

Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



Beyond the Office



A green approach to New Year's resolutions

1. Pick Seasonal and Local Fruits and Vegetables.
2. Take your bicycle out of the shed or take a look into public transportation.
3. Make your home efficient; switch to CFL light bulbs if you haven't already.
4. Keep Your electronics for the year. If you need something new, make sure it's recycled properly.
5. Spend time outdoors, and the less money you will spend on electricity.

Iowa Environmental Excellence Awards

Iowa businesses, organizations and citizens are invited to apply for the Governor's Iowa Environmental Excellence Awards. To download an application, go to www.iowadnr.gov/eeawards; applications are due March 28, 2014.

These awards are the premier environmental honors in Iowa, recognizing leadership and innovation in the protection of Iowa's water, land and air. Winners will be recognized by Gov. Terry Branstad at a reception in late spring.

Organizations are encouraged to submit their applications electronically to reduce paper waste. Complete instructions are included in the application packet.

Awards will be given for Overall Environmental Excellence, along with Special Project Awards in:

- Air Quality
- Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy
- Habitat Restoration
- Waste Management
- Water Quality
- Environmental Education

The awards program is coordinated by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.

For more information and to download an application, go to www.iowadnr.gov/eeawards or contact Emily Bainter at 515-242-5955 or Emily.Bainter@dnr.iowa.gov.

Adjustment to Janitorial Paper Requirement

After meeting with vendors and conducting extensive internal research, the Petal Project team has decided to slightly modify the janitorial paper requirement for the program. The new requirement is listed below. The program now allows the use of all Ecologo and Green Seal certified products. We feel this change will simplify the certification process for Petal businesses, and appreciate that the third party certifications evaluate the entire life cycle of the product. Any products that previously qualified for the program still do. This change just adds the Ecologo and Green Seal options. Please let Kelsey McElroy know if you have any concerns with this change.

New: Purchase janitorial paper products (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) that are certified Ecologo, Green Seal, or contain a minimum 50% post-consumer recycled content. Documentation from your vendor will be required.

Old: Purchase janitorial paper products (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) that contain a minimum 50% post-consumer recycled content. Documentation from your vendor will be required.

Congratulations, Platinum Supplemental Insurance!

Platinum Supplemental Insurance has officially earned their Water conservation and Pollution Prevention petals. This is wonderful progress toward certification!



Thank You To Our Sponsors

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Silver



Bronze



