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What's in your cleaning closet?

Most conventional cleaning products are petroleum based and are harmful to your health and the environment. Choose natural products and methods that keep your business clean and smelling fresh. Many of these products are non-toxic, biodegradable, and made from renewable resources.



Knowing which products you use and their potential hazards help your business meet Petal Project pollution prevention criteria #1.

Two New Businesses Join the Petal Project

The Petal Project welcomes Dubuque Data Services and Cottingham & Butler to the group. Dubuque Data Services strives to provide dealers with the most cost effective Dealer Management Software Solution at the highest level of efficiency possible. They are located at 40 Main Street in Dubuque. Cottingham & Butler offers a full suite of employee benefit and risk management services through their team of more than 360 industry professionals. They are located at 800 Main Street in Dubuque.

January Petal Connect

The next Petal Connect session will be January 31st from noon to 1:00 at Dubuque Bank & Trust (1398 Central Avenue). Kate Lydon with [Solar Planet](#) will be talking about the solar potential of Dubuque.

The Dubuque Racing Association funds have been used so there will not be free lunch at this session. Feel free to bring your lunch or arrive thirty minutes early (11:30) and we will walk to a place nearby to grab lunch. Please RSVP to kmcelroy@ecia.org by January 23rd.

Petal Project businesses have a wealth of knowledge when it comes to sustainability so why not share it with each other? Each month we will host a Petal Connect session for Petal participating businesses. This is your opportunity to learn from each other and use your shared knowledge to solve common challenges.

Energy Efficiency Loan Fund (EELF)

The Energy Efficiency Loan Fund (EELF) is a \$200,000 revolving loan fund established through funds from the U.S. Department of Energy. Its purpose is to help finance energy improvements in buildings

owned or leased by commercial businesses or non-profits located in the City of Dubuque. EELF is intended to fund innovative energy efficiency projects that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The current interest rate for EELF loans is 1%. **Special consideration will be given to Petal Project businesses in the selection process.**

To learn more about this program or to submit an application visit the [ECIA Business Growth](#) website.

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