

Fall 2024 Events:

Minnesota Renewable Energy Society – ASES National Solar Tour via MNCERTs

Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, 2024: Sustainability Tour: From Inspiration to Installation



The Minnesota Sustainability Tour is a free, self-guided event that is open to the public. The tour is designed to help spread knowledge of sustainable living practices by connecting homeowners to the curious public.

The event consists of numerous locations that have agreed to showcase sustainable features of their homes and buildings. Visit

your neighbors and learn about sustainable living practices in your community!

Interested in hosting a stop on the tour? Sign up (follow the link below)! You can join the tour in-person, virtually, or both - it's up to you how you'd like to share! The in-person tour will be held October 4 - 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (but you are not obligated to host your site for this entire duration).

To learn more, visit: <https://www.mnrenewables.org/sustainability-tour>

Saturday, October 5, 10am – Noon CT



Electrify Everything: Home electrification for health, comfort, & climate

Electrify Everything Minnesota is a program that shares how to electrify your home and connect you with incentives, contractors, and resources to accomplish your home energy goals. Electrify Everything workshops provide step by step guidance so households can develop a plan to electrify their homes on a realistic timeline and take full advantage of federal, state and local financial incentives. Whether you want to improve home health and safety, lower your impact on the environment, keep upfront costs down, or have an old appliance you're planning to replace, you'll leave the workshop with a plan of action.

This workshop will include:

- Presentation on the pillars of home electrification: insulation and air sealing, heat pumps for heating and cooling, heat pump hybrid water heaters, clothes dryers, induction stoves, and electrical service upgrades
- Activities to allow you to ask questions about specific electrification steps and technologies
- Overview of financial incentives, planning assistance, and preferred contractors for electrification projects
- Opportunity to talk with contractors at the event to get answers to questions and support on project first steps

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OCTOBER 5: ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING continued:

Location: North Regional Library - Hennepin County Library, 1315 Lowry Ave North Minneapolis, MN 55411 Space is limited. To reserve a spot:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electrify-everything-home-electrification-for-health-comfort-climate-tickets-982315280447>

Homeowners and renters in Hennepin County are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided. Electrify Everything Minnesota is managed by the Center for Energy and Environment and is supported by the cities of Edina, Eden Prairie, Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, and Hennepin County.

Monday, October 7, Noon-1:00pm CT: Minnesota Home Energy Rebate Program

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is hosting a virtual public meeting to update the public on the planning of Minnesota's Home Energy Rebates program.

Audience: Open to all Minnesota residents, especially those with an interest in energy efficiency or who work in the energy efficiency sector, including utilities & contractor workforce; non-profits, community-based organizations & advocacy groups; & renters, homeowners, & landlords.

Objective: To inform the public of the Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES) and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) programs, convey Minnesota's timeline and next steps.

Register for the online meeting here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3_Petru2TgKVp2u12s7Mag#/registration

Unable to attend? A recording and meeting slides will be available at

<https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer/energy-programs/public-engagement.jsp> after the event.

Frequently asked questions regarding the rebates:

<https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer/energy-programs/home-energy-faq.jsp>

October 8 – 9: MnSEIA's Gateway to Solar Conference



InterContinental Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Hotel

The Gateway to Solar Conference, hosted by the Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association (MnSEIA), is the Midwest's largest solar + storage conference. Each year solar installers and developers, manufacturers, distributors, financiers, engineers, utilities, job trainers, trade unions, non-profits,

government agencies, and more gather for quality networking, education, and fun off-site events. Note that registration costs from \$400 to \$600. To learn more and/or register, visit: <https://www.mnseia.org/gateway-solar-conference>

From Fresh Energy:

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 from 7:30–11:30am CT:

Fresh Energy Benefit Breakfast & Fair of the Future: All-electric showcase

Location: Saint Paul RiverCentre and Online

We hope you will join us on October 9 for an inspiring and **hope-filled Benefit Breakfast** with nationally known marine biologist, policy expert, and author Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson alongside Fresh Energy staff and other special guests. **IN-PERSON REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED.** However, as of this writing you can still register to attend virtually at:

<https://fresh-energy.org/benefitbreakfast24> Suggested minimum donation: \$125.

The Central Minnesota Chapter of The Climate Reality Project invites you attend our chapter Zoom meeting:

Thursday, October 10 at 6:30pm CT

Topic: EV 101 & EVs in Greater Minnesota

Special Guest Speaker: Diana McKeown, CERTs Co-Director and the Metro CERT Director at the Great Plains Institute



About the speaker: Diana McKeown joined the Great Plains Institute in July 2013 and is one of three Co-directors for the statewide partnership CERTs (Clean Energy Resource Teams). Diana led the metro region of CERTs since October 2007, before becoming CERTs Co-director in 2023.

Over the past 31 years, Diana has coordinated and participated in several clean energy initiatives, campaigns, partnerships and coalitions including Mercury Free MN, POWER Coalition,

GreenStep Cities and Cities Charging Ahead! And most recently is coordinating the MN TA Collaborative on behalf of CERTs. Prior to joining the CERTs team, Diana worked for over 14 years at Clean Water Action Alliance of MN. Diana holds a BS in environmental studies from the University of Minnesota.

Note that Diana was one of the first 1000 “climate messengers” trained by Al Gore in January, 2007!

Please join us to learn more about electric vehicles, and Minnesota’s charging infrastructure. If you already drive an EV, you are invited to share your experiences with us during the Q&A/discussion that follows the talk.

The presentation will include:

- The types of EVs (battery, plug-in hybrid, plain hybrid)
- EV Adoption in Minnesota
- Types of EV chargers
- Minnesota EV charging infrastructure, including in greater MN
- EV Benefits
- EV Batteries
- EV incentives (very brief) + Utility incentives on chargers

Please register for this Zoom meeting at: <https://tinyurl.com/CMC-10-10-2024>

*Shortly after registering, you will receive a confirmation email, containing the actual link (unique to you) for joining the meeting. **As always, please feel free to invite others to attend.***

Thursday, October 17, 10am – Noon CT Northwest Minnesota Sustainability Network Event

The Northwest Sustainability Network offers opportunities for community members around northwestern Minnesota to network and share knowledge. It intends to help identify and carry out community-based sustainability projects that benefit local households, businesses, and organizations.

Join CERTs' Anna Peterson and RSDP's Crystal Rayamajhi to focus on clean energy, biological diversity, and resilience within the region.

To register for this ONLINE event, visit:

<https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/nw-mn-sustainability-network-event>



Thursday, October 17 – Wednesday, October 23 Climate Reality Leadership Training

Train with former US Vice President Al Gore and join a community of change-makers working for just climate solutions worldwide.

The training will take place online from October 17 – 23. With only a few required live broadcasts, and several on-demand skill building sessions to choose from, it can easily fit into most schedules. Areas of focus will include REDUCING EMISSIONS and MISINFORMATION. The training is open to the public.

Don't miss this opportunity! The registration deadline is October 10. Learn more and apply at:

<https://www.climate reality project.org/us-virtual>

Monday, October 21, 10:00am-4:30pm CT: Electrify Minnesota 2024



Humphrey School Conference Center

While the concept of beneficial electrification is appealing, the question remains – how do we implement? This meeting will bring together stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds to discuss next steps to meeting both challenges and opportunities provided by advancements in electric technology. Cost: \$95.00

For further details and/or to register visit:

<https://be-league.org/events/electrify-minnesota-2024/>