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| **Metro Monthly Green Tips: July 2012**  It’s starting to heat up out there so this month’s green tips incorporated ways to be green and enjoy the summer. Here a few easy ways to be a more green and sustainable in your daily routine this summer, both at Metro and at home.  Going green all at once is too much for almost anyone to accomplish. Instead, try adding a few more ideas each month, or pick one from each month’s green tips. You'll be surprised at how many changes you can make in just a year.  **1) Protect Your Skin and the Planet-** We've all been told to wear sunscreen, but it can damage our skin and the environment with chemicals that are useless in terms of skin protection, take ages to break down, and end up bleaching coral reefs. After investigating nearly 1,000 products, the *Environmental Working Group* put together a special report scoring sunscreens on a scale from zero (no hazard) to 10 (high hazard). To view the report, please click [here](http://breakingnews.ewg.org/2012sunscreen/sunscreens-exposed/executive-summary/).  For easier shopping, make sure to avoid culprit chemicals such as oxybenzone and try to use sunscreens with naturally occurring minerals such as titanium dioxide or zinc oxide – these create physical, not chemical barriers and are not as easily absorbed into the skin.  **2) Beat the Heat –** Electric fans use 90 percent less energy than centralized air conditioning, and Energy Star-Rated ceiling fans are 50 percent more efficient than conventional fan/light units. By raising the temperature on the thermostat a few degrees and increasing fan use you can save energy and money this summer season.  **3) Staycations-** Save some money this summer and curb your carbon footprint with these green trip options:  Take a local vacation: Bike or walk a regional trail to cut carbon emissions and save gas money.  Trade homes with a friend in the community for an easy change of scenery.  Day-tripping: Visit a community supported agriculture (CSA) farm in your area to see where produce is grown, or pack up your locally grown food and enjoy a picnic at the nearest park.  By implementing these steps into your monthly routine you’ll help in building a more sustainable and future!  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Colorado Avenue Replacement Parking  In preparation for construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Line, work crews will be installing perpendicular parking spaces on seven side streets immediately off of Colorado Avenue in order to permanently relocate current parking from the south side of Colorado Avenue located between 5th Street and 17th Street in the City of Santa Monica. The is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV)* and its subcontractors. Replacement parking work is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012 through Friday, July 20, 2012. Parking removed from the south side of Colorado Avenue from 5th Street to 17th Street will be relocated to the following streets: 7th Street from Colorado Avenue to Olympic Boulevard and 9th, 10th, 12th, Euclid, 15th, and 16th Streets from Colorado Avenue to Broadway. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120703_Expo_Phase_2_Construction_Notice_Colorado_Parking.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120703_Expo_Phase_2_Construction_Notice_Colorado_Parking.pdf> | |
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