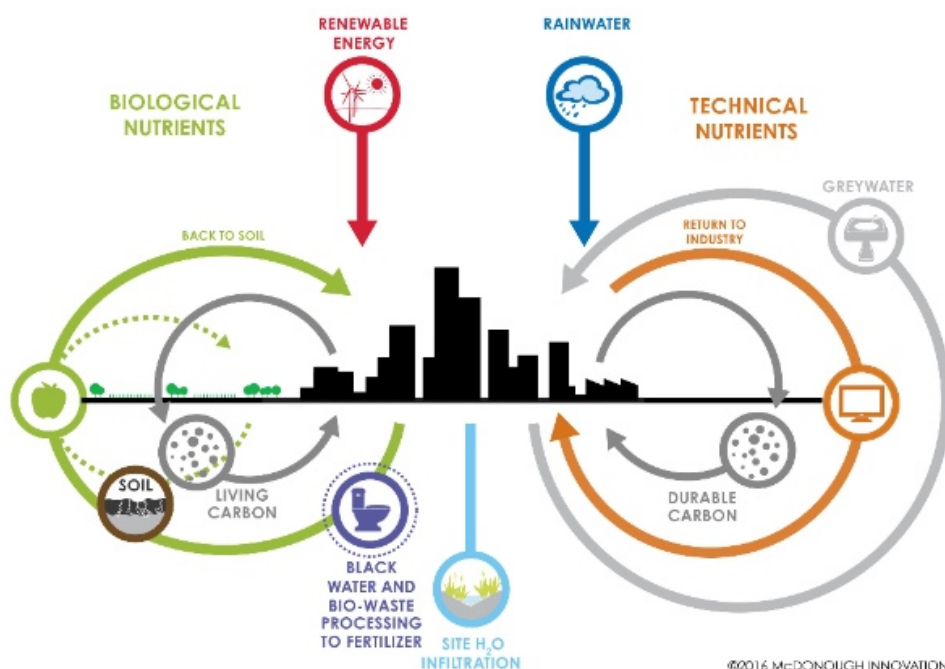
Tips for [Greener] Tableware

For party supplies, use your federal funds correctly.

Disposable cutlery bought with federal funds must be at least 48% biobased. The biobased requirement for disposable tableware is 72% biobased content. Find other options and searches through the green procurement tool, sftool.gov/greenprocurement. Type in the item you're searching for and see the requirement alongside the "Where to Buy" section. Tip: we find the "GSA Global Supply" link to be most direct.

Thanks to sustainability champion, Nicole Cloutier, for raising the idea to promote these important standards!

Carbon Is Not The Enemy



Read what William McDonough, author of Cradle to Cradle and The Upcycle, has to say about carbon

Salvage Warehouse.
10:00AM – 4:00PM

Dec. 21st –

Houston Green Film Series

The films presented by the Houston Green Film Series are free to public and funded by volunteer efforts, in-kind contributions and donations from the public.

6:30PM – 8:30PM
Rice Media Center

Ongoing Events

Every 2nd Monday –

Houston Urban Gardeners

Come to the meetings to learn how to grow your own food and find fresh, local produce.

Starts at 6:30PM
Multiservice Center, 1475 W. Gray, Houston

Every Tuesday –

Sheldon Lake Prairie Restoration

Come enjoy nature and help restore the prairie.

11:00AM – 1:00PM
Sheldon Lake State Park, 14140 Garrett Road, Houston, TX 77044
FREE

Every Wednesday –

Nassau Bay Farmer's Market

Enjoy organic produce and other products!

3:00PM – 6:00PM

Every 1st Saturday –

Nature Nurture Series

10:00AM – 12:00PM
Baytown Nature Center
FREE

Every 2nd Saturday –

Guided Canoe Trip

Come on a guided canoe trip around the bayou.

Reservations are required.
Please call 713-274-2688.
8:00AM – 11:00AM

The Gift of Giving



Give a sustainable and caring gift this holiday season by volunteering your time and energy. Find a place to volunteer near you at VolunteerMatch.org.

Sustainability At JSC

“My goal as the JSC Center Operations Director is to create a working environment where JSC employees feel happy, comfortable, and productive to support our mission. Similarly, my vision for [sustainability](#) is that it’s something we don’t even think about; it’s ingrained in our thinking. We just do it.”

- Joel Walker, JSC Center Sustainability Officer



Header Photograph



RecycleForce.org defines e-waste (electronic waste) as any outdated appliance or electronic device.

Photo by gnwrecycling.com

Every 1st Sunday – [Bayou Bikers](#)

25 to 40 mile bike ride around beautiful Houston.

Starts at 8:00AM
FREE

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday – [Free Day in Nature](#)

Hike the trails (guides available) and view the prairie, forest, marshes, and reptiles on display.

12:00PM – 5:00PM

Armand Bayou Nature Center

Class Times May Vary – [EcoClasses for Kids](#)

EcoClasses are designed to be hands-on environmental education activities for children (Ages 18 months to 12). Please call 713-274-2668 to reserve your spot and check for current curriculum.

Armand Bayou Nature Center

Almost Every Day – [Social Bike Rides](#)

Looking for a group ride? BikeHouston is compiling a list of regular weekly group rides for new and experienced riders.

[#NASAgoesGreen](#)

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