

This is a busy week for green activities. Come out and participate in these events to learn more about your community.

#### BENICIA

On Thursday, April 22, Benicia will host "Green Generation" from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This will take place near the Library and Senior Center Complex on the 100 block of East L Street. Residents will find tools for becoming energy and water efficient.

There will be information from Ennovationz about Subsidized Home Energy and Water Assessments and the City of Benicia's Climate Action Plan Strategies.

Caterpillar Puppets will present their watershed education puppet show and Froggy Talk Radio will entertain children and adults.

Contact Terry Baldwin at 707 746-4370 or [tbaldwin@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:tbaldwin@ci.benicia.ca.us) for more information.

#### VALLEJO

On Saturday, April 24, Join us at Vallejo's Farmers' Market from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Earth Day highlights include music by the Recycled Generation, Jugglers and puppeteers. There will be raffles for green prizes, a kid's craft table, Loma Vista Farm animals, California native plant sale, along with composting and less toxic garden information.

Bring in your old mercury thermometer and receive a FREE digital thermometer at the Vallejo Sanitation booth. Take a survey about recycling used motor oil and receive a bag of supplies for changing your oil.

Bring in five incandescent bulbs and receive 5 free Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) at the VALCORE booth. Since November, Vallejoans have exchanged nearly 2,000 incandescent lights. Each home that uses five CFL's can save up to \$100.00 annually and are reducing carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 1.34 tons annually. This exchange will be ongoing at VALCORE Recycling until the supply is gone.

Vallejo will debut its new recycling program for SHARPS (hypodermic needles). Sharps are banned from landfills and now Vallejo has 5 locations to recycle them. Learn more at Earth Day or on [www.recycle-guide.com](http://www.recycle-guide.com).

#### FAIRFIELD

On Saturday, April 24, come to the Civic Center Pond behind City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Highlights include a free fishing derby for children ages 3-15 (limited to 200 children),

composting activities, solar cooking, eco-friendly products and practices, entertainment, food, games for children, prizes and giveaways. Contact is Sandra at 707 428-7489.

On both Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, Fairfield will have an Ewaste Recycling event. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Old County Courthouse Parking Lot (580 Texas Street). This event is a fundraiser for Armijo Band Boosters.

#### SUISUN

On Saturday, April 24, come to the Rush Ranch 20th Annual Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rush Ranch is located on the edge of the Suisun Marsh (south on Grizzly Island Road, Suisun).

The celebration includes carriage rides provided by Access Adventures. Also scheduled is live music, square dancing demonstrations, weaving, local Native American culture, horse shoeing, and more. Information is at [www.rushranch.net](http://www.rushranch.net).

#### DIXON

Dixon will host its Annual Block Party on Saturday April 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The location is the Women's Improvement Club Park near Dixon Public Library. Groups will give out free gifts to participants, such as balloons or pencils. Free children's craft table, face painting, and other fun activities will be scheduled throughout the day. Information is at 707 678-7051, ext. 105.

#### VALLEJO

On Sunday April 25, explore Lake Chabot's Underwater World at the boat launch in Dan Foley Park from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Get your hands wet and learn about the lake and its wild residents. Meet some of the creatures that live in the lake, do crafts and other fun activities.

Check out [www.recycle-guide.com](http://www.recycle-guide.com) for information on three May 1 events: Benicia Native Plant Sale, Vallejo Loma Vista Farm Festival and Vallejo Museum May Day event.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium reminds us that switching to one vegetarian meal each week saves as much carbon pollution as driving 1,160 fewer miles each year.

*VALCORE Recycling Board Secretary Jane Bogner's "A Sorted Affair" is published every other week in the Times-Herald. For recycling information call VALCORE Recycling at 645-8258 or visit [www.VALCORErecycling.org](http://www.VALCORErecycling.org).## E N D ##*