



# Green

## tips



Mark your calendars!  
 July is **National Picnic Month!**  
 Grab some friends and enjoy a meal in the great outdoors!



"The fate of the living planet is the most important issue facing mankind." - Gaylord Nelson

### get around



Summertime in Eau Claire is a great time to consider using more **sustainable transportation** like walking or biking to different events around town. Many people enjoy bonfires this time of year, and so now is a great time to check and make sure that you are using proper **fire safety** practices. Below are a few ways to help you stay safe and active this summer.



### Bicycling in Eau Claire



This spring, a group of UWEC students completed a bike share feasibility study for the City of Eau Claire. They found that a **bike share program** would have its challenges in Eau Claire, mainly

because most people already own their own bikes, and a majority of people polled use cars as their main mode of **transportation**. There remains support for exploring the idea of a bike share program. Whether or not a bike share program is in the cards for Eau Claire, there are plenty of opportunities to bike around the City.

This year, Eau Claire was again awarded the **Bronze award** for being a **Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. This award means that Eau Claire is a community that is focused on making bicycling safe, convenient, and attractive for all residents. For more information, visit the League of American Bicyclists webpage [here](#).



### Fire Safety & Sustainability

One way we can proactively practice sustainability is by making sure that we prevent fires within our own homes. Here are some fire safety tips:

- Use flameless candles instead of real ones. Many have timers that can be used to prolong battery life.
- Practice **kitchen safety**. Keep the kitchen space uncluttered and limit distractions while cooking. Don't leave a hot stovetop unattended.
- Test and update **alarms** regularly (twice a year).
- Update your water heater at least every ten years.
- **Declutter** your home, and keep flammable hazards out.
- Clean dryer vents regularly. This will reduce fire hazards and improve the efficiency and longevity of your dryer.
- Practice **fireplace safety** – keep fireplaces and wood stoves clean with annual cleanings and inspections. Never leave a fire burning unattended.
- Don't overload power outlets. Instead, use advanced power strips which cut power to electronics when they are not in use.



### Did you know...

Cooking was the cause of almost 50% of US residential building fires in 2012. Make sure you practice good kitchen safety.  
 -US Fire Administration



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