

# Anchorage to Zero Waste:

## Your Guide to Zero Waste in Anchorage

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### Coming Soon: Recycled Art

November 15<sup>th</sup> is America Recycles Day and in Anchorage this year, the day will be about creating art from found and used objects. It's not a new idea (it's a recycled one!) and lots of amazing art is created this way so come out to all the planned events to see what your fellow Anchorageites can do with trash! If you like what you see, you can even buy it. Proceeds will benefit local artists and nonprofit organizations dedicated to reducing waste. Visit [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org) and see page 3 in this issue for November exhibits, events, and information.

## More High-Tech Tools

### YouTube

Did you know that YouTube has a ton of great environmental resources? Here are just a few.

**Live Green** [www.youtube.com/user/YTLiveGreen](http://www.youtube.com/user/YTLiveGreen) – Your Guide to Eco-Living – new videos posted every week.

**1-800-Recycling** [www.youtube.com/user/1800recycling](http://www.youtube.com/user/1800recycling) – Also visit <http://1800recycling.com> for web-based recycling info and a downloadable app for your smart phone.

**Steve Trash Network** <http://www.youtube.com/user/stevetrashnetwork> – videos about trash and recycling for kids and adults, often incorporating magic.

In the last issue, we shared a bunch of fun and useful web sites and phone apps. Here are a few more online options for keeping current.

### Podcasts

Listening while you work out, drive, or eat breakfast can fill your brain with great new ideas.

**Green is Good** <http://greenisgood.fm> – A weekly podcast featuring lots of guests and a variety of topics.

## In Next Issue: Rain Gardens

### WHY WAIT 'TIL SPRING?



Start planning your rain garden now. What is it? A rain garden is a shallow depression in the landscape planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses and

designed to catch and filter water that runs off your roof, paved areas, or lawn when it rains. By catching the runoff and allowing it to soak into the ground, rain gardens help prevent flooding, recharge ground water, improve salmon habitat in our streams, and lower municipal storm drain maintenance. To learn how to build a rain garden in your yard or to apply for a mini-grant for reimbursement of 50% of the cost of creating a rain garden (up to \$750), go to [www.anchorageraingardens.com](http://www.anchorageraingardens.com) or call 343-8084. We'll explore rain gardens more in our spring/summer issue but the first few steps of the process can be done now so you're ready to dig in and start planting when the snow melts. More than 80 official rain gardens have been constructed in Anchorage so far to help keep our water clean.



## A Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

The Municipality of Anchorage's "Energy Watch" campaign kicks off its third year this fall. Like prior years, the campaign focuses on actions citizens can take to reduce energy use during the winter if and when natural gas delivery pressures drop low enough. Long-term solutions to the natural gas challenge are being pursued but, in the meantime, please do your part to conserve energy. Familiarize yourself with the Energy Watch chart. Visit [www.muni.org/departments/mayor/energy](http://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/energy) for information on the recommended actions.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Dan Sullivan