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Beyond the Office



Green Grilling: Before you invite the guests, buy the burgers, and spark the coals, take a moment to consider what goes into – and what comes out of – your usual celebration.

Consider The Meat:

Consider serving less meat - note that we didn't say no meat. Here's why: It takes 1,916 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef, and cattle produce enormous amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas that's almost 20 times more harmful than carbon dioxide. Bulking up your offerings with vegetarian dishes is a great idea. For the meat you do serve, choose organic and grass-fed selections.

Power Down

Turn off your computer and other equipment when you leave the office. Set equipment to go to "sleep" mode when not in use. An easy way to turn off all your equipment at once is to plug it all into one power strip with an on/off switch. According to the Energy Star program, activating sleep settings on just one computer can prevent about 300 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions each year while saving your business money.

Using power strips or power management software helps your business complete an optional measure under the Energy Conservation petal.

[Energy Conservation Requirements](#)

July Petal Connect

The July Petal Connect session will be held Monday, July 16th at noon in Auditorium A & B at Finley Hospital. Max with Full Circle -- Organics will be talking to the group about the new composting facility he is starting in Dubuque County. This may be an opportunity to start or expand a composting program at your business. Join us and learn more!

The Auditorium is on the first floor, right next to the cafeteria. Please park in the two hour parking lot to the right of the main entrance or in the parking garage off of 3rd Street. Finley Hospital is allowing all guests attending the Petal Connect session to pay employee pricing in the cafeteria. This amounts to a nearly 20% discount. Feel free to bring your lunch or purchase lunch in the cafeteria. **Please RSVP to Kelsey (kmcclroy@ecia.org) by Thursday, July 12th.**

Choose Local and Seasonal Produce:

It's no coincidence that BBQ season coincides with the time many locally grown fruits and vegetables are at their best. Local produce typically means fewer chemicals were used to grow and preserve foods, and since it doesn't have to travel long distances, less energy is consumed in transporting them. Consult a [seasonal produce calendar](#) and visit your local farmers market for the freshest selections available.

These and other tips are available from the [Discovery Company](#).

Shingle Recycling Program

The DMASWA landfill now recycles asphalt shingles. The shingles will be ground and may be used to make asphalt for paving projects. Only asphalt shingles from residential homes can be recycled by the Agency, due to federal law. For more information on shingle recycling, contact the DMASWA Facility Supervisor at 563-557-8220.

Petal Project News

Congratulations to Dubuque Data Services for earning the Pollution Prevention petal. They are one petal away from being certified!

The Petal Project welcomes MSA Professional Services to the program. MSA is a full-service consulting firm.

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