

JUNE UPDATE



I-Save is a voluntary program developed by Wayne-Westland Community Schools as an internal energy conservation program that helps our district reduce our impact on the planet, educate our students about conservation, and redirect utility dollars back into the classroom. The program was launched in August of 2008, and has been offered to all District buildings.

Recycle this!

Many stores will recycle your old electronics for free as a way to get your business when you upgrade or replace items. For more information, check out <http://www.bestbuy.com> and search for 'recycling'.

If you have an air conditioner in need of replacement, think about safely recycling the old one (and possibly making some money) by checking out:

http://www.tecmehmi.net/pick_up.html

More Than Just Oil...

Did you know that Chevron is one of the largest producers of renewable energy? Check out some of their projects at:

http://www.chevron.com/globalissues/emerging_energy/

77 Gallons Just For Me?

Individually we each use about 77 gallons of water a day. For simple tips on how to conserve water at home this summer, check out:

www.semcoq.org/OursToProtect_SaveWater.aspx.

10% Renewable Energy

The State of Michigan has mandated that all power companies generate 10% of their electricity by using renewable sources by the end of 2015. To help accomplish this, the Public Service Commission recently approved a monthly \$3 surcharge for all 2.2 million residential DTE Energy customers. The surcharge will appear on bills starting September 1st. You can read about Michigan's entire energy plan at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/21stcenturyenergyplan_185274_7.pdf

Michigan's goal of 10% is actually on the low end of the spectrum when compared to other states. Some states, such as Connecticut, have goals at 27% or higher. You can check out how Michigan stacks up against the rest of the US at:

http://www.pewclimate.org/what_s_being_done/in_the_states/rps.cfm

End of year shutdown

With the last day of school quickly approaching, please take a moment before you leave for the summer to ensure your building is powered down for the summer. This is a great opportunity to squeeze one last bit of conservation in before July when the I-Save consumption tally ends for the year. The list below provides a general guide, as some areas may be exempt due to summer programs & staff.

Unplug:

- Personal Refrigerators
- Staff Lounge & Life Skills Refrigerators (once empty)
- Kitchen Refrigerators/Freezers (once empty)
- Milk Coolers (once empty)
- Radios/Cassette Players/CD Players/Alarm Clocks
- VCR/DVD players
- Nightlights
- Vending Machines
- Computers (or turn off power strip if you have one)
- Computer Speakers
- Computer Monitors
- Printers
- Projectors (Overhead and Computer)
- Coffee Makers
- Classroom Audio Enhancement
- Staff Lounge Microwaves
- Drinking Fountains
- Refrigerated Serving Line Equipment
- Battery Chargers
- Yakker Trackers (Stop Light Audio Monitors)
- Light-up Digital Signs

Turn Off (but leave plugged in):

- Classroom TVs
(This keeps their channel memory)
- Copy Machines
- Stage/Cafeteria/Gym Sound Systems
- Display Case Lights

Leave Plugged In and Turned On:

- Fax Machines