

## Vermont Business Environmental Partnership – Member Newsletter



www.vbep.org **NEW Environmental Partners in 2007:**

**DEW Construction Corp.** – Williston; **Turtle Fur Group** – Morrisville; **New Leaf Catering/Vermont Green Grocer** – Richmond; **Way Out Wax** – Morrisville; **Hines Tree and Land Care** – Richmond; **Liquid Measurement Systems** – Georgia; **VELCO** – Rutland; **Planet Hardwood** – St. George; **RK Miles, Inc.** – Manchester; **Johnson Woolen Mills** – Johnson; **Truex Cullins** – Burlington; **Gardeners Supply Co.** – Burlington; **National Life Group** – Montpelier; **Strong House Spa** – Quechee; **VT Green Cabinets** – Hinesburg; **The Barn on Elm St.** – N. Bennington

### NEWS:

#### **2nd Greening Up Your Bottom Line Conference a Success!**

On September 25, 2007 nearly 200 Vermont business persons attended this conference for and by Vermont businesses, to share what has worked in greening up their operations. Please mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vermont Greening Up Your Bottom Line Conference in Burlington on **9/26/08**. Panel topics include: The Low Hanging Fruit of Energy Efficiency; Alternative Heating & Cooling Systems; Measuring Your Carbon footprint; Greening Up Your Office; Speed Greening and Poster Session; and Choosing Greener paper and electronics products. Conference information will be posted by 6/1 at: [www.vtsbdc.org](http://www.vtsbdc.org) (training tab). **VBEP members are encouraged to tell about an environmental initiative at the Poster Session.**

#### **Efficiency Vermont's - Better Buildings By Design Conference - February 13 & 14, 2008 – cutting edge energy efficiency for contractors and facility managers:**

This year's event will be held at Vermont's largest conference venue, the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center on Wednesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 14, 2008. Both commercial and residential new construction topics will be covered, and there are sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced practitioners. You can choose from over 35 technical workshops on topics including Mechanical, Envelope, Lighting, Innovations and High Performance. Registration and agenda are at: [www.encyvermont.org/conference](http://www.encyvermont.org/conference)

#### **2/13/2008 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Workplace Safety Conference**

9am – 3:30 pm, DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center (former Clarion), 1117 Williston Rd., Burlington. *An Excellent professional development opportunity for HR and Safety Staff.* Topics include: Selling Safety To their Employees - How two Vermont businesses do this; Keeping Your Employees Safer on the Road; THE ERGO FEUD by MEMIC; Fit For Duty – How to Develop Functional Job Descriptions and a RTW Program; and the *Governors' Safety Awards*. Registration \$65, \$55 <2/1/05, with no cost registration for Governor's Awards only @ [www.vtsbdc.org](http://www.vtsbdc.org) (training tab).

#### **Environmental Partner PR**

This year we will again be looking for opportunities to communicate your good environmental management efforts. Current marketing plans include a ½ page, 2-color add in the September Vermont Business Magazine, listing all the partners. Note your web sites are linked to your company's name at:

[www.vbep.org/partners.html](http://www.vbep.org/partners.html)

## **GREEN & OTHER RESOURCES:**

### **Help for Turning Your Waste into Profit - by the improved *Vermont Business Materials Exchange (VBMX.org)*!**

It's a great source for finding new homes for items your business no longer needs or finding things you may be looking for. It's a **FREE** service. Go to <http://vbmex.org> Using VBMX can save your business money on disposal fees or on the cost of getting new materials, and helps conserve natural resources and save energy in the process. VBMX is funded through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

### **Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool - EPEAT**

**EPEAT** is a procurement tool to help purchasers in the public and private sectors evaluate, compare and select desktop computers, notebooks and monitors based on their environmental attributes. EPEAT also provides a clear and consistent set of performance criteria for the design of products, and provides an opportunity for manufacturers to secure market recognition for efforts to reduce the environmental impact of its products at: [www.epeat.net](http://www.epeat.net)

### **VT Small Business Hazardous Waste On-line Learning Course**

An excellent resource to educate maintenance and other personnel on how to stay in compliance with VT hazardous waste regulations. Go to: [www.vtceg.org](http://www.vtceg.org)

**Vermont Green Living Journal - [www.greenlivingjournal.com](http://www.greenlivingjournal.com)** "A Practical Journal for Friends of the Environment", website with 64 articles

### **GreenSpec-Listed Green Building Products**

The online GreenSpec® Directory lists product descriptions for over 2,100 environmentally preferable products. Products are chosen to be listed by BuildingGreen editors. Unlike many other directories, we do not charge for listings or sell ads at: [www.buildinggreen.com/menus](http://www.buildinggreen.com/menus)

### **On-line Carbon Footprint Calculator**

though it is set up for an office, it is fairly comprehensive for a generic calculator, but you do need access to your energy, heating, transportation and other expenses: [www.thegreenoffice.com/carbon/](http://www.thegreenoffice.com/carbon/)

### **Free Recycling of Mercury Containing Fluorescent Bulbs at 68, VT True Value, Ace and Do-It-Best Hardware Stores (>186,000 lineal feet of tubes & 6,560 CFL/other bulbs recycled to date)**

True Value & Ace Hardware has teamed up with the State of Vermont to offer free recycling of fluorescent bulbs at participating stores. These stores are offering free recycling of up to 6 used fluorescent lamps per customer visit. This makes recycling these energy efficient, but mercury containing lamps, much more convenient for homeowners and small businesses. To find out the location of participating stores near you, and for information on proper disposal of mercury containing products go to: [www.mercvt.org](http://www.mercvt.org)

**Recycled Paper Benefits Calculator:** [www.environmentaldefense.org/papercalculator](http://www.environmentaldefense.org/papercalculator)

**Local Colors – Recycled Latex Paint**, available at the Chittenden Co. Solid Waste District: [www.cswd.net/hazardous\\_waste/localcolor.shtml](http://www.cswd.net/hazardous_waste/localcolor.shtml) or [www.cswd.net](http://www.cswd.net)

**Compact Fluorescent Bulb Savings Calculator at:** [www.newbulbintown.com](http://www.newbulbintown.com), with on-line purchasing link to site with EVT rebates already built in.