

Live Green in Plano

NEWS

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LEARN 2 LIVE GREEN 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, April 13
The Shops at Legacy, Dallas North Tollway @ Legacy Drive, Plano 75024



Nature Rocks

Nature Rocks provides everyone in the family with activities to unplug, relax and explore – together! Nature Rocks features hands-on nature experiences provided by several organizations. Discover nature everywhere... starting at Learn 2 Live Green (L2LG). Programs, games, interactive learning and crafts are sprinkled throughout the L2LG event venue.



Inside the Angelika Film Center

Chet Garner, *The Daytripper*

Enjoy exploring natural areas and fun outdoor activities around North Texas and the Lone Star State with Chet Garner, host of the PBS Emmy Award-winning program, *The Daytripper*. Chet turns favorite pastimes from his youth into one-heck-of-an-adventure and travel show currently seen on KERA. From well-known landmarks to completely obscure hideaways - all within a day's reach - *The Daytripper* inspires folks to get out and explore the Lone Star State.



Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* - Fossil Rim



"UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Discover this powerful message of sustainability re-enacted through audience participation as you visit the Street of the Lifted Lorax and become a part of the story. You'll find out how this story is connected to an endangered species at Fossil Rim and what you can do to help.

Dinosaurs and Fossil Digging

Derek Main, Arlington Archosaur Site

Take a trip back in time and discover prehistoric creatures which lived right in our backyard! Join our dinosaur expert and learn where the best local fossil hunting sites are located. Get tips and techniques for enjoying your own fossil dig.



Geocaching - A Real-World Outdoor Treasure Hunt

Ever wonder what geocaching is all about and how to get involved? Join us and learn how to operate a GPS unit or use your smart phone to locate hidden containers in a timed geocaching activity around the L2LG venue.

learn2livegreen.com

Outside the Angelika Film Center



BE OUT THERE

Ranger Rick visits L2LG to let you know the great outdoors is closer than you think. Join him in some fun activities and take the pledge to be out there on your patio, in your backyard, neighborhood and beyond!



Frogs, Birds, Trees and Kids

The National Wildlife Federation celebrates the AMAZING world just outside your backdoor. Explore four fun-filled activities and learn about birds, frogs, trees and their habitats in your community.

Nature Rocks Trail Guide

Download a trail guide from the L2LG website or pick up one at the Angelika Film Center. Complete enough activities by visiting different Nature Rocks partners located throughout the venue; then enter to win great prizes which help you explore the great outdoors!

Nature Rocks is your trail map to finding nature in North Texas. Visit naturerocksnorthtexas.org to learn about green spaces and nature-based programs or events in your area.



Child's Play

Discover a variety of activities for children at L2LG. Children will learn and laugh at the Main Stage, enjoy face painting, build and create with unique materials, blow bubbles, engage in nature activities, meet Ranger Rick and The Lorax, and dig for dinosaurs.



Build Your GREEN City!

Learn how green building materials and systems make a real difference to our cities in this family-friendly building activity for kids of all ages. What green features will you include in your building? Get creative with paper, craft sticks and other imaginative materials. Design and build a green city which includes green technologies, energy-efficient buildings, zero-waste practices and nature-friendly living spaces.

Presented by the Dallas Center for Architecture.

Sponsored by Michaels.

Recycle Right Plano

There's lots of fun at the Recycle Right Plano booth! Make memories at the photo booth. Learn about Plano's new Gold Star Recycler Program.

Take a Recycle Right Pledge. Register to win a free year of recycling and collection services. Become the next contestant on the upcoming Recycle Right Plano game show. See the amazing see-through recycling cart. Visit with EWS Customer Service Representatives.



The Recycle Truck Experience

Sit in the driver's seat of a REAL recycling truck and see how it operates!

- Two-armed Labrie Collection Truck
- Recycle Truck Drivers

The City of Plano is at it again... making improvements to your collection services! Find out more at the Recycle Truck Experience.



GO GREEN
BREATHE CLEAN!

Take Action for Clean Air: Bike and Carpool to L2LG

Plano's bike routes make it easy to pedal to the event. Plan your ride to L2LG by downloading a route map at bikeplano.org or using Google maps by selecting the bicycle icon. Two on-street routes come directly to L2LG at The Shops at Legacy: Tennyson (Route 60) and Parkwood (Route 15). Use the bicycle route map to navigate Plano's trail system to complete your trip from anywhere in the city.

Planning to attend with a group? Carpool with family and friends to save gas, reduce traffic, and help improve the air. Tell us how you plan to green your excursion to L2LG at facebook.com/livegreeninplano.

ZWY2 at L2LG: Zero Waste Celebrates Year 2

Join the ZERO Waste challenge for L2LG. While visiting the Shops at Legacy, bring a reusable shopping bag to carry purchases and avoid disposable packaging. Accept only the give-a-ways you need and really want to use at home. Bring a reusable water bottle and enjoy free water at stations throughout the event.

To learn how to make your events ZERO Waste, visit with the Green Ambassadors at L2LG or contact Kim Soto at kims@plano.gov.



Green Art 2 Exhibit

An art exhibition like no other - reflecting an environmental theme through subject matter or the use of recycled, reused or sustainable materials. Art ranges from large and small sculptures and framed art, to photography. Displayed from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at L2LG, some artwork can be purchased directly through the artist.

Be sure to **View 2 Vote!** Admire the sustainable artwork, choose your favorite piece, and then cast your vote by submitting a ballot. Artists with the most votes receive prizes and special recognition.



Sustainable Buildings & Renewable Energy

Get inspired to save money and the environment.

Learn how your neighbors made Texas a national leader in green homes. Discover the surge in solar energy, electricity generation within Plano city limits from the grassroots volunteer group, Plano Solar Advocates. [facebook.com/pvplano](https://www.facebook.com/pvplano)



Exhibitors demonstrate renewable energy technologies, energy-efficiency improvements and water conservation practices. Discover how to reduce energy costs while increasing your home's comfort and value. If you're hot about rising energy prices, visit the City of Plano's Smart Energy Loan booth to learn about easy, local and below-market financing.

Texas Pure: Better Gardens, Less Water and Lower Cost



Using compost and mulch protects your plants from drought conditions by retaining moisture in the soil and allowing plants to develop healthier root systems during watering restrictions.

Texas Pure compost is one of the highest quality composts created in our nation today, certified with the Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) through the United States Composting Council to be weed and pathogen-free. Listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI), Texas Pure compost meets rigorous requirements which support its use as approved organic compost for United States Department of Agriculture organic growers and farmers. For more details:

[texaspureproducts.com](https://www.texaspureproducts.com).



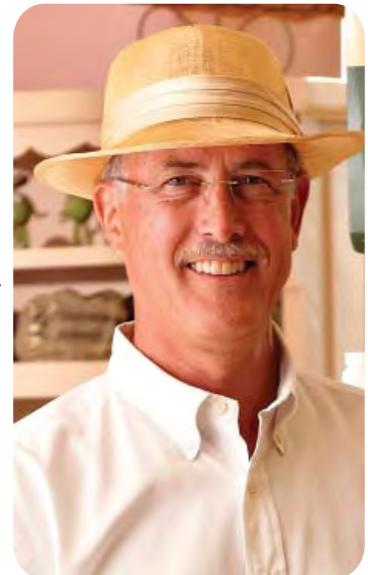
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FREE
Texas Pure!



From Green Acres to Farmers Market

Plano residents don't need to live on a farm or drive to one to enjoy farm-fresh produce and artisan made goods. The Collin County Farmers Market opens on Saturday, April 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fairview Farms located near North Central Expressway and Parker Road.

The Collin County Farmers Market brings truly local Texas-grown farm products to a family-friendly atmosphere. Harkening back to its historic agricultural roots, the market seeks to host a community garden sponsored by local businesses. Produce harvested from the community garden will be donated to local food banks. Local Master Gardeners and volunteers will answer questions about gardening, recycling and composting. Visit with members of the Collin County Farmers Market at L2LG. For additional information, visit [collincountyfarmersmarket.org](https://www.collincountyfarmersmarket.org).



Digging Up Dirt

Whether a gardening beginner or an experienced grower with a green thumb, urban gardening is easy with the right products, best plants and information from the experts to get you started.

L2LG presents Howard Garrett, The Dirt Doctor, at a special L2LG Demo Garden located in the heart of The Shops at Legacy. Learn about soil amendment, organic solutions to typical garden challenges and how to build an ideal landscape bed. Other urban gardening information available includes bee boxes and hives, backyard chicken farming, container gardening for patios and balconies, plus how to produce compost from organic and food waste.

LEARN **2** LIVE GREEN

ENERGY WORKSHOPS & COMPOST FAIR

Required Online Pre-registration: livegreeninplano.obsres.com
Registration Deadline: April 10

You've Got the Power!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOPS

Learn how to save money and conserve energy.

10 -11 a.m. & 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

DIY Home Energy Efficiency 101

Energy experts provide simple methods to reduce home energy use and lower electric bills. Plano residents receive one DIY kit per household.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Home Energy Audits

Certified energy raters explain the energy audit process to ensure you get the best bang for your buck.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Renewable Energy Options

Have questions about solar panels, wind turbines and geothermal energy? Get answers from the experts!

3 - 4 p.m.

DIY Home Energy Efficiency: Advanced Retrofits

If you like basic energy retrofits and enjoy saving a little money on utility bills, then you'll love taking energy savings to the next level. Learn how to complete advanced retrofits to increase your home's energy efficiency.

COMPOST FAIR

Compost Food Waste

- > Transform food scraps into plant food.
- > Let worms do all the work indoors or outdoors.
- > Easy techniques for backyards or balconies.
- > Perfect method for use in condos and apartments.

Compost Yard Waste

- > Turn green grass and brown leaves into garden gold.
- > Improve garden soil.

Register online for a discounted bin!

Compost Bin Fee:

\$20 for Plano residents, \$60 non-residents

FOUNTAINS OF KNOWLEDGE

Do drought issues have your landscape looking limp? Come take advantage of the fountains of knowledge at L2LG.

Workshops for the home DIY fan guide you through the process of making a rain barrel and how to install drip irrigation. Registration is required for the Rain Barrel Making Workshop at livegreeninplano.obsres.com.



AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index (AQI) Values	Levels of Health Concern
0 to 50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups
151-200	Unhealthy
201-300	Very Unhealthy
301 to 500	Hazardous

Be Air Aware this Ozone Season

It's that time again, Ozone Season. Ground-level Ozone - the bad kind - forms when nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are released into the air and mix with sunlight and heat. Ground-level Ozone should not be confused with the "good ozone" within the upper atmosphere that protects us from the sun's UV rays. Ground-level Ozone threatens our health, environment, wildlife and agriculture. Luckily, there are several strategies for protecting our health and reducing air pollution.

Be Air Aware!

- Sign up for Air Pollution Watch/Warning email alerts at airnorthtexas.org.
- Know the Air Quality Index (AQI) and what each of the colors indicates.
- Make behavioral changes, such as carpooling, avoiding idling, combining errands, maintaining your vehicle, and using mass transit.

Ozone season continues through November, so remember to be air aware all season long! Take the pledge at airnorthtexas.org.

DO-IT-YOURSELF WORKSHOPS!

LEARN EASY WAYS TO GREEN-IT-YOURSELF

Space is limited. Required Online Pre-registration
livegreeninplano.obsres.com • Registration Deadline: April 10

10 - 11 a.m.

Rainwater Harvesting with Rain Barrels

Learn how to construct a 55-gallon rain barrel and get tips on installing an efficient irrigation system. Workshop attendees receive a 55-gallon rain barrel.

\$50

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. & 1:45 - 2:45

Food Waste Composting

Learn Bokashi, a two-step Japanese composting method which transforms kitchen leftovers into landscaping nutrients. Plano residents receive one starter kit per household.

FREE!

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Easy Plumbing Fixes

Find and fix common water leaks! Learn basic plumbing fixes such as replacing a toilet flapper and repairing a leaky faucet.

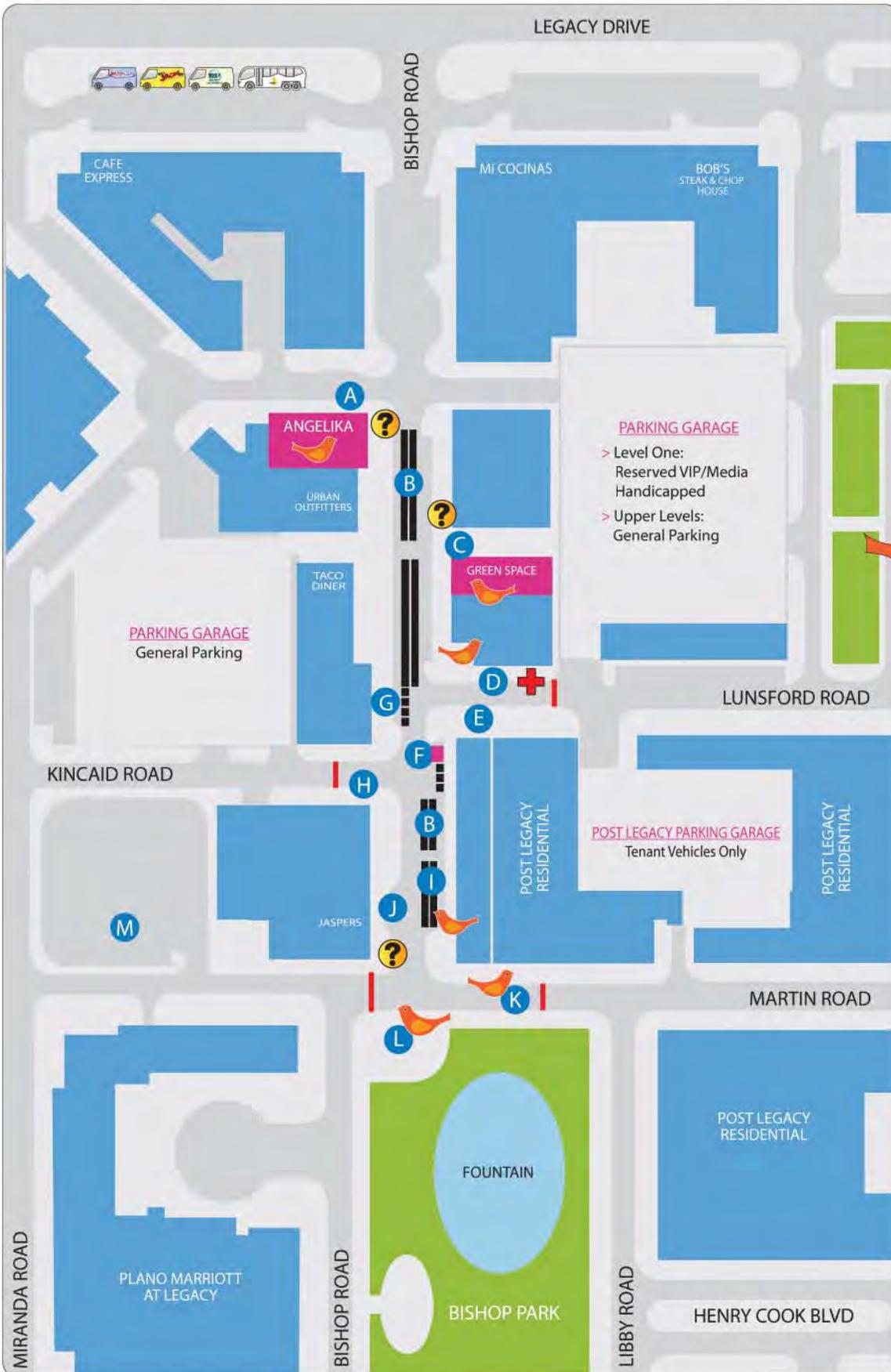
FREE!

3 - 4 p.m.

Container Vegetable Gardening

Transform any small patio or balcony into a thriving garden of produce using container gardening.

FREE!



GENERAL PARKING
Additional public parking is available north of Legacy Road and southwest of the Plano Marriott at Legacy.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Angelika Film Center**
- > Nature Rocks
 - > DIY Workshops
 - > Energy Workshops
 - > Garden Workshops
 - > Educational Booths
 - > Green Art 2 Exhibit/View 2 Vote
 - > Budding Star Artist Contest

- L2LG Green Space**
- > Compost Fair
 - > The Bubble Lady
 - > Lexicon Exhibit

- CHILDREN'S FUN!**
- > Nature Rocks
 - > Be Out There!
 - > Ranger Rick
 - > Chet Garner, The Daytripper
 - > Entertainment

- A** Angelika Film Center
- B** Educational Exhibits & Vendors
- C** L2LG Green Space
- D** Chickens
- E** Bee Hives
- F** The Dirt Doctor Urban Garden Demo
- G** Water Sense Home
- H** Recycling Truck
- I** Green Building, Energy & Renewable
- J** Green Transportation
- K** Build Your GREEN City!
- L** Main Stage
- M** Pick-Up Area
 - > Bokashi
 - > Compost
 - > Rain Barrel

- ? L2LG Information**
- + First Aid Station**

Online pre-registration for ALL workshops is required at livegreeninplano.obsres.com.

Let Us Entertain You!

L2LG Main Stage

10:15 - 11 a.m.

Lone Star Safari Show with Critterman

Discover the incredibly valuable services native animals perform as natural pest controllers and waste removers. See, learn and interact with seven different creatures... some may surprise you!



11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

TI Jazz Band

The Texas Instruments (TI) Jazz Band is a full 18-piece big band organized through the Texins Association of Texas Instruments. The group includes musicians from numerous organizations across Texas Instruments and Raytheon Systems. They've performed hundreds of concerts, including at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and the Cancun Jazz Festival.

1 - 1:45 p.m.

Predators from the Sky - Gotcha Covered! with Blackland Prairie Raptor Center

Raptors patrol day and night in search of a meal. How do they do it? Discover their unique adaptations!



2 - 4 p.m.

Radio Disney Rockin' Road Show

Radio Disney's Team Green focuses on four points: Recycle, Reuse, Preserve and Conserve – and they put this educational message inside a fun recyclable wrapper just for families! The goal is for everyone to understand how each environmental action makes a difference.



L2LG Green Space

Shows begin at:

**10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

The Incredible Bubble Show with The Bubble Lady

Linda Berman entertains, educates, inspires and motivates using soap and water. Marvel as The Bubble Lady uses an incredible variety of household objects to create mind-boggling bubbles.



L2LG SCHEDULES

WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS Inside Angelika Film Center

ALL require online registration: livegreeninplano.obsres.com



Garden Theater 2

Gardening 101

Get tips, ideas and guidance for creating landscapes, planting vegetables or attracting wildlife to your yard and garden. We'll help guide you in tackling garden projects to enjoy all year long.

10 - 11 a.m.

Square Foot Gardening, Nancy Joslin

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Success with Tomatoes, John Caldwell

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Texas-friendly Plants, Lynda Strain

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Creating Backyards for Birds, Carolyn Oldham

3 - 4 p.m.

Organic Gardening Basics



Nature Rocks Theater 4

11 a.m. - Noon

Chet Garner, The Daytripper

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Dr. Seuss The Lorax - Fossil Rim

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Dinosaurs and Fossil Digging, Derek Main, Arlington Archosaur Site

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Using GPS for Geocaching - Texas Geocaching Association



Energy Theater 3

You've Got the Power! Energy Efficiency Workshops

Learn how to save money and conserve energy!

10 - 11 a.m. & 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

DIY Home Energy Efficiency 101

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Home Energy Audits

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Renewable Energy Options

3 - 4 p.m.

DIY Home Energy Efficiency: Advanced Retrofits



DIY Theater 5

Do-It-Yourself Workshops

Learn easy ways to green-it-yourself by attending one of our DIY workshops!

10 - 11 a.m.

Rainwater Harvesting with Rain Barrels

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

& 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Food Waste Composting

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Easy Plumbing Fixes

3 - 4 p.m.

Container Vegetable Gardening



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Online Class Registration: livegreeninplano.obsres.com

Event Location Unless Noted Otherwise:

Environmental Education Center
4116 W. Plano Pkwy. Plano 75093



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APRIL

3 - May 15 •

Kids in the Garden

3:30 - 5 p.m. Wednesdays

\$35, Register Online



7 • Nature Explore Family Club

3 - 4 p.m.

Free, Register Online

13 • Learn 2 Live Green (L2LG)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Shops at Legacy

Free

20 • 3rd Saturday:

Texas SmartScape Garden Tour

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Free, Register Online

22 • Earth Day!



27 •

**Love Where
You Live:
Neighborhood
Cleanup & Storm
Drain Marking**

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Christie Elementary
School

Volunteer at
planoplanning.org.

MAY

2 • Garden Green in Plano Series: Basics of Bokashi Composting

7 - 9 p.m.

\$5, Register Online

4 • WaterWise Irrigation Seminar

9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center

Free, Register at dallas.tamu.edu.

5 • Nature Explore Family Club

3 - 4 p.m.

Free, Register Online

9 • Learn Green 2 Live Green Series: Electric Vehicles: What's the Buzz?

7 - 8 p.m.

Davis Library, Building B

Free, Register Online

11 • All About Composting

8 - 11 a.m.

\$5, Register Online

**18 • 3rd Saturday:
Texas SmartScape for Beginners**

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Free, Register Online



JUNE

2 • Nature Explore Family Club

3 - 4 p.m.
Free, Register Online

4 • Early Childhood Educational Program: Who Lives in the Garden?

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online



5 • DIY Drip Irrigation

10 a.m. – Noon
\$5, Register Online

6, 7 and 8

Live Green in Plano Volunteer Training

7 - 9 p.m., June 6 and 7
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., June 8
Free, Register Online

9 • Early Childhood Educational Program: The Earth is Special

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online

11 • Early Childhood Educational Program: I ♥ Recycling!

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online

15 • Talking Trash & Recycling: Environmental Waste Services Open House

10 - 11:30 a.m.
Free

16 • Early Childhood Educational Program: All Life Depends on Water

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online

18 • Early Childhood Educational Program: Wonders of Water

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online

21 • Clean Air Action Day

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
All Over North Texas!
Take action to help improve air quality and pledge at airnorthtexas.org.

23 • Early Childhood Educational Program: Water is a Home for Animals

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online

25 • Early Childhood Educational Program: Creep, Crawl & Fly!

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online

29 • Irrigation Quick Fixes

10 a.m. - Noon
\$5, Register Online

30 • Early Childhood Educational Program: Healthy Soil, Healthy Earth

9 - 10 a.m.
\$3, Register Online

Plano Community Garden Workdays

April 6 and 27,
May 4 and 18,
June 8 and 22

8 - 11 a.m. – Environmental Education Center
Email to register: EECO@plano.gov



CITY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

May 25

Household Chemical Reuse Center is closed.

Memorial Day

City offices, Household Chemical Reuse Center, Texas Pure Custer Retail Facility, Texas Pure Regional Composting Facility, and North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Transfer Stations & 121 Regional Disposal Facility (RDF) are closed Monday, May 27.

Independence Day

City offices, Texas Pure Custer Retail Facility, Texas Pure Regional Composting Facility, NTMWD Transfer Stations & 121 RDF are closed Thursday, July 4.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES

Memorial Day

NO collection service on Monday, May 27. Trash, recycling, yard trimmings and bulky waste collections slide forward one day (Monday on Tuesday, Tuesday on Wednesday through Friday).

Independence Day

NO collection service on Thursday, July 4. Trash, recycling, yard trimmings and bulky waste collections slide forward one day for Thursday only (Thursday on Friday).



Electronic Recycling Schedule Changes



Second Saturday • 9 - 11 a.m.

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
5801 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano 75093

Third Saturday • 9 - 11 a.m.

Christ United Methodist Church
3101 Coit Road, Plano 75075

NEW! Fourth Saturday • 9 - Noon

United Electronic Recycling
2800 E. Plano Pkwy, Plano 75074
Southwest corner of Krona and E. Plano Parkway

United Electronic Recycling (UER) offers a convenient, comprehensive electronics recycling program. They accept all electronics, including all portions of computer systems, televisions and entertainment systems for reuse and recycling. The highest standards are followed for social, financial and environmental responsibility. UER wipes any information on your computer and provides a receipt for your records. This company follows a no-landfill policy and all parts of electronics are recycled domestically.

Fees: \$10 Televisions, \$5 Monitors,
All other electronics are **FREE** to recycle.



Schedule your group's cleanup before May 31. Online pre-registration is required at livegreeninplano.com.

Live Green in Plano Wins Big at KAB Conference

The 60th Anniversary Keep America Beautiful (KAB) 2013 National Conference was held in Washington, DC recently and the City of Plano's Live Green in Plano (LGIP) initiative won 1st Place in Waste Reduction and Recycling! This national award is among the most prestigious of the awards KAB bestows, and recognizes the outstanding environmental education efforts and programs LGIP implements in the community.

In addition, LGIP was recognized with the President's Circle Award. The President's Circle Award recognizes exemplary performance made by certified affiliates of the national nonprofit in building and sustaining vibrant communities.



In qualifying for a President's Circle Award, LGIP has met KAB's standards of excellence by conducting an annual Community Appearance Index, calculating the affiliate's cost/benefit ratio, and administering activities in the areas of litter prevention, recycling and waste reduction, and beautification and community greening.

Summer Water Use

Stage 2 watering restrictions are currently in place and are expected to continue through 2013 due to low lake levels.

Under these restrictions, the use of sprinkler systems is allowed two days a week.

- Even addresses are permitted to water on Mondays and Thursdays
- Odd addresses on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Watering with sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited. Everyone is encouraged to operate irrigation systems manually in order to provide efficient and cost-effective watering.

For complete information on water restrictions and the watering calendar, visit plano.gov/water or call the hotline at (972) 769-4338.



Below are a few tips to use water efficiently outdoors:

- Amend your landscape's soil with compost and use mulch after planting. Learn more about Texas Pure products at Learn 2 Live Green!
- Incorporate native and drought tolerant plants into your landscape.
- Attend one of the upcoming classes on Irrigation Quick Fixes or DIY Drip Irrigation to increase the water efficiency of your irrigation system. Save water and money by installing a rain sensor on your existing irrigation system to prevent watering during rain events. Did you know the City offers a \$50 rebate on this water saving device? Find all the details at plano.gov/water.



Environmental Education Center: The Natural Choice

For a current schedule of classes and required online registration, visit livegreeninplano.obsres.com. For more information, call (972) 769-4130.



Rentals

Looking for a green venue to hold special events or meetings? Renting the Environmental Education Center (EEC) and the surrounding gardens is simple. This beautiful, quiet setting serves as the perfect location for functions such as receptions, weddings, parties, reunions, showers and meetings. Amenities include state-of-the-art audio/video equipment, tables, chairs, galley kitchen with dishes, flatware and stemware. For more information, availability and pricing, visit eecgreenevents.com or call (972) 769-4130. Drop by the EEC at 4116 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano 75093.

Educational Classes & Programs

Early Childhood Summer Programs

Young children from 3 to 5-years old explore what it means to live green this summer. With both indoor and outdoor options, preschoolers enjoy several weeks of fun. All sessions are held on Tuesdays from 9 - 10 a.m. at the EEC.

Outdoor Learning Series

June

- 4 **Who Lives in the Garden?** - Observe animal habitats.
- 11 **I Love Recycling!** - Practice recycling with Garbage Grouch.
- 18 **Wonders of Water** - Meet Freddie the fish and keep our creeks clean.
- 25 **Creep, Crawl & Fly** - Discover how caterpillars become butterflies.

July

- 2 **Fun with Sun and Air** - Breathe clean and power up with the sun.

Indoor Learning Series

June

- 9 **The Earth is Special** - Take care of it!
- 16 **All Life Depends on Water** - Use it wisely!
- 23 **Water is a Home for Animals** - Keep it clean!
- 30 **Healthy Soil, Healthy Earth** - Protect nature!

August

- 6 **Plants Provide Food & Shelter** - Help them grow!



Spring & Summer Water Classes

Learn about indoor and outdoor water efficiency.

April 20 • 9:30 - 11 a.m.

3rd Saturday: Texas SmartScape Garden Tour

May 18 • 9:30 - 11 a.m.

3rd Saturday: Texas SmartScape Class

Reduce your yard's water waste by learning simple and effective landscaping practices including appropriate plant selection and design layout. Enjoy an up-close view of Texas-friendly native and adapted plants at our onsite gardens.

June 5 • 10 a.m. - Noon

DIY Drip Irrigation

Drip irrigation is 90 percent more efficient, inexpensive and easy to install. Drip systems promote healthy plants and conserve water use. Learn how to install your own system!

June 29 • 10 a.m. - Noon

Irrigation Quick Fixes

Do you irrigate wisely? Learn how and when to water your plants, how to make simple sprinkler repairs, and where to go for help.



It's in Your Nature to Explore!

The first Sunday of each month is Family Nature Club at the EEC. The Club fosters the connection between children, families and their natural environment by offering quality time together outdoors. While the club focuses on youth 4 to 10-years old, younger children participate in hands-on activities and free play in the outdoor Nature Explore Classroom.



Each month's meeting features a different theme with activities led by City staff and volunteers. The club meets from 3 - 4 p.m. at the EEC.





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What's Inside...



10 am to 4pm
Saturday, April 13
The Shops at Legacy

Dallas North Tollway @ Legacy Drive, Plano 75024

