

Community Events:

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Friday, October 3 – Sunday, October 5 MRES Sustainability Tour



The Minnesota Sustainability Tour, hosted by Minnesota Renewable Energy Society, showcases homes and businesses that feature solar installations, energy storage solutions, water-saving landscapes and much more. Join us virtually or in-person on October 3 - 5 to explore the houses on the tour to hear solar-adopters share their planning and installation experiences first-hand, and learn about the cost-savings of sustainable practices and choices to fit your needs. Sign up your home, and/or watch for details and locations at:

<https://www.mnrenewables.org/sustainability-tour> .

Tuesday, October 7 – Wednesday, October 8, 2025 Gateway to Solar Conference (\$\$\$)



Registration is open for Gateway to Solar, MnSEIA's annual trade conference, which brings together over 600 industry professionals from across the solar + storage industry and country. Meet industry professionals; hear from state officials, regulators, and legislators; and gain in-depth insight into Minnesota's booming market and where it's headed during this two-day conference.

Location: InterContinental MSP Airport Hotel Cost: \$375 to \$700

To learn more visit:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/e3408b4c-220d-4bae-84fd-ad3167786d43/summary>

Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00pm: Vegan Potluck

Want to try more plant-based food? Come along to a vegan potluck at Unmapped Brewing Co. in Minnetonka on Tuesday October 7th, starting at 6:30pm. <https://tinyurl.com/4ypk52wy>

The October potluck is a fundraiser for the plant-based meal program at Simpson Housing Services. In addition to the fabulous vegan potluck (free to attend, just bring a dish to share), the brewery will donate \$1 for every beer sold that night, there will be a raffle (win a vegan dinner party!) and games. Several members of our chapter will be there!

Wednesday, Oct. 8: CMC Zoom Chapter Meeting at 7pm CT
Topic: From Fork to Forest

Presenters: Anna Larsson and Nicola Philpott

Even if we stopped using fossil fuels today, emissions from our food system would still contribute to the Earth exceeding its targets. This lively presentation explores the underappreciated impact of our food system on climate and the environment. During this presentation, you will discover actions you can take at your next meal to start making a positive change.

To register for this free Zoom event, visit:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/y1rAK8MmT-KEn2WnJZJQmQ#>

Monday, October 13 from 7:30am – 5:00pm CT
2025 Minnesota Energy Innovation Summit

Location: McNamara Alumni Center, 200 SE Oak Street, Minneapolis

For the first time ever, six of Minnesota's leading energy and electrification organizations are joining forces to create the most comprehensive energy innovation event of the year. This year's Energy Innovation Summit brings together the annual Electroposium, Recharge Minnesota Symposium, Electrify MN, and MN Cleantech Innovation Summit events under one roof. Registration closes on October 3. Cost is free to students, \$25 for non-profits, or \$50 for general admission. Register at: <https://mnenergysummit.org/>



Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at Noon or 6pm
Heat Pumps Demystified

Are you interested in installing a heat pump to heat and cool your home efficiently with clean electricity? Come learn about the practical questions to ask and what resources are available to help install a heat pump in your home. This webinar is the first in a two-part home electrification series sponsored by the City of Edina. Homeowners, renters, and residents of the surrounding communities are welcome. To register for this free Zoom webinar, visit:

<https://www.electrifyeverythingmn.org/events>

Note: The same workshop will be offered again at 6pm. Register for the time that best fits your schedule!

From Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:

Thursday, October 23, 2025 from Noon – 1pm CT

The More They Build, The More They Make: How Utilities Plan for Profit



Utility companies make money when they build energy infrastructure. The cost of that infrastructure is passed on to customers through rate hikes – like the 13% rate increase Xcel is proposing right now. How can we tell if what utilities propose are the things that best serve our pocketbooks and communities?

Join us for a webinar to learn more about the way utilities are incentivized to build infrastructure and how that affects our rates. We will also be joined by Brian Edstrom, Senior Regulatory Advocate for the Citizens Utility Board, to discuss the current Xcel Rate Case that is open for public comment through the end of the year. To reserve a spot, visit: <https://mnipl.nationbuilder.com/build>

Thursday, Oct. 23: Starting at 8:30am, 10am & 11:30am
Waste Management Recycling Center Open House



If you missed our chapter's tour of the Waste Management Recycling Center at 1800 Broadway Street NE in Minneapolis, you have another chance. WM is offering a public open house. For details and to reserve a spot, see the homepage of this website, or visit: <https://wmtwincitiesrecycling.rsvpify.com/>

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Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm CT
Stay Cool, Stay Warm: Heat Pumps Demystified

Location: 4001 West River Parkway Northwest #STE 100, Rochester, MN 55901



Are you interested in installing a heat pump to heat and cool your home efficiently with clean electricity? Come learn about the practical questions to ask and what resources are available to help install a heat pump in your home at the second workshop in the three-part home electrification series. Homeowners and renters are welcome, and a light dinner will be provided. We encourage in-person attendance, but there is a virtual registration option at the link below. This workshop is sponsored by the City of Rochester in partnership with the Destination Medical Center.

To register for this free event, visit: <https://www.electrifyeverythingmn.org/events>

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 from 8:30am – 5:00pm CT
Powering Tomorrow: Energy Project Resource Summit for Schools

Location: Eddie Manderville Chalet at Theodore Wirth Park in Golden Valley
Space is limited, but registration is free (and required).

Participants will learn ways to effectively finance school and campus energy projects, reduce overall energy costs, provide an improved learning experience and more. For further details visit: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/events.jsp> and <https://mn.gov/commerce-stat/energy/SummitFlyer072825.pdf>

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Thursday, October 30, 2025 | 5:30pm – 8:30pm CT:
Mission Impossible – An Evening of Climate Action



Join Sustainable Stillwater for an evening of climate action featuring guest speaker Dr. Jonathan Foley – world-renowned environmental scientist and Executive Director of Project Drawdown. Connect with others, celebrate local sustainability leaders, enjoy delicious food and drink, explore real-world climate solutions, and take part in a silent auction to support a thriving, sustainable future for Stillwater!

Location: JX Venue, 123 2nd St S, Stillwater, MN 55082

Tickets:

\$95 Individual
\$760 Table of 8
\$950 Table of 10

This inspiring evening is Sustainable Stillwater's fourth annual—and sole—fundraiser of the year, and it's more than just a fundraising event. It's a celebration of climate solutions, community resilience, and the

collective action driving change in the St. Croix Valley. For further details and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://www.sustainablestillwatermn.org/gala-2025>

Note: Their website might redirect you to: <https://www.sustainablestillwatermn.org/>

Monday, November 10 – Friday, November 21, 2025:
COP30 – the 30th UN Conference of the Parties



The 30th UN climate conference will take place from 10-21 November 2025 in Belém, Brazil. It will bring together world leaders, scientists, non-governmental organizations, and civil society to discuss priority actions to tackle climate change. COP30 will focus on the efforts needed to limit

the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, the presentation of new national action plans (NDCs) and the progress on the finance pledges made at COP29.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop30>

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7pm CT Monthly Zoom meeting of the Central Minnesota Chapter of The Climate Reality Project

Topic: Combatting Climate Misinformation

Guest Presenter: Tom Coleman, Chair, Climate Reality Chicago Metro Chapter



An adaption of a cartoon by John Cook, a former cartoonist and researcher. Concept and wording are his.

Since passage of the IRA Act in 2022, significant progress has been made to address the climate crisis. However, fossil fuel interests and climate deniers have intensified their efforts to hinder adoption of effective climate solutions by households and businesses and to delay and derail local legislative efforts even in the more progressive states such as New York and California. The recent collapse of the IRA is another example of policy reversals.

From auto manufacturers attributing the slowdown in new EV purchases to consumer markets instead of their own delays in introducing lower-cost EVs, to political leaders avoiding climate initiatives during an election year, 2024 saw a surge in disinformation on social media and the mainstream news. This has made it more challenging to effectively communicate how the average citizen can reduce their carbon footprint.

With the change in federal leadership, the current climate crisis has become increasingly urgent. We will summarize the top actions individuals can take to decrease their carbon footprint.

Learn to equip yourself with the latest information to combat climate denial! **Zoom registration details will be posted on the home page of this website closer to the event.**



About the presenter:

Tom Coleman has led the Chicago chapter of Climate Reality for the last four years. He also was a former leader of the Electric Vehicle Team and the Solar Energy Team. He is a certified change management professional. Tom conducts environmental research, leads teams, and presents and writes on topics related to sustainability, climate change, and positive solutions for change.

Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm CT
Deep Dive: Heat Pumps and Home Electrification



Location: Lenox Community Center, Classroom 115,
6715 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN

Are you interested in installing a heat pump to heat and cool your home efficiently with electricity? Are you planning to replace your furnace or water heater soon? Come learn about the practical considerations and resources available to install an air source heat pump or heat pump water heater in your home at this workshop sponsored by the City of St. Louis Park.

To register for this free event, visit: <https://www.electrifyeverythingmn.org/events>

Sunday, December 7, 2025 from Noon – 3:00pm
Central MN Chapter December Meeting and Potluck

Location: The Bryce Hamilton Studio 3112 West 28th Street, Minneapolis
Additional details will be announced closer to the event date.