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INSIGHTS

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Decide to Drive

Distracted driving injures or kills half a million people each year. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the Orthopedic Trauma Association are heading up a campaign aimed to help drivers stay healthy by "deciding to drive" each time they get behind the wheel. The campaign suggests that drivers follow the Wreck-less checklist:

- Adjust seats, headrests, vehicle controls, and mirrors and fasten your seat belt before you drive.
- Enter the destination address into your GPS system or review maps and written directions before you drive.
- Do not eat or drink while driving and move all potential distractions such as reading materials or cell phones out of reach to ensure you'll keep your eyes on the road.
- If there is a distraction that needs your immediate attention, stop your vehicle in a safe area before addressing it.

To learn more, visit http://decidetodrive.org



Easy Recycling Tips

1. Find a convenient place to collect recyclable items. Most things come from the kitchen, making it a good spot to set up a recycling center.
2. Take leftover plastic bags to grocery stores where they are collected and reused to make plastic lumber.
3. Save water and time when recycling cans and bottles. You no longer need to rinse them out or remove their labels.
4. Check the bottom of plastic items to identify what type of plastic they are. If the type is not recycled at your local center, consider ways to reuse the container.
5. Recycle junk mail or reuse it as scratch paper. To opt-out of certain junk-mailing lists, go to opt-out.cdt.org

THINKING GREEN

More Cheap Ways to Go Green

Clean for Under a Buck
Did you know that you can clean most of your house with a nontoxic cleaner that usually costs less than a dollar? That magic bullet is baking soda. A little water and baking soda makes a terrific cleaning paste for tubs, sinks, stoves, and other surfaces. Its whitening effect is great for cleaning grout. Add a handful to your whites in the wash for brighter clothes. Baking soda is also a great deodorizer, and it won't irritate your lungs.

Super Sun Savings
Open those blinds and curtains and turn off the lights. Sunlight is free…and completely renewable. You'll save on electricity. And sunshine is better for your body. The sun's rays are just the right brightness and spectrum to give you more energy, better regulate your sleep patterns, and improve your mood.

Save Money and Miles
Put on your thinking cap next time you plan errands and schedule them together on a miles-saving route. By strategically combining errands and avoiding unplanned trips to the store, you'll save gas and make your wallet a little fatter. Plus, you'll be spewing less pollution into the air from your car.

What Does it Mean?

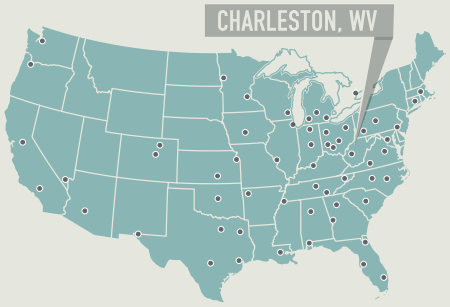
Ever wonder what some of that alphabet soup is on the MSDS? Let's unscramble a few of them for you. These are from Section 2 – Composition and Section 5 – Fire Fighting Measures:

- PEL (Permissible Exposure Limit) – Cannot be exceeded during any eight-hour workday without proper protection.
- TLV (Threshold Limit Value) – Cannot be exceeded during any eight-hour workday without proper protection.
- UEL (Upper Explosive Limit) – Maximum concentration of vapors in the air that will burn when an ignition source is present.
- LEL (Lower Explosive Limit) – Lowest concentration of vapors in the air at which the material will catch fire when an ignition source is present.

Another Opening!

St. Albans, West Virginia (a suburb of Charleston) has a new business booming these days. Last month the Hunt Family (who also owns Manufacturing Centers in Greensboro, NC; Kingsport, TN; and Raleigh, NC) opened their fourth ChemStation facility in the heart of Appalachia and the middle of coal country.

The sales force in Charleston will supply ChemStation customers with environmentally safe, water-based detergents and process chemicals by way of our REFILL…NOT LANDFILL solution for keeping it clean.



November 11, 2011

On November 11, we celebrate Veterans Day with parades, speeches, and other special gatherings to honor our military veterans. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.

Seven years before that signing we experienced The Great Blue Norther of 11/11/11.

One-hundred years ago, November 11, 1911, The Great Blue Norther descended upon America. The day started fine; there were even record highs for that time of year. Then it all changed; temperatures began to drop. Within the space of ten minutes the temperature dropped 40 to 50 degrees; by midnight a 66-degree temperature drop was recorded. There were dust storms, thunderstorms, tornados, and blizzards. Over 300 deaths were reported.

In the interests of full disclosure, NOAA.gov reports that sudden 50-degree temperature drops, though unusual, are not that rare. The Great Blue Norther acquired its name not from the extreme temperature changes, but from the accompanying weather phenomena.



SOAPBOX

America has twice the number of shopping malls as it does high schools.

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're okay, then it's YOU.

If all is not lost, where is it?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

When you are holding all the cards, why does everyone else decide to play chess?

Never allow your schooling to interfere with your education. –*Mark Twain*.

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished.

A computer's attention span is as long as its power cord.

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By the Numbers



Gallons of soap delivered:
169,979,295 since 1984



Empty drums not in landfills:
3,090,533 since 1984