



In today's "green" world, many people are actively searching for ways to become more environmentally and socially conscious. Of course, with the current economic situation, we are also searching for ways to save money. I recently attended the Glendale Green Festival, where there were exhibits and demonstrations about programs to help people be environmentally conscious and save money for their homes, their neighborhoods and their businesses at the same time.

Our city's Water Conservation Office can help your homeowners' association or business manage landscape costs by assisting in the development of a month-to-month water budget. Water conservation staff will work directly with your property manager, board members, and your landscape contractor to develop a water budget that is tailored to your landscape needs. The water budget is designed to help you maintain a green and thriving landscape, yet reduce water use and costs. [\(Click Here\)](#) for more information about this free service.

Homeowners' associations and businesses can receive a rebate of up to \$3,000 for removing unwanted grass. The amount of the rebate is dependent on how much grass is removed. [\(Click Here\)](#) for information on how to qualify. Individual homeowners can also receive up to \$750 for removing unwanted lawn areas by converting them to low water use landscapes. [\(Click Here\)](#) for information on the residential landscape rebate.

Your energy provider is a good source for information on energy efficiency. If SRP is your energy provider, [\(Click Here\)](#) to check on the services they provide for homeowners' associations and businesses. SRP has a [\(Menu of Options\)](#) for homeowners and businesses to save energy. While attending the Glendale Green Festival I had the opportunity to tour SRP's interactive water and energy efficient model home.

If your energy provider is APS, you may want to try out their [\(Energy Analyzer\)](#) for your home or business and find cost-saving measures at. They also provide a menu of [\(Energy Saving Options\)](#).

Our city's Green Web page is another useful resource for residents to learn about a diversity of topics, from how to obtain a solar water heater permit to where to buy locally grown foods. [\(Click Here\)](#) for the Glendale Green Web page, which serves as a one-stop shop with shortcuts to many departments and programs throughout the city.

I encourage you to look into these programs to find out how you can conserve water and energy while saving money for your families, neighborhoods and businesses at the same time.

