

GO GREEN!

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ENVIRO-TIP OF THE MONTH

Give the gift of energy savings - Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well. Shop for EnergyStar qualified gifts.

<http://www.energystar.gov/products>

WHAT YOU CAN DO, WHAT YOU CAN USE

Green Your Winter and Your Holidays - Have your home heating serviced to keep it efficient. Make sure your fireplace or wood stove is working properly and burns smoke-free indoors. Prepare for snow and ice storms.

- Saving energy: <https://www.energystar.gov/holiday>
- Safer, smoke-free fires: <http://www2.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>
VIDEO - Wood smoke and Asthma: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-OfbPjXPUU>

Snow and ice - Prepare ahead for winter's worst. Generator exhaust is toxic, and always put generators outside well away from doors, windows, and vents. Find de-icers that are safer for the environment. Learn more about reducing risks when severe snow or ice is forecast.

<https://www.epa.gov/natural-disasters/snow-and-ice>

2017 Enviro Ed Nominations - Know a teacher who teaches about the environment? The Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers who use innovative approaches to environmental education, and use the environment as a context for learning for their students. The nomination period is open now thru March.

<https://www.epa.gov/education/presidential-innovation-award-environmental-educators>

P3 Applications Open in December - It's the 14th annual *People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Student Design Competition!* Under P3, college teams apply for grants to develop and display innovative solutions for a sustainable future. P3 offers students quality hands-on experience that brings classroom learning to life. The application period will open in early December. Read more about the P3 competition and how to apply:

<https://www.epa.gov/P3>

What is P3? Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URGEUcDtaMA>

Remember: Lead Safe Work - If you're planning to have work done on your home, look for contractors certified for lead-safe renovation. Lead paint is the main way people are exposed to lead in the U.S., and lead exposure can cause a range of health problems from behavioral disorders and learning disabilities to seizures and death, putting young children and their developing nervous systems at the greatest risk. EPA has fined contractors who violated lead-safe work practices designed to prevent or reduce hazardous lead dust from common renovation or home repair activities.

<http://go.usa.gov/xkJP4>

- **Check if your contractor is certified for lead-safe work:**
<https://www.epa.gov/lead/renovation-repair-and-painting-program>

EN ESPAÑOL: SPANISH FEATURES

Queme prudentemente. ¿Sabía que si quema la madera de manera prudente usted puede ahorrar dinero, reducir la contaminación del aire y proteger su salud? Aprenda más acerca de nuestro programa de Burn Wise n español e inglés:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/burnwise_engesp.pdf

- Equivalent information about this topic in English: <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise>

Hogar dulce hogar. Mantenga su familia sana y saludable todos los días. Aprenda más sobre cómo protegerse y a su familia de los riesgos medioambientales.

<https://espanol.epa.gov/espanol/protejase>

- Equivalent information about this topic in English: <https://www.epa.gov/learn-issues/learn-about-greener-living>

Blog Hispano de la EPA: <https://blog.epa.gov/blog/category/espanol>

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MULTIMEDIA

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

A Historic Day in Our Fight Against Climate Change

<https://blog.epa.gov/blog/2016/10/hfcs>

EJ 2020: The Next Generation of Environmental Justice at EPA

<https://blog.epa.gov/blog/2016/10/ej-2020-the-next-generation-of-environmental-justice-at-epa/>

Read more EPA blog posts: <https://blog.epa.gov>

VIDEO RELEASES - November Releases

Advancing Environmental Justice through the National Environmental Policy Act. Learn how "Promising Practices" and NEPA will result in better outcomes for our most vulnerable communities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJy-mkoEnMM>

Making a Visible Difference in Newburgh, NY:

- **Providing Brownfields Assessments.** Brownfields assessments help business planning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7WVZ5eu74o>
- **Bringing Stakeholders Together.** Bringing groups together to work on specific projects. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRcy1_K59d8

How Science Gets Done: Researching Invasive Tunicates on Martha's Vineyard. Research at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution about invasive tunicates in a coastal ecosystem. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imaJW6DZSEs>

Be aware, Be prepared, Protect Critical Water Infrastructure. About protecting drinking water and wastewater utilities in your community. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWGKHRxzoni>

Faces of EPA: Kathryn Drisco. Learn about quality assurance of science at EPA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxO2HUQyP3o>

More EPA videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/USEPAgov/videos>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

December

Day

2, EPA established in 1970
11, Superfund established in 1980

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Americans want to help protect and improve the nation's land, water, and air. "Go Green!" is a monthly newsletter from the US EPA summarizing recent news and info you can use to make a difference in your home, community, and workplace.

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