

ECOREP UPDATE

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TIP OF THE MONTH: Hello, snow! Next time you need to de-ice, consider what you're using. Chemical deicers can have harsh consequences for the environment, so read the labels first. Sand or fireplace ash are cheap and readily available, Magnesium chloride products melt snow at lower temperatures than traditional products. If in doubt, shovel it out!

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Save the Date:

Recyclemania. Going on right now, for the fourth year! It's a competition between universities to recycle. Learn more here!

EcoRep Meeting: The next meeting for the EcoReps is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, at 4pm in the Town Hall of Leadership Studies. We'll be discussing Recyclemania and the new Greening Your Workplace program.

Earth Day Event. Mark your calendars for April 26, when our annual event will feature poster presentations, Eco Reps Awards ceremony, and collaboration on the latest in sustainability. 2-5pm, Alumni Center. Don't forget to nominate for awards- the form is on the website here.

The EcoRep Update serves as a bimonthly publication to provide you with the latest news and information regarding the K-State Departmental EcoRep Program. If you would like to contribute to the EcoRep Update, please contact Maggie Stephens at sustainability@k-state.edu.

CALLING ALL ECOREPS!

The Greening Your Workplace program is now live! What is it? It's a certification program for offices, departments, and other workplaces to quantify their sustainability efforts with tangible levels of achievement and awards. The worksheet has items of various difficulty levels with corresponding point levels. . No matter the size of your office or the current level of participation, you're welcome to join the Greening Your Workplace program. As your group works together towards sustainability, you'll build group-wide awareness and participation in sustainability efforts. Green Workplaces will receive recognition and awards at the K-State Earth Day Event, so sign up now!

WHO: Any campus workplace! It can be your department, office, floor, or entire building, as long as there's no overlap

HOW: Head to the sustainability website to download the worksheet, grab some coworkers, and see what you've already accomplished!

WHEN: Get started now!

[Sign up here!](#)

SUCCESS STORIES: What is being done?

EcoReps share their stories of campus efforts

Plant Pathology/ Let's give a round of applause to this terrific department, who agreed to beta-test the Greening Your Workplace program for us. They've been making incredible efforts for sustainability over the past few years, and we want to recognize their hard work. Here's a taste: A good portion of the department participated in bike-to-work day, with two employees riding 20 miles! They've switched to ImageNow, a paperless filing system, for all of their HR purposes, in addition to using K-State Online for their hiring search committee. They recycle 100% of the paper that leaves the department office, and much of the other waste. Thank you, Plant Pathology, for all you do.

SPREAD THE WORD.

The K-State Departmental EcoRep Program is here to help you enhance the workplace and collaborate with others in efforts to decrease the campus footprint. Please share this newsletter with your coworkers and encourage them to join our team, engage in conversation, or simply ask questions by contacting sustainability@k-state.edu.