



THE GREEN GAZETTE

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EMS Annual Goals

Did you know that each year our location is required to choose environmental goals? Then at the end of the year, we must report to the area office and to the Office of Management and Budget whether or not we've achieved those goals.

Take a look at what we've been working on for the past year and also what we're planning for this year.

FY08 EMS Goals

1. Inventory all federal facilities for mercury-switch thermostats.
2. Revise purchasing policies for electronics and participate in the Federal Electronics Challenge.
3. Incorporate environmental practices into our vehicle policy.

✓ In 2008, we met all these goals and applied for an award for our electronics purchasing efforts.

FY09 EMS Goals

1. Replace the 26 mercury thermostats that were found in federal buildings in FY08.
2. Revise end-of-life management policy for electronics and participate in the Federal Electronics Challenge.
3. Determine diesel usage and investigate the feasibility of biodiesel production in Tifton.

DON'T FORGET.....we still recycle glass, plastic, paper, certain batteries, pesticides, mercury containing items, fluorescent lamps, and electronics!! Please remember to put these in their proper place!

2009 EMS Training

Annual EMS training is scheduled for the week of *March 9, 2009*. Earl Griffin and Beth Anderson from the area office will be here to provide refresher training again this year. Please mark your calendars.

Tifton/Tift County E-cycling

The next e-cycling event will be held on April 11, 2009. This is a fantastic program that we use to recycle all our electronics on campus. If you have any old electronics in your work area, please fill out form AD 112 and get them to Tom Hendricks before this event.

You can also take any electronic items from home downtown on the day of the event for recycling. It's the right thing to do and it's **FREE!**

EMS Committee

Who is on the committee?

Tamara Snipes – Coordinator, CPMRU
Tom Hendricks – CPMRU
Patricia Timper – CPMRU
Russell Scarborough – CPMRU
Laura Marshall – SEWRU
Regina Hornbuckle – SEWRU
Tim Strickland – SEWRU
Kathy Marchant – CGBRU
Jackie Merriman – CGBRU
Tom Maze - ADMIN

Did you know? By turning down your central heating thermostat by just one degree, fuel consumption is cut by as much as 10%.

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