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And the Award goes to...

We are proud to announce that our franchise in Des Moines IA, has been named the recipient of this year's Iowa Recycling Association's *Murray J. Fox Recycling Innovation Award*. The nomination for this prestigious award was made by the Iowa Division of Natural Resources.

The award is presented annually to a business that has shown outstanding research into or application of recycled (reused) materials in a new way. ChemStation of Des Moines has placed (and refills) many reusable tanks throughout the state, keeping hundreds of empty containers from ending up in Iowa's landfills. Their award will be presented on October 7.

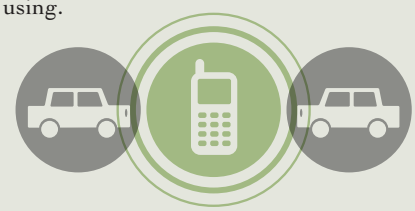
Our reusable, refillable containers are just a part of the ChemStation System of custom-formulated biodegradable products that are "keeping it clean" by refill…not landfill.

Cell Phones and Driving

Recent research suggests that using a cell phone while driving may be just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated – and it can cost a company millions if the company is found liable for an on-the-job employee involved in an accident while talking on a cell phone.

Cases abound, including one in which a jury awarded $21 million to a person injured in an accident with an employee of a major firm. The employee was on a cell phone at the time of the accident.

The laws that ban the use of hand-held phones, but allow the use of hands-free devices, don't go far enough. The problem is not that your hands are occupied; it's that your brain is seriously distracted. And that's true no matter what kind of device you are using.



THINKING GREEN

The average college student produces 640 pounds of solid waste each year, including 500 disposable cups and 320 pounds of paper.

The largest component of trash in landfills is newspapers (14% by volume).

Five recycled plastic bottles make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.

In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times his or her adult weight in garbage. This means that each adult will leave a legacy of 90,000 pounds of trash for his or her children.

Every person in the US receives 560 pieces of junk mail (or the equivalent of one and a half trees) per year.

2008 By the Numbers



Delivered 7,824,739 gallons of soap
Through August 31, 2008



142,268 empty drums/ containers that didn't make it to landfills

Safety Resources on the Internet

From standards and training to products, the Internet resources available to the safety community are growing, changing, and becoming more sophisticated. The Internet has a big impact on the safety industry and the tools available to health and safety professionals.

These days you can train your employees, determine the best PPE for the job, take care of recordkeeping and MSDS management, and learn about safety regulations without leaving your desk. All you need is a computer and an Internet connection.



Here are a few of the online offerings:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has a Web site that contains a broad range of safety resources arranged into topic pages and program-based sectors. Their address is **www.cdc.gov/niosh**.

OSHA's site offers a wealth of health and safety information. The site contains over 400,000 pages of agency, program, and technical information. OSHA's address is **www.osha.gov**.

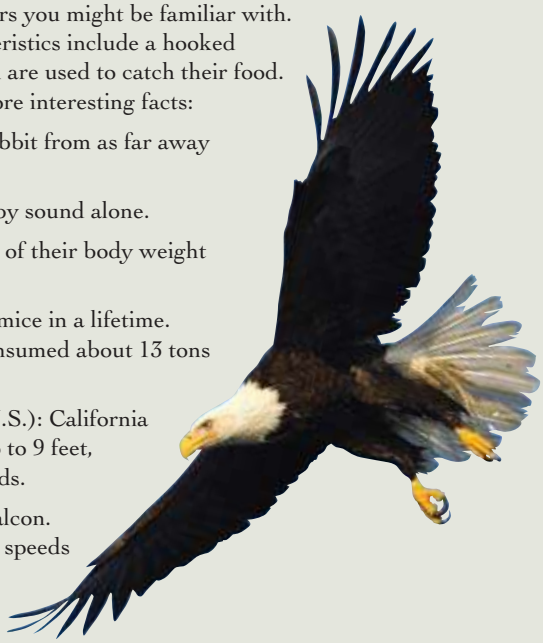
The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) offers a Web site with relevant industry news. Check them out at **www.asse.org**.

Raptor Rapture

October is Raptor Month so we'll celebrate with a few facts. Raptors are a type of bird that preys on other animals. Birds of prey perform a necessary function that helps to maintain nature's balance. They are, like all living things, important parts of a diverse and intricate natural world.

Eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, osprey, and buzzards are just a few raptors you might be familiar with. Their distinguishing characteristics include a hooked beak and sharp talons, which are used to catch their food. Scan the following list for more interesting facts:

- A golden eagle can see a rabbit from as far away as two miles.
- Barn owls can locate prey by sound alone.
- Vultures can eat up to 20% of their body weight in one sitting.
- A barn owl can eat 11,000 mice in a lifetime. Those mice would have consumed about 13 tons of potential crops in a year.
- Largest raptor (native to U.S.): California condor with a wingspan up to 9 feet, weighing up to 20-23 pounds.
- Fastest raptor: Peregrine falcon. During a dive it can obtain speeds around 200 mph.



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SOAPBOX

When you've exhausted all possibilities, remember this: you haven't!

The only gracious way to accept an insult is to ignore it. If you can't ignore it, top it. If you can't top it, laugh at it. If you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

Whoever said, "It's not whether you win or lose that counts," probably lost.

It is estimated that Elwood Edwards is heard some 64,000,000 times per day. He's the voice behind America Online's "Welcome" and "You've Got Mail."

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

How can you tell when Limburger cheese has gone bad? When it stops smelling like month-old dirty socks and starts smelling like ammonia.

Al Capone's brother was a cop.

Mouse, n. An advanced input device to make computer errors easier to generate.

A report by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1995 indicated that between 1978 and 1995 no less than 37 deaths in the U.S. were credited to vending machines. (How much do you really want that Snickers?)

Tech Support: Your ISP's way of expressing their hatred towards you.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press "Ctrl Alt Delete" and start all over?

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