

Where can I find resources to help me conserve water?

General Information

- Sonoma County Business Water Project: Offers free water usage assessments to qualified businesses. Call 707-565-6455 or visit www.sonoma-county.org/bea/water.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: The EPA's Office of Water Management offers free water management software (order at www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/index.htm) and has joined with other groups to create a water efficiency clearinghouse at www.waterwiser.org.
- Global Environmental Management Initiative: GEMI's "Connecting the Drops Toward Creative Water Strategies" tool helps business leaders incorporate water conservation into their strategic planning — www.gemi.org/water.
- Water Efficiency Management: A guide from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, designed for commercial, industrial, and institutional water users —



www.p2pays.org/ref/01/00692.pdf.

Product Information

- California Urban Water Conservation Council: Provides information on water-efficient equipment and technologies — www.cuwcc.org.
- Low-Flow Toilet Purchasing Guide: Compiled by Seattle Public Utilities, this guide offers advice and tips for selecting low-flow toilets that meet consumer standards — www.cityofseattle.net/util/efficientToilets.

Industry-Specific Information

- Facility Manager's Guide to Water Management: This publication of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association has information for industrial and commercial sites, aimed at facilities managers — www.amwua.org/fmgtwm.pdf.
- Food Service Technology Center: Tests commercial kitchen equipment for water and energy efficiency, provides technical data and recommendations — www.fishnick.com.
- Irrigation & Green Industry Network: Contains information on landscape irrigation technologies as well as a network of irrigation resources — www.igin.com.
- WATERIGHT: A service of the Center for Irrigation Technology with information on landscape irrigation — www.wateright.org.

What resources are available to help me conserve energy?

General Information

- Flex Your Power: California's resource for information on conserving energy and saving money — www.flexyourpower.ca.gov.
- U.S. Department of Energy: The Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program provides information on how to conserve energy and take advantage of alternative/renewable energy sources — www.eere.energy.gov.
- Pacific Gas & Electric: PG&E's resources for business include information on conducting a self-audit, tips and analysis tools, and rebate information — www.pge.com/biz/energy_tools_resources.



Alternative Energy Sources

- Solar Energy Industries Association: The SEIA provides background information on solar energy technology as well as assistance locating technical assistance and contractors — www.seia.org. The state chapter, CALSEIA, provides local information — www.calseia.org.
- Green Power Network: Information on green power in California is available from this program of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy — www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/dereg_ca.shtml.
- Green-e: Certification program sets standards for electricity providers and offers information about accessing "green electricity" sources for California businesses — www.green-e.org/your_e_choices/ca_business.html.



Product Information

- Energy Star: The EPA's Energy Star program rates the energy efficiency of various types of equipment and offers other efficiency tips — www.energystar.gov under "Business Improvement."
- California Energy Commission: The Energy Commission's Consumer Energy Center provides product information as well as rebates and incentives available to California residential and business customers — www.consumerenergycenter.org.

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Where can I find help reducing air pollution?

General Information

- California Air Resources Board: The ARB Small Business Assistance Program provides training and information to CA businesses — www.arb.ca.gov/ba/ba.htm.
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District: Offers rebates, incentives, and other programs to southern Sonoma County Businesses — www.baaqmd.gov. Northern Sonoma County is covered by similar programs of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (707-433-5911).



Where can I find information about the environmental impacts of land use?

General Information

- Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department: Information on environmental impact regulations, zoning, permits, and the General Plan process — www.sonoma-county.org/prmd.
- Regulatory Guide: The Sonoma County Economic Development Board's guide has a section on business responsibilities regarding Land Use and Development — www.sonoma-county.org/edb/regguide/reglanduse.htm.

Where can I learn more about efforts to curb climate change in Sonoma County?

General Information

- Sonoma County Climate Protection Project: SkyMetrics currently manages a partnership of local government, nonprofit groups, and businesses interested in Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change — www.skymetrics.us.

Resource Use Efficiency Assistance Checklist

- Our business has identified areas in which we require more information, technical assistance, or support to achieve our goal of using natural resources efficiently.
- Specific employees have been designated to access the information or technical assistance available from groups providing environmental resources to businesses.
- Our business will continue to look for emerging technologies and new environmental resources.

