

Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



Beyond the Office: Summer tips



1. Fill up pitchers of water and other beverages instead of buying individual portions.
2. Refrain from cutting your grass more than once a week.
3. Cut down on watering your lawn, or don't do it at all.
4. Put timers on your water sprinklers.
5. Keep doors and windows closed as much as possible to keep AC running less.

Petal News...

Grants to Green Partnership

CFGD (Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque) was awarded \$1.25 million for a program called *Grants to Green (G2G)*. The goal of *G2G* is to build the sustainability of nonprofits in Northeast Iowa by helping them become more resource efficient, primarily by building and renovating their facilities to operate as "green" as possible. The program provides up to \$50,000 per nonprofit for energy improvements to help save money on utility bills and grow stronger.

The program is available to all registered nonprofits who:

- own their building;
- are planning to build a new facility; or
- have a long-term lease.

June Events

June 3rd 3-4:30pm

July 101 Information Drop in Session at the Carnegie Stout Public Library. All are welcome for a short training on riding the Jule.

June 4th 6:30pm-

8pm Green Drinks at Catfish Charlie's for anyone interested in sustainability or green issues.

June 7th 9:00am

American hiking Society's National Trails Day Hike
Where: Mines of Spain
Cost: Free

June 18th 7:00pm

Carbon Nation: a climate change movie
Mind Frame Theater, Dubuque.

June 28th 9am-4pm

Tour of Gardens
Cost \$10
For more information:
563-583-6496

*Houses of Worship do not currently qualify for this program, but a school, daycare, etc. operated by a church does qualify.

The businesses involved in this grant will be working with the Petal Project as well, so the Petal Project has the potential to add an additional 20 businesses over the next couple of years.

If you are interested in participating in the program, or to learn more about it, please visit the [Community Foundation Website](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities with ENERGY STAR®

Kick off your summer with ENERGY STAR trainings! Join EPA's ENERGY STAR program for commercial buildings to learn about a variety of topics, including updates to Portfolio Manager web services, using the new Portfolio Manager tool, and applying for the ENERGY STAR.

The Federal Guiding Principles Checklist in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 2:00 pm EDT

Tailored to Federal energy and sustainability professionals, learn how to use Portfolio Manager to help ensure compliance with the Guiding Principles for High Performance Sustainable Buildings required by Executive Orders 13423 and 13514.

Portfolio Manager Office Hours, Focus Topic: ENERGY STAR Certification

Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 1:00 pm EDT

Portfolio Manager "Office Hours" is a live webinar that gives all users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA in an open forum. In June, the topic will be applying for ENERGY STAR Certification. The first 20-30 minutes of the session will be spent on this topic, while the remaining hour will be used to answer any questions you have about Portfolio Manager (not limited to the focus topic).

Portfolio Manager 101

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 1:00 pm EDT

Get started using EPA's Portfolio Manager tool. We'll introduce and demonstrate the core functionality of the Portfolio Manager tool, including how to enter properties, enter energy and water data, share data with others, and generate performance reports.

Portfolio Manager 201

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 1:00 pm EDT

Take a deeper dive into the more advanced functionalities of Portfolio Manager such as managing changes in property uses over time, using spreadsheet templates to quickly upload data, setting goals, and creating custom reports.

How to Apply for the ENERGY STAR

Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 1:00 pm EDT

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.

In addition to the above trainings, the following ENERGY STAR Low Carbon IT webinars are offered monthly.

Data Center Energy Efficiency Opportunities: What Managers Should Know

Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 1:00 pm EDT

Through this easy to understand presentation on data center energy efficiency opportunities, gain an understanding of the drivers of data center energy costs; common energy savings opportunities; how to spot these opportunities and initiate changes; and available resources for further assistance.

For Utilities: Designing and Implementing Successful Data Center Efficiency Programs

Friday, June 6, 2014 at 1:00 pm EDT

Based on the new ENERGY STAR guide on data center efficiency programs, this webinar will explore the energy saving opportunities available and share emerging practices for program design and implementation.

Computer Power Management with ENERGY STAR

Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 1:00 pm EDT

Realize substantial energy and financial savings available through ENERGY STAR computer power management offerings.

Dubuque Food Co-Op

Hours:

Mon-Sat 8:00am- 7:00pm

Sunday 11am-7:00pm



The Dubuque Food Co-op is the Dubuque area's first member-owned natural, organic, and local food store, but you won't need to be a member to shop with us. That said, membership is the lifeblood of cooperatives, and your investment will help to grow our food community in the Dubuque area!

Check out their website:

<http://dubuquefood.coop/>

Helpful Jule Information

The Jule Transit implemented an improved route system on January 6, 2014. At the spine of the new system, is an addition of Non-Stop Express service

between downtown and the west side of Dubuque. This route combines with a new route concept to create efficiencies that enable a variety of improvements including:



- Reduced travel times
- Maximum trip length of approximately 50 minutes
- 5 minute trip time from JFK Circle to 6th & Iowa
- Reduced wait times at transfers
- Maximum wait time at transfers of 15 minutes
- Non-stop service between downtown and west-end every 30 minutes
- Service from downtown to west-end and DICW until 6:15pm
- More commuters will be able to utilize transit to return home from work
- New (hourly) service to Terrace Heights, Freemont/Wartburg, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Rockdale Rd, YM/YWCA
- 30 minute service from 22-32nd & Jackson, MA West, Asbury Plaza, Walmart and DICW

For more information, visit our website at www.juletransit.org or contact The Jule at 563.589.4196

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 Eco-logo 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 Holly Kueter 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 of 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 of 50% post-consumer recycled content. Documentation from your vendor will be required.

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