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Fine-Tuning



Years ago we had a "fine-tuning" button on our TV sets. We could "fiddle" with this button to receive a clear, crisp picture and enjoy the program. Just changing the channels with the old analog knob wasn't enough. Today's fancy digital models that are manufactured with increased technology negate the need for such "fine-tuning."

Don't let that convince you that fine-tuning is out of style, though. ChemStation is still fine-tuning their products to meet our customers' specific needs. Every day our team of chemists are adding a touch of this or changing the structure of that to create a cleaning product that ends up being "your solution."

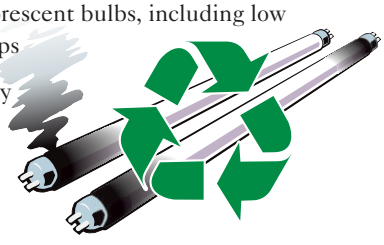
Custom-blended products are just one part of the overall solution that includes environmentally friendly, industrial cleaning and process chemicals delivered to refillable containers. ChemStation's fine-tuned products are an integral part of the unique system that sets us apart, providing you with efficient, economical, environmentally friendly, and safe solutions. ■

When the Lights Go Out

It happens all the time – you flip the switch in the morning and one of the lights doesn't come on. Did you know that this is a chance for you to help the environment?

Since many light bulbs (lamps) contain materials that are hazardous when released into the environment, it's important to handle and dispose of them safely. Examples of common electric lamps that that can be recycled include:

- fluorescent tubes, including low mercury tubes
- compact fluorescent bulbs, including low mercury lamps
- high intensity discharge lamps
- metal halide lamps, such as floodlights used in large indoor and outdoor areas and gymnasiums
- sodium lamps, like those sometimes used as security lighting and outdoor floodlights
- mercury vapor lamps, like those sometimes used for street lighting
- neon lights



In fact, your company may be required by law to recycle these lamps or handle them as hazardous waste. Remember – a fluorescent light tube in your dumpster may be a violation of hazardous waste laws. Violation of these laws can result in large fines and criminal prosecution. ■

March Madness

The third month of the Gregorian Calendar is Workplace Eye Health and Safety Awareness Month, Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, and National Umbrella Month. Beginning March 3 and running for 10-17 days, the 35th Iditarod Race will be run in Alaska. Girl Scout Week is March 11-17 (got cookies?). March 1 is Beer Day. On March 2, 1962, Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors scored 100 points in a basketball game. Middle Name Pride Day is celebrated on March 9. This year Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11. On March 17, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and on that day in 1845 the rubber band was patented. Swallows will return to San Juan Capistrano on March 19. Ice jams stopped the flow of water over Niagara Falls on March 29, 1886. Last but not least, the Eiffel Tower opened in Paris, France on March 31, 1889.



New Safety/Health Topics From OSHA

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has launched a new topics page on its Web site aimed at demonstrating that investing in workplace safety and health makes good business sense. Making the Business Case for Safety and Health, a new Safety Topic, is a product of several alliances with OSHA, including the American Industrial Hygiene Association, American Society of Safety Engineers, National Federation of Independent Business, among others. Information on the page focuses on how a comprehensive safety program can help an employer save money and improve business.



The new page serves as a "one stop shopping" tool for information on how investing in workplace safety and health can improve a company's productivity and bottom line.

Go to: *osha.gov/dcsp/products/topics/businesscase/index.html* for more information. ■

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How Did We Live Without Them?

Patented in England on March 17, 1845 by Stephen Perry, rubber bands are one of the most convenient products to come out of the 19th Century. They are used by numerous individuals and industries for a wide variety of purposes. The largest consumer of rubber bands in the world is the U.S. Post Office, which orders millions of pounds a year to use in sorting and delivering piles of mail.



You'll find rubber bands keeping your celery bunched together, wrapped around spears of asparagus, and holding plastic coverings over containers of berries at the market. They are even frequently used by orthodontists to help realign teeth. More than 30 million pounds of rubber bands are sold in the United States alone each year.

And, if you look closely online, you'll find sites that teach everything you need to know about shooting them…from selection to an overview of rubber band warfare and delivery methods to defensive action. ■



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Soapbox

Home computers are being called upon to perform many new functions, including the consumption of homework formerly eaten by the dog.

Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind.

An intellectual snob is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture and not think of The Lone Ranger. – *Dan Rather*

You know that children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers.

Isn't it interesting that the same people who laugh at science fiction listen to weather forecasts and economists?

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind. – *Dr. Seuss*

Normal is getting dressed in clothes that you buy for work and driving through traffic in a car that you are still paying for – in order to get to the job you need to pay for the clothes and the car, and the house you leave vacant all day so you can afford to live in it.

The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.

Baseball is 90% mental; the other half is physical. – *Yogi Berra*

Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back into the same box.

Boy, n. A noise with dirt on it.

Be yourself, everyone else is already taken. – *Oscar Wilde*