

ECOREP UPDATE

October 2012

TIP OF THE MONTH: The average commuter drives 29 miles a day.* Green your commute! Encourage coworkers to bike, walk, take public transit (rileycountyks.gov/ata), or carpool to work. You can save money and green house emissions, too! If you have a meeting across town, suggest telecommunication instead. When traveling out of town, request a hybrid or other high-mileage vehicles.

*Bureau of Transportation Statistics, National Household Travel Survey

REMINDERS:

K-State Green Team Listserv. The EcoRep Program is now using the K-State Green Team listserv for all member communication. Feel free to use the listserv to include your colleagues in conversation or to share relevant information.

Publicity Committee Meeting. The Publicity Committee will meet for the first time Monday, November 5 at 3:30 p.m. to coordinate a plan for the campus wide communication of sustainability efforts among faculty and staff.

Awards Committee Meeting. The next meeting for the Awards Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss options in enhancing the EcoRep awards program.

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!

GAMEDAY RECYCLING



Students for Environmental Action is inviting all EcoReps to help sort the recyclable materials from game day at the recycling facility each Sunday following home games. To help tackle waste at K-State, contact Caroline Fulton at crf22@k-state. For more information about Gameday Recycling, visit k-state.edu/recycling. To volunteer on game day, see the list of upcoming dates below. Go Cats!

October 27 vs. Texas Tech

November 3 vs. Oklahoma State

November 24 vs. Texas

SUCCESS STORIES: What is being done?

EcoReps share their stories of campus efforts

iTAC/ Nick Brown, iTAC representative, applied his role as an EcoRep to his department's paper purchasing procedure. iTAC was previously buying standard printing paper but is now purchasing paper with 30% recycled content.

Lafene Health Center/ Lafene Health Center has drastically cut down its paper usage in the past several years by using an electronic medical records system and used paper. Internal documents are now printed on the back side of used paper from the university's recycling facility or employees' homes. The lab hasn't purchased virgin paper for several years and the Medical Records department hasn't purchased any for approximately a year.

Division of Continuing Education/ A student assistant in the Division of Continuing Education's Conferences and Noncredits Programs department, Nik Hinson, took the initiative to do an energy audit on major appliances in the DCE office. Nik studied the energy efficiency of appliances being used in the office and explored various ways to save energy and money.

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.