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Greener Choices

For over 25 years, ChemStation has been supplying our customers with custom-formulated, environmentally friendly industrial cleaning and process chemicals and delivering them to refillable containers. We've been "green" for a long time!

In August 2008 ChemStation announced our partnership with U.S. EPA's Design for the Environment Program. Several of our products have passed DfE's stringent process for improved environmental impact and susceptibility and are now available for your use.

On January 1, 2009 we rolled out our line of GreenSystem® products. What is GreenSystem? Simply stated, GreenSystem is our line of earth-friendly products that reduces the health and environmental impacts compared to similar products used for the same purpose.

Contact your local ChemStation sales representative for more information on our "green" choices.

GreenSystem®
REFILL...NOT LANDFILL®

Don't Become a Statistic

About 1,000 eye injuries occur every day in the workplace and OSHA estimates that 90 percent of those could be prevented by wearing proper protective eye wear. To do your part, make sure you are wearing eye protection, and the right kind for the job you are performing.

THINKING GREEN

eCycling

The use of electronic products has grown substantially over the past two decades. Our growing reliance on electronics is illustrated by some remarkable figures. According to the Consumer Electronics Association, Americans own approximately 24 electronic products per household.

So, what do you do with old electronics when you decide to replace them with new gadgets? The following Web site offers basic information about reducing and recycling electronics including donating or recycling old computers.

http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/materials/ecycling/index.htm

You'll find a list of regulations and standards for handling electronic equipment, frequently asked questions and answers about electronic waste, and links that offer additional information on the management of electronics.

Hazcom Still on Top

Every year, OSHA compiles statistics on violations of its regulations. In 2009 there were over 107,000 violations to regulations ranging across all industry segments under federal OSHA jurisdiction. Penalties reached over $36.4 million.

Again, written hazard communication plan violations held the number one spot. All employers with hazardous chemicals in their workplaces must prepare and implement a written hazard communication program. Is yours up-to-date?

Vehicle Washing Tips

Now that the weather is getting nicer, many of you will be spending time washing your vehicle in the driveway. Following are some quick tips for correct vehicle cleaning:

- When applying the cleaning solution, always start at the bottom of a dry vehicle and work upwards. Doing so prevents streaking. It also gives more dwell time to the dirtiest areas of a vehicle…typically, the bottom.
- When it comes time to rinse, start from the top and work your way down. In this way the chemical is rinsed off most efficiently.

An easy way to remember the order is: bubbles float up (soap on from bottom to top), and rain comes down (rinse from top to bottom).



How to Celebrate Lumpy Rug Day

Lumpy Rug Day is celebrated on May 3 of each year in the United States. The intent is for us to appreciate good rugs. A rug should be smooth, even, and definitely not lumpy. We all have rugs that don't lie smoothly on the floor…they are pushed around, shoved, and moved all year long.

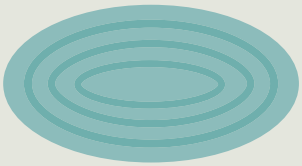
On May 3, we take time to recognize the job that rugs do for us, pay our respects to old lumpy rugs, and replace them with new ones. Here are a few ways to enjoy and celebrate Lumpy Rug Day:

- If you have a lumpy rug, toss it out and get a nice, lump-less rug. Sweep the dust that was under it and place it into a jar for next year's celebration.
- If you once had a lumpy rug, take a minute to remember the soft, comfortable feel of it when it was new and first arrived.
- If you never had a lumpy rug, count your blessings. You don't know what you're missing!

Tips & Warnings:

- From time to time, smooth-out the lumps in your rug.
- Avoid keeping a lumpy rug for more than five years.





SOAPBOX

The trouble with life in the fast lane is that you get to the other end in an awful hurry.

For some of us, the wheel of fortune has a flat.

Time, tide, and the last bus out of the city wait for no man.

After all, when you come right down to it, how many people speak the same language even when they speak the same language?

To achieve the impossible dream, try going to sleep.

A conference call is a great way to ensure that as many people as possible will end up confused about the issue at hand.

Daily agenda: A complete list of all the things you won't get done.

Remember when books were the only things that got paged?

The shortest distance between two points has at least two lanes under construction.

When you think you can't take it anymore, you will anyway.

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By the Numbers



Gallons of soap delivered:
153,848,895 since 1984



Empty drums not in landfills:
2,797,253 since 1984