

GREEN OCEANSIDE

LOVE YOUR PLANET THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

Show your planet some extra love on Valentine's Day by choosing sustainable alternatives to the common holiday traditions. Do it yourself, and make Valentine's cards from recycled paper and other materials. Showcase your creativity by using comics from newspapers, older magazines, and even using wrapping paper from previous holidays. Add buttons, scrap fabric, and leaves or shells to decorate. Go a step further and create an e-card online for the ultimate sustainable Valentine's card.



We can all lessen our environmental impact by gifting experiences, not items. Experiences create lasting memories and ensure fewer materials are being used to create new items, which can eventually find their way into the landfill. Gifting jewelry this year? Give your loved one a unique treasure by visiting a local reuse store when purchasing jewelry. Be sure to wrap it in recycled paper or store it in a reusable bag.

End your Valentine's Day with the perfect touch by cooking your dinner from scratch. Consider picking up ingredients from the Mainstreet Oceanside farmers' market and always opt for locally grown items when possible. If you eat out, visit a restaurant from the City's [Green Oceanside Business Network](#). These businesses are recognized as environmental leaders in the community and incorporate sustainable practices into their every day work.

Valentine's Day is about celebrating love, not only to friends and family, but to our planet as well. By choosing to have a sustainable Valentine's Day, you can take action to protect the planet for generations to come.

To learn more about the City's Environmental Programs, upcoming events and workshops, and how you can be a better steward of the earth, visit [GreenOceanside.org](#).

