

# Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



## Beyond the Office Thanksgiving Tips



"Green" your Thanksgiving this year by incorporating some or all of these tips into your celebration.

1. Hit the local farmers market
2. Buy organic
3. Boot the bottled water for guests.
4. Put away paper and plastic products
5. Save food, use tupperware

[For more tips click here.](#)

## Energy Star Training Opportunities

Before heading out on vacation for turkey, pumpkin pie, and all your other Thanksgiving favorites, be sure to get yourself an extra helping of energy efficiency training. Join EPA's ENERGY STAR program for commercial buildings to learn about a wide range of topics, including energy competitions, benchmarking water use, leveraging the ENERGY STAR brand in communications, and using the new Portfolio Manager tool. For a complete list of trainings, visit [esbuildings.webex.com](http://esbuildings.webex.com).

### **How to Apply for the ENERGY STAR**

*[Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 3:30 pm EST](#)*

Join us to learn about applying for ENERGY STAR Certification in Portfolio Manager. Understand the value of the ENERGY STAR certification, see the step-by-step process of applying, and gain tips to help your property get from application to award.

To learn more about ENERGY STAR visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

### **EIMCo is Petal Certified**

EIMCo has completed all Petal requirements and is now a fully certified green business. EIMCo celebrated their certification on Friday, October 4th which was National Manufacturing Day.



They invited the public to tour their facility and local high school students competed in a manufacturing competition.

[Click here to learn more about EIMCo's certification.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the manufacturing competition.](#)

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### **International Guests Learn How Dubuque Governs**

Petal Project representatives recently presented to government professionals from New Zealand and China. The program is part of an International City Management Association exchange.

[Click here to read about the visit.](#)

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### **Energy Star Certification**

If you are interested in earning a 2013 ENERGY STAR certification, please note that to be considered for 2013 ENERGY STAR Certification, applications must be submitted within Portfolio Manager by Midnight EST Friday, November 15, 2013.

For more information on applying, view this [step-by-step guide](#) or join an upcoming [webinar](#). If you have questions, please visit [www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp](http://www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp).

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#### Silver



#### Bronze



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