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GHS Update

If you haven't already begun GHS training for employees, you have less than 8 months to get it done. Here's a quick review of key training issues.

If you use, handle, or store chemicals in your workplace, you have until the end of this year to train employees about the new GHS-compliant chemical labels and safety data sheets (SDSs). The deadline for training is December 1, 2013.

For more information click on:
http://www.osha-safety-training.net/component/content/article/11-osha-training-videos/58-hazard-communication-training-video.html



Recycle for Spring

When laying down concrete or brick patio blocks, newspaper makes a great barrier that not only prevents weeds from growing between the cracks, it also holds back new growth of grass under the patio blocks.

Get a head start on your garden by using egg cartons to start all your seedling in the spring. Fill each egg cup with dirt, add the seed, spray with water, close the container and slide in a used bread bag. Keep in a sunny place.

When you've finished with newspapers you can shred them, put the paper in a bucket with water overnight. In the morning drain off the excess water and put the wet paper in a rectangular plastic box and press down very hard. When the box is full, leave the paper to dry. When dry, remove and use this log as a clean alternative to wood on an open fire. Saves trees, money…and it's less polluting.

THINKING GREEN

Clever Ideas for Plastics

- Save empty butter tubs and other containers for storing leftovers.
  Note: They are also great for freezing food in portion-sizes, providing it's not meant to stay in your freezer for too long.
  Caveat: Do not use to reheat food in the microwave; the plastic wasn't meant to take high heat and bits might melt into your food.
- Reuse plastic bags from the grocery store to line your smaller garbage cans around the house.
- Try to reuse plastic ware at work. Or even better is to bring in a spare set of utensils from home as well as the coffee mug.
- Use a re-useable lunch bag or lunch box to take your lunch, as well as using plastic sandwich boxes instead of plastic bags.
- Reuse empty plastic bottles by cutting them in half – fill one half with soil and plant seedlings, fit the other half back over the top – and you have a mini greenhouse.
- Plastic bags tied around stakes can keep young seedlings safe from frost and pests. Later on you can tie just one end to the stake and in the wind it will act as a "scarecrow" to keep birds away.
- Empty bread sacks. Shake out all of the crumbs. Store them rolled up (perhaps in a large mug). They often come in real handy.

What is ChemStation?

A one-sentence answer to that might be…"The ChemStation System offers custom-formulated, environmentally friendly industrial cleaning and process chemicals delivered to refillable containers." ChemStation's philosophy is to find the best answer for you and to continue looking for improvement opportunities. But, that's not all.

ChemStation is:
Finding a one-step pressure spray wash and phosphate application that eliminates the need for a rust inhibitor application after phosphatizing in a parts cleaning operation.

Saving you money while supplying an odor control product that will keep a portable restroom smelling clean for a week.

Developing a truck wash formula that eliminates streaking on fuel tanks and wheel covers.

Figuring out that less is better in a food processing plant. With a little ingenuity and research, finding that four products can do the job of six or eight.

Designing a variety of dispensing equipment to meet a specific need or make a system work more simply for you.

Building concentrate control systems that assist you in using ChemStation products more efficiently and effectively.

ChemStation is all this and much more. So, what's your problem? We're here to help.

EPA Revised "Lead in your Home" Document

The EPA has updated the lead hazard information document "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home." Under 40 CFR 745.107, this pamphlet must be given to people prior to buying or renting a home or apartment to alert them to potential lead dangers on the property. Download the document at: http://www.epa.gov/lead/leadprot.html



Brain Power

Pay close attention – there's a lot going on in that skull of yours.

- The human adult brain weighs about three pounds – the same as a bag of sugar.
- Your brain is three percent of your body mass, but consumes more than 20 percent of the oxygen your body uses.
- The brain has no pain receptors so it registers no pain. Brain surgery can actually be conducted while you're awake (except for the part where they drill through your cranium – that can hurt!).
- The brain is made up of gray matter (mostly on the surface) and white matter (mostly the inner brain). They're both actually pinkish, and are so-named for the color they become in formaldehyde.
- It takes 25 years for your brain to become fully developed.
- Your brain is so soft it can be cut with a butter knife.
- Recent studies have shown that people who learn a second language, especially at a young age, have increased gray matter density in the left hemispheres of their brains.



SOAPBOX

All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with a white carpet is one of them.
– *Erma Bombeck*

Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?

It doesn't make a difference what temperature a room is, it's always room temperature.

A study of economics usually reveals that the best time to buy anything is last year.

The hardest decision in life is when to start middle age.

You are much happier when you are happy than when you ain't.
– *Ogden Nash*

No matter what language it is, everybody understands a quick kick in the rear.

The only people without problems are the ones who haven't told you yet.

There's always free cheese in the mousetrap.

Don't worry about the world ending today – it's already tomorrow in Australia.

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By the Numbers



Gallons of soap delivered:
197,572,234 since 1984



Empty drums not in landfills:
3,592,222 since 1984