

# Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



## Beyond the Office



Instead of staying cooped up inside with video games or the computer this fall, try some of these fun, nature-based fall activities: jump in leaves, ride your bike, picnic at an apple orchard, or carve a pumpkin.

## Lights Off

Increasing the efficiency of your lighting is only the start. You also need to educate employees about the importance of turning off lights when leaving a room. Reminder stickers above light switches are a great place to start. Thanks to the Dubuque Racing Association, we have professionally printed stickers you can use to remind employees to flip the switch. Contact Kelsey ([kmcelroy@ecia.org](mailto:kmcelroy@ecia.org)) to request some for your business. You can also host informal competitions that reward employees who remember to turn off the lights.

*Posting signs reminding employees to turn off lights and appliances when they are not needed helps your business meet one of the required measures under the Waste Reduction petal.*

[Energy Conservation Requirements](#)

### **Premier Bank is Petal Certified**

On August 27th Premier Bank announced that they have completed all of the program requirements and are now certified. Premier Bank joins Finley Hospital, Loras College, and DB&T. To celebrate this accomplishment, Premier Bank hosted an e-green ribbon cutting ceremony. [Click here](#) to learn more about Premier's sustainable business practices and to watch the ribbon cutting.

### **Growing Sustainable Communities Conference**

The 5th Annual Growing Sustainable Communities Conference - Midwestern Region is a two-day educational opportunity for municipal professionals, elected officials and business leaders who have a common interest in sustainability. The general conference held on October 3, 2012 will be preceded by several optional half-day workshops, tours and networking opportunities on October 2. Hosted by the City of Dubuque and Sustainable City Network, the conference will be held at the Grand River Center located in the Port of Dubuque at 500 Bell Street.

For more information and to register visit the conference website: <http://www.gscdubuque.com/>.

### **Hazardous and Solid Waste Compliance & Management Workshop**

Pollution Prevention Services is working with the Waste Commission of Scott County, the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges and the Iowa Waste Exchange to host a workshop entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Compliance & Management" on September 26 at the Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, Iowa.

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