

Chemicals Meeting Agenda

Sustainable Concepts: disposing of household hazardous waste properly, switching to eco-friendly alternatives, decreasing your chemical exposure

15 Minutes Welcome/Attendance/Announcements & Extra Credit Mid-Semester Check-in

***Optional: Co-Opportunity Field Trip (if you go, it will take the full meeting time, so please use the first 10 minutes before you leave to collect community service forms, check SS, etc.)**

- Please take 5 minutes to check in with your Crew Members about the status of:
 - Their Sustainability Surveys – Has anyone NOT showed you their completed “Before” section? If so, please send them into the office to speak with me after your meeting
 - Attendance – Have Crew Members missed any meetings? If so, have they made them up by attending another Crew or doing a make-up assignment? Please follow up with them about any absences. Make-up assignments are due at the last meeting
 - Community Service – please ask how many of your Crew Members have:
 - Completed their 3 hours. If they have not already turned in page 7 of the Workbook to you, they should do so ASAP (by next week)
 - Signed up for an event – pass around the clip board to promote sign ups
 - Please remind Crew Members who haven’t signed up for an event yet that the deadline to complete their 3 hours is approaching in just 5 weeks! They should sign up ASAP to avoid not having any open spaces left

Please announce the following:

Efficiency First Workshop

See Flyer

Santa Monica Sunshine Tour

(Through American Solar Energy Society (ASES))

Date & Time: Oct. 31, from 10am to 12pm

Community: Santa Monica, CA

Presented by: Solar Electric Solutions

Description: Solar installations in Santa Monica and adjacent cities

Fee: FREE

Instructions for taking this tour:

For more information, contact: Jerry Caldwell, 310-581-3772

jcaldwell@solarelectricsolutions.com

or visit: Santa Monica Sunshine Tour

Dr. Sean Anderson "After the Rivers Run Dry: Lessons from Phased Ecological Restoration Experiments - from California Salt Marshes to Anatolian Steppes and Points in Between"

Tuesday, 11/3/2009

Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Resource Management at CSU Channel Islands will discuss the results of efforts to restore damaged ecological systems.

Free. Location: SCI 140, 11:15 AM

"Explorations In Sustainable Architecture"

Wednesday, 11/4/2009

Architect David Randall Hertz explores green materials and buildings ranging from contemporary natural houses and commercial projects, to his most recent projects.

Location: Bundy Campus Room 123 6:30 PM

RAIN BARREL & CISTERN SALES EVENT

Sunday, November 8 2009; 10 am – 2 pm

Santa Monica Airport, 3050 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica, CA

FREE ADMISSION

REBATES available for all featured products

The City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability & the Environment (OSE) is holding its first annual rainwater harvesting products showcase and sales event with many leading manufacturers and distributors participating.

Harvesting rainwater from your rooftop protects the Santa Monica Bay from polluted runoff, reduces potable water demand, and adds a little excitement to your life and landscape.

- Rain barrels are the easiest and least expensive way to get started. See examples of how to install the products, and take the product home with you.
- If rain barrels aren't doing it for you, cisterns are the way to go. Holding anywhere from hundreds to thousands of gallons, cisterns will be on display for the professionals or the more adventurous among us.

Get event updates as they are announced at www.sustainable-sm.org

Rain Harvest Rebates:

<http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/categories/content.aspx?id=3847>

GARDEN PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY, A NEW AND EXCITING SUSTAINABLE GARDENING PROJECT

Do you enjoy fresh vegetables but don't have the time or expertise to grow them? Are you a Santa Monica home/property owner with a small area in your front or back yard that you are willing to share with an experienced gardener? Consider signing up for the City's new GARDEN PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY. It's simple... home/property owners provide the land and the water and the gardeners do the work. Together, you share the crop!

The City maintains a registry of homeowners and potential gardeners based on information provided on the applications. The homeowner then selects a gardener from the registry and together the homeowner and gardener determine the specific arrangements that will work best for both parties.

For more information visit

http://www01.smgov.net/comm_progs/gardens/index.htm

or call (310)458-8573.

GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA LAUNCHES BEST PRACTICES WEB SITE

First-in-Nation Project Designed to Expedite the Greening of America

Green Cities California (GCC), a collaborative of 10 of the state's most environmentally progressive jurisdictions, including Santa Monica, launches its Best Practices Web site today.

The purpose of this first-of-its-kind Web site is to accelerate the implementation of sound environmental policies in cities and counties around the state and, ultimately, across the U.S. It is a storehouse of cutting-edge environmental policy designed to accelerate policy implementation by helping cities avoid pitfalls and save time.

The free Web site – created *by* local governments *for* local governments – provides everything staff and policymakers need to implement new policies, including the policy document itself, staff reports, background research, legal analysis, and outreach and education materials. Almost 50 Best Practices, organized around the seven categories of the Urban Environmental Accords – Energy, Waste, Urban Design, Urban Nature, Transportation, Environmental Health and Water – can be accessed now at www.greencitiescalifornia.org.

Community Service

Specific Events

- Phi Theta Kappa - Help run and organize E-waste collection booth
 - Thursday, October 29th
- Inter-Club Council – Come out, meet the clubs and man a zero waste station
 - Thursday, October 29th
- Ballona Wetlands Trust- Community Clean-up and Restoration of Ballona Northeast
 - Saturday, November 14th
- Santa Monica Bay keeper - Invasive vegetation removal

- Saturday, November 21st
- Friends of Ballona Wetlands - planting native plants and removing invasive non-natives
 - Saturday, November 28
- Ballona Institute - Help restore the Grand Canal Lagoon
 - Sundays, November 1st, 8th & 25th
 - Mondays, October 26th
 - Mondays, November 2nd, 9th & 26th
- Opportunity Green – Educate and help attendees allocate waste and recyclables to appropriate bins and gain access to a premier green business event
 - Saturday, November 7th & Sunday, November 8th

Arrange Your Own Time

- Children's Nature Institute
 - Contact Allison Fuller at (310) 860-9484 x105 or Allison@cni-kids.org
- Meals on Wheels
 - Contact Joanna Vasquez at (310) 394-7558 or joannavasquezmow@aol.com
- Farmer's Market School Salad Bars & SMMUSD School Gardens
 - Contact Dona Richwine at drichwine@smmusd.org
- Coalition for Clean Air
 - Contact Liz Ernst liz@coalitionforcleanair.org 213-630-1192 x109

15 Minutes Sharing Waste Reflections

- Crew Members share one response from p. 108
- Crew Leader asks how implementing Waste solutions went
- Crew Leader collects Waste reflections

30 minutes Topic Overview, Key Statistics, Toolkits

- Use Workbook to review topics and statistics
- Crew Members share main issues discussed in the chapter
- Crew Members share thoughts on what impact they have on these issues and/or what surprised them most
- Watch "Green Means" videos (about 15 minutes)

5 minutes Sustainability Quiz activity

- Prize this week: Planet laundry detergent

10 minutes Solutions

Review Chemical Solutions

- Solutions provide ways for Crew Members to do something about their impact. Review each Solution with Crew Members.
- As you discuss solutions, use Chemicals Tool display items to illustrate the concepts and provide further resources
- Offer hand-outs and brochures to those who want them

Picking Solutions to Implement

- Crew Members share which solutions they will implement

5 minutes Homework reminder

- Implement Chemicals solutions
- Complete Chemicals Reflections
- Read Transportation chapter and highlight things you want to do or discuss at the next meeting
- Do your community service if you have signed up for this week