

Kansas Green Teams

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Re-Thinking the Green Team Initiative

Congratulations to our Kansas Green Teams for another successful year! As 2009 comes to a close and we prepare for a new year, now is a great time to examine your programs to see if you have reached the goals set by your team. As you re-think your goals and practices, remember that trash can be a resource if we manage it wisely.

The purpose of Green Teams is to encourage employees to recycle, reduce waste generation, conserve energy, and reduce the overall environmental impacts associated with our daily work activities. A few ideas to consider when your team meets again are listed below:

Green Team Tasks:

1. Implement or expand recycling and other waste reduction initiatives for your own employees.
2. Educate and encourage building staff to use waste reduction practices, such as recycling, duplexing, and printing documents only when necessary.
3. Solicit suggestions and feedback from your employees and facility maintenance staff about recycling, waste reduction practices, recycled content, and environmentally responsible purchasing.
4. Track and record recycling, purchasing, and waste reduction progress for competing with other green teams for awards.
5. Make recommendations to building or agency officials regarding recycling, environmentally responsible purchasing, and other environmental or energy conservation issues.
6. Inform purchasing staff as to the availability, quality, prices, and benefits of recycled and environmentally responsible products.

Re-Think Your Green Team Goals and Activities:

1. Conduct another waste audit for your building/facility using documents from the [Green Team website](#).
2. Check with your [recycling center](#) and see if they are accepting any new materials.
3. Update your recycling signs or guides or other outreach messages.
4. Implement a contest to see who can recycle the most or what new ideas they can come up with on waste reduction.
5. Work with your purchasing department on buying recycled items and close the loop.
6. Take a look at other teams on the [Green Teams website](#) to see what they are doing with their programs.
7. Use resources from the Green Team website such as [recycling facts](#) and tips, [paper recycling guidelines](#) and other [educational tools](#) to develop outreach materials to meet your particular needs.
8. Contact your State Green Team Coordinator at sbarnett@kdheks.gov for ideas or assistance.
9. [Log in](#) and complete your 2009 recycling totals on the Green Team website by January 15, 2010.
10. Make recycling educational, convenient and fun. Be sure and attend the Green Teams Awards Assembly.

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