

Cedar Hill's Solar side

In January 2011, the City applied for and was awarded a \$950,000 grant from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to install solar panels at the Cedar Hill Government Center. These panels will provide over 150 kW of electricity to the Government Center building, and will save over \$21,000 in electricity costs a year. The grant requires a 20% match, in which the City pursued and was awarded a rebate from the Oncor Take-a-Load Off program in the amount of almost \$165,000. This is just one example the City of Cedar Hill has made an effort to leverage City funds to be awarded grants to help fund Cedar Hill's Growing Green efforts.

At the Government Center and via the City's website, the system will provide interactive and up-to-the-minute electricity generation data that citizens could view to see exactly how much energy is being produced at any time during the day. For more information, please check out the city's website at www.greencedarhill.com.



*Being Green is an
Individual Choice.*



Let's All do our part!



The City of Cedar Hill supports recycling of everyday household items by providing single-stream recycling service to its citizens.

*NOTE - all items must be washed and/or rinsed out

Recyclable Items:

- ⇒ Plastic bottles #1 - 7 and Plastic jugs
- ⇒ Glass bottles
- ⇒ Aluminum / Tin / Steel cans
- ⇒ Household paper products / Cardboard
- ⇒ Newspaper, Magazines, Junk mail, Telephone books

Non-Recyclable Items:

- ◆ Soiled pizza boxes
- ◆ Styrofoam
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Light bulbs
- ◆ Aerosol spray cans
- ◆ Wax, plastic or laminated coated paper

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The City of Cedar Hill introduces
Plant it Forward

Finding cheap ways to save

Contact us
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Growing Green is intended to foster green initiatives, encourage tree preservation and planting and retain the natural and distinctive environment of the City of Cedar Hill.

Plant it Forward

The City of Cedar Hill supports and encourages tree hugging as a practice. Cedar Hill is proud to celebrate our second year having been designated as a Tree City USA city. In addition to planting trees, the City promotes open space and protection of the natural and distinctive environment that Cedar Hill possesses.

City sponsored Tree Hugging opportunities:

NeighborWoods—Sign up to receive a free tree at
<http://www.cedarhilltx.com/forms.aspx?FID=79>

Arbor Day Tribute—in April every year, the City celebrates Arbor Day with a special planting ceremony and tribute. Get up to date information on the City's website as the time nears.

Everyday household...

Cheap and Easy ways to Grow Green



Use programmable thermostats

If you own your home, this is an inexpensive and easy fix to bring down your energy usage. They cost about \$30 and can save you more than \$100 a year on your energy bill. There is no reason to heat and cool an empty home, so set the thermostat to kick on just when you are around.

Lightbulbs

Replacing five incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) can save 50% on your annual light bill. If every U.S. household did this, it would prevent the release of as much greenhouse gas as removing 8 million cars from the road for a year.

Measure your impact

Carbonfund.org will help you determine your carbon footprint. You can determine your direct emissions and emissions from everything you consume.

Park your car

Try alternative methods of transportation. Check out local bus systems or look into carpooling. Run short errands near the home, take a power walk or dust off the bike.

Go Paperless

Check your bank account online and sign up for online accounts. This will eliminate the need for paper bills and monthly statements.

Going paperless will benefit two-fold:

- (1) Less paper to store; and**
- (2) You Save a tree!**



Did you know?

Trees in your backyard can be home to many different types of wildlife. Trees can also reduce your heating and cooling costs, help clean the air, add beauty and color, provide shelter from the wind and sun, and add value to your home.

A properly planted and maintained tree will grow faster and live longer than one that is incorrectly planted. Trees can be planted almost any time during the year as long as the ground is not frozen. Late summer or early fall is the best time to plant trees in most areas.

Other ways to save...

- Ensure your vehicle tires are adequately inflated. Pumping them up can save upwards to 7 cents per gallon and mileage by 3%.
- Fix drafts in your home with a can of caulk and weather stripping. Cost runs \$100 and can instantly save you money.
- Get off mailing lists. Use the 800-number on junk mail and ask that your name be removed from listings. Almost half of all catalogs are not opened, but nearly 62 million trees are destroyed every year to produce them.
- Eat fresh and Local. Buy produce from local farmers. By doing this, not only will your food be more fresh, it won't have made a gas guzzling cross-country journey just to get to you and your family.
- Clean Green. Buy earth friendly products. Many of the products sold contain no phosphates or animal ingredients, no chlorine or petroleum and aren't tested on animals.