

Add It To Your Calendar

Events:

Aspen Vegetable Garden Competition and Tour

Plant a quarter of your landscape with edible plants and enter the competition by July 31st.

The winning gardens will be featured in the Aspen Area Vegetable Garden Tour on August 5th.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Dandelion Day

Saturday, May 7
10AM - 2PM

Sopris Park, Carbondale
A creative community celebration of spring & sustainability. With informational booths about recycling, local food, seed-saving, permaculture and more!

Aspen Residential Electronics Recycling Event

May 13 and 14
9AM - 1PM

Community Bank Parking
Lot, off of Mill Street.
Aspen

For more information, call
(970)920-5039.

Businesses can recycle their electronic waste on Friday, May 13.

By appointment only.
Call 303.522.9672.

Green Drinks

Hosted by We-Cycle

Wednesday, May 25
5 - 7PM

Aspen Meadows
845 Meadows Road
Enjoy free drinks and refreshments, meet new people, network, and discuss solutions to our environmental problems.

[View the full schedule here](#)

Aspen Young Professional Association 10th Annual Community Nonprofit Fair

Thursday, May 26

Million Solar Strong

Are You Solar Strong? Let's celebrate!

1 million solar systems have been installed in the US to date. It took the country 40 years to reach this point, but it will only take two more years to double that amount and reach 2 million installations! By 2020, the total capacity of solar will nearly quadruple to 100 gigawatts from just over 27 gigawatts today.

To celebrate, Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) is launching [#MillionSolarStrong](#), a celebration of solar power as a force in America's energy mix. The Community Office for Resource Efficiency is an official signatory of the Million Solar Strong "Solar Declaration" in which we declare that "solar is part of the mainstream energy discussion in this country, and we support a strong role for clean and affordable solar energy as a part of America's energy portfolio."



Help celebrate this achievement by spreading the word about solar across social media and in your community. Let's show business leaders and lawmakers that solar is here to stay!

How to participate:

- Tag [#MillionSolarStrong](#) on social media. SEIA can even do the posting for you. Learn how [here](#).

OR

- Download [these signs](#), snap a photo and use the hashtag [#MillionSolarStrong](#).

Sample tweet: *We've just surpassed 1 million #solar systems nationwide! Join us in celebrating the #MillionSolarStrong milestone seia.us/mss2016*

Composting and Recycling Could Double Landfill Life

Pitkin County and the City of Aspen just completed a Comprehensive Waste Diversion Plan as a means to increase waste diversion in the Roaring Fork Valley. Read the full report at www.LandfillRules.com.

The study found that over half of the waste going to the landfill could

6 - 8PM

Hotel Jerome

This popular event provides AYPAs members and their guests an opportunity to discover a variety of non-profit organizations in our community.

[Learn more.](#)

Promotions:

Aspen Energy Challenge May Promotion:

Reenergize Your Spring Cleaning. For the month of May, join the Aspen Energy Challenge by participating in spring cleaning actions that will save you energy! Replace your air filter, reset your thermostat, and clean your refrigerator coils. These small improvements can save you energy and money.

[Learn more here.](#)

City of Aspen Env. Health and Sustainability

May Giveaway: FREE Garden Gift Baskets!

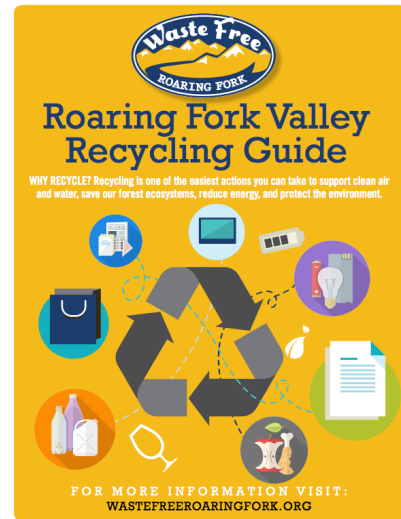
Stop by the EHS office (second floor in City Hall) to pick up veggie seeds, compost coupons, and more to support growing local food in Aspen!

have been recycled or composted instead. If these items were dealt with properly, rather than being thrown in the trash, we could double the remaining lifetime of the Pitkin County Landfill, which is currently estimated to reach maximum capacity in just 15 years!

Besides the environmental benefits associated with recycling and composting, these actions are also important for preserving landfill space.

To understand what you can and can't recycle, refer to the [Roaring Fork Valley Recycling Guide](#).

To reduce nearly half of your household waste, call Evergreen Events at (970) 987-3140 and sign up to start composting at your home or business today. Evergreen Events is now picking up throughout the Roaring Fork Valley!



The Aspen High School Discontinues Plastic Water Bottles

The Earth Club installs two refillable water bottle stations

To support efforts to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles, CORE provided the Aspen High School Earth Club a [Community Grant](#) to purchase two refillable water bottle stations and 100 reusable water bottles. The water filling stations were installed in April and so far have filled over 2,500 reusable water bottles worth of water.

In addition, the school cafeteria has discontinued selling plastic water bottles and is instead offering reusable Earth Club water bottles. The Earth Club plans to sell these at various events to raise money for future projects including improving their composting system and purchasing better recycling bins.

Earth Club representative, Travis Moore, shares his appreciation for the grant: "With the generous support of CORE, the AHS Earth Group was able to purchase two refillable water stations for our school. They have been installed and are getting quite a



The Earth Club in front of the new water station.

lot of use. We frequently see students filling up their bottles there, and even sometimes have small lines!"

Efficiently yours,

Lucy Kessler
Community Office for Resource Efficiency

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