

FLEET EFFICIENCY

Vehicle fleets are a component of most companies' operations, whether as a direct part of operations, or as a contracted means to receive or deliver goods and services. Transportation makes up a significant portion of our GHG and carbon footprint and can contribute significantly to overall operation costs. Although technologies are constantly changing in terms of vehicle types (hybrid or otherwise) and fuels (bio-based and petro-based fuels), there are many small changes in habit which can save money and reduce the environmental impact of transportation:

- Don't idle. Turn engines off
- Reduce speed
- Be efficient with routes and scheduling shipments
- Use in-vehicle GPS units and vehicle tracking devices
- Consider efficiency when purchasing new vehicles
- Be informed about new technologies

To learn more about current strategies and technologies for reducing emissions and increasing fuel efficiency in your fleets, attend one of the upcoming Minnesota Waste Wise workshops (see below for details).

IN THE NEWS

GreenBiz.com, May 29, 2009

“Carbon ‘Pedometer’ Helps Volvo Cut Commute’s Footprint”

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2009/05/29/volvo-carbon-pedometer>

WCCO.com, May 29, 2009

“Good Question: Do White Roofs Save Energy?”

<http://wcco.com/energy/white.paint.roofs.2.1023126.html>

MinnPost.com, May 29, 2009

Best Buy On Board for Green Television Labeling”

http://www.minnpost.com/businessagenda/2009/05/29/9149/best_buy_on_board_for_green_television_labeling

EVENTS

Providing a Path to Energy Efficiency

Minnesota Environmental Initiative Business & Environment Series

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Medtronic World Headquarters

For more information and to register online, visit: www.mn-ei.org/events/upcoming.html

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The Minnesota Road Show: Fleet Efficiency Workshop Series

The 2009 Minnesota Road Show offers a series of four informative half-day conferences in four Minnesota cities - Duluth, Rochester, St. Cloud and the Twin Cities. The conferences will include discussions on current strategies and technologies for reducing emissions, fuel efficiency, conserving resources and saving money. The Road Show provides an opportunity to get solutions to specific problems, to share experiences and discuss challenges across sectors, and to learn from one another. The workshops are co-hosted by Minnesota Waste Wise and Minnesota Environmental Initiative. If you would like information about being an event sponsor or attendee, contact Kate Worley at kworley@mnchamber.com. To register, visit www.mnwastewise.org.

WASTE SORTS OFFERED AS NEW MEMBER SERVICE

Minnesota Waste Wise is now offering waste sorts to Minnesota Waste Wise members. Earn a credit for your LEED-EB certification with a waste sort done by Minnesota Waste Wise staff. Learn more about your waste streams to effectively reduce and recycle more. The waste sort includes a waste assessment of your facility prior to the waste sort; a safe, employee-free on-site waste sort, and a report complete with photos, spreadsheets, charts, recommendations, and resources. Waste sorts are a sliding fee-based service. For more information on waste sorts, contact Minnesota Waste Wise at (651) 292-4675.

MATERIALS EXCHANGE

Minnesota Materials Exchange program is a free service that links organizations that have reusable goods they no longer need to those who can use them. Inform Minnesota Waste Wise of any unwanted items, such as office furniture or equipment, you would like to sell or donate. Minnesota Waste Wise will post the materials in our monthly electronic newsletter and/or on the Minnesota Materials Exchange website operated by the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP).

For the complete list of available and wanted materials, visit the Minnesota Materials Exchange web site at www.mnexchange.org. To list an item with Minnesota Waste Wise, e-mail kworley@mnchamber.com.

NEW MEMBER UPDATE

BAE Systems (Fridley)
Eyota Market (Eyota)
Mike's Food Center (St.Charles)
Minnesota Vikings Football (Eden Prairie)

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Not a member but would like to join? Are you a current member wanting to take full advantage of your member benefits? Contact Kate Worley at (651) 292-4662 or kworley@mnchamber.com.

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