

Our Green City — The City of Eau Claire has made some awesome strides to be as green as it can be. From forming a sustainability committee, to planting trees, to reducing emissions, to solar installation, we have eco-ed up Eau Claire quite well! Here are some facts and figures from the past few years.



Did You Know the City of Eau Claire:




- Used approximately 400,000 gallons of fuel last year
- Implemented an anti-idling policy for city-owned vehicles in 2011
- Owns 7 environmentally friendly vehicles, including three hybrid buses
- Has 2.67 miles of on-road bike lanes and approximately 30 miles of off-road bike trails
- In 2013, 1,047,962 people rode Eau Claire Transit*




For 2013, 2,650 trees were planted (2,000 seedlings and 650 balled and burlapped trees). Public Works' projects included an additional planting of 85 street trees. Recycled 3,800 Christmas Trees during Merry Mulch Event, as well.**




In 2013, the city replaced all the library's original 1976 windows with more energy-efficient ones.**

The city of Eau Claire uses on average, from its 15 operating wells, 9.25 million gallons of water daily. That's like filling up 185,000 50 gallon bath tubs or 15½ Fairfax Swimming Pools per day! *





In 2013, the city procured three hybrid buses; that have saved over \$50,000 in fuel consumption. UW-Eau Claire students designed three biosphere bus-wraps to increase awareness on the environment.**



The average per-person recycling volume in Eau Claire County increased from 123.2 pounds in 2012 to 141.2 pounds in 2013.*

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that Americans use 90 billion plastic bags, sacks, and wraps each year. Each year it is estimated the average American uses 330 plastics bags. Hence, city residents used on average approximately 21,741,390 plastics bags in 2010.*

In 2014, Eau Claire County residents recycled 7,423 tons of recyclables; properly disposed of 63,633 pounds of hazardous waste and 3,439 bulbs during four Clean Sweep events; and over 2,000 pounds of medication were incinerated.

—Amanda Haffele, Recycling Coordinator, Eau Claire County Recycling Program



Installed public Wi-Fi on 22 city buses.**



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*EC Green Team Newsletter

**Green Tier Legacy Community 2013 Annual Report