

Our Collective Responsibility

Artists, cultural leaders, and creative thinkers bring fresh perspectives that help make complex climate challenges relatable. By weaving climate-focused ideas into public art and cultural experiences, Santa Rosa can spark a broader cultural shift, inspiring awareness and action in our community.

These guidelines outline best practices to reduce environmental impacts while creating meaningful artworks.



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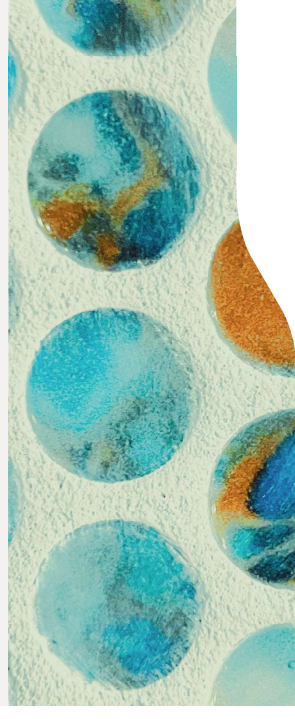
We encourage art that

- ✓ Promotes climate awareness messaging
- ✓ Incorporates renewable materials or technology

- ✓ Bold, high quality works that reflect our commitment to climate leadership and creative excellence.

City of Santa Rosa Arts and Culture

Creating a Sustainable Studio



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Did you know?

A sea freight shipment can have a carbon footprint 96% lower than an air freight shipment.

However, **shopping local one of the most impactful ways artists can reduce their environmental footprint.**

The **City of Santa Rosa offers tools** to monitor how and when your studio uses water, along with tailored recommendations to help you **conserve** and **cut costs**.

Where do I dispose of

Used & Unused Solvents

zerowastesonoma.gov/hlw

Turpentine, mineral spirits, thinners, alcohols

- Do not pour down drains or into trash.
- Store in a tightly sealed, labeled container.

Rinse Water

From cleaning brushes, trays, or tools

- If water contains paint, pigment, or solvent residue, do not pour down sinks or outdoor drains.
- Collect in a sealed container and take to a household hazardous waste drop-off.

Paints & Pigments

paintcare.org/drop-off-sites

Acrylic, oil, latex, enamel, stains

- Water-based paint: Let dry completely. Dispose of empty, dried cans (lid off) in regular trash.
- Oil-based or liquid paint: Bring to a PaintCare drop-off site or household hazardous waste facility.

Learn More

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Estimated Energy Savings from Sustainable Studio Actions

- LED Lighting
- Kiln Efficiency
- Low Flow Cleaning
- Reuse Materials

45%

30%

25%

15%



Simple Ways Artists Can Reduce Water Use

- Use a two- or three-jar brush cleaning system.
- Capture & reuse water for tool washing.
- Install sink filters to trap pigment and clay.
- Reclaim clay to reduce water-intensive processes
- Avoid running water during cleanup