

Sustaining The Future



Together Atherton Will Meet
California's Sustainability Goals



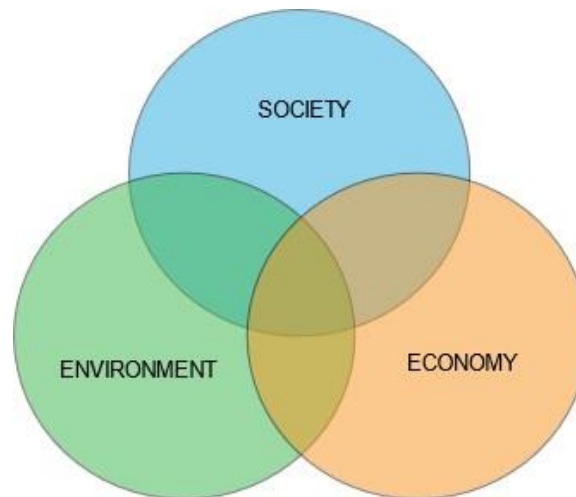
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More information at:

www.ci.atherton.ca.us/438/Sustainability

Why Practice Sustainable habits?

- Improve the environment
- Improve your health
- Improve your community
 - Reduce your bills



Sustainability:

is the nexus of society, the environment
and the economy.

Every Drop Counts! Reducing Water Usage

Consider water usage outside your home:

- **Adjust sprinklers:** to water planting areas, not paved areas
- **Drip irrigation:** water your plants with less waste
- **Watering schedule:** water early in the morning or late in the evening (6PM-10AM)
- **Water friendly plants:** plant drought tolerant and native plants
- **Rainwater collection:** setup a rainwater collection system to recycle water
- **Manage your pool:** keep your pool covered when not in use



Consider water usage inside your home:

- **Fix leaks:** to save water and money
- **Turn off water:** while brushing teeth
- **Wash full loads** of laundry and dishes
- **Install aerators:** on sink fixtures

Save Money...

Save Energy!

- **Install energy efficient appliances:** to save on utilities and reduce energy consumption
- **Unplug:** or use power strips to cut power to devices not being used
- **Install Energy Efficient Windows and Lighting:** to reduce energy consumption
- **Install Solar Panels:** to reduce bills and create clean energy
- **Insulate water heater:** to save on utility bills and energy
- **Check out a home tool kit:** from the Atherton Library for resources on energy and water savings
- **Get a Home Audit:**
Organizations such as [BayREN](#), [PG&E](#), [Peninsula Clean Energy](#) and [Home Energy Analytics](#) provide an assessment of your home's energy use and provide homeowners with advice and free home energy tools.



Rethinking Waste

Eliminate your waste:

- **Reduce packaging:** purchase products with less or no packaging
- **Switch to Reusables:**
 - shopping bags
 - produce bags
 - sandwich bags
 - water bottles
 - compostable garbage bags
 - utensils and straws
- **Use a compost bin:** sort waste for food scraps and compostable materials
- **Use a recycle bin:** sort waste for recyclable materials

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[BayRENresidential.org](#)

Rebates for your home energy improvements. Connect with a home energy adviser.

[watercalculator.org/save-water/](#)

Calculate your water use and learn about other ways to reduce your water usage.

[smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/](#)

Useful waste reduction and management tips, techniques and how-to information.

[smcsustainability.org/academy](#)

No cost workshops for residents of San Mateo County to learn new skills and connect with their community.

Have more questions? Reach out:

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Visit the Town's Sustainability website to learn more!



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