

Sustainability Tips for Individuals

- Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage heating and cooling systems more efficiently.
- Replace conventional light bulbs with LED bulbs in homes and businesses to lower energy use and costs.
- Installing a solar system can reduce electricity costs while bettering the environment by using clean, renewable energy.
- Download the Eye on Water app (eyeonwater.com/signup) to monitor your usage and set alerts for leaks and high consumption.
- Upgrade your toilets and clothes washer to high-efficiency models which are eligible for a rebate.
- Install rain barrels or a cistern to capture rain water for your garden. These are also eligible for a rebate!
- Look for the Water Conservation Office's Laundry to Landscape rebate which helps cover the cost of installing a valve to redirect used laundry water to irrigation.
- Conditioning soil in yards or gardens using best practices for composting can help soil retain more water and naturally absorb more carbon out of the atmosphere.
- Volunteer with Keep Santa Fe Beautiful to pick up litter.
- Bring your Own Bag! Santa Fe has a plastic bag ban in effect and requires a charge for paper bags.
- Keep a food waste journal for a couple of weeks to record how much food you are throwing away. This will help you adjust your buying habits.
- Learn to compost your yard trimmings and food scraps (after reducing them by keeping a food journal!)