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How to clean your handhelds

Know Thy Screen
Find out if your phone's screen features a soil-resistant coating. If so, use a dry cloth to clean. Otherwise, use a slightly-dampened micro fiber or lens-cleaning cloth. Avoid soaps or cleansers.

Get in the Crevices
Treat handhelds as you would a computer keyboard. Remove dirt using either a can of compressed air or a small brush, like a baby's toothbrush. If the keys remain sticky, try a pre-moistened electronics-cleaning wipe and work it into the crevices with a fingernail or toothpick.

Wash Behind your Earbuds
If the caps of your earbuds are removable, soak them for 30 minutes in hot water with two drops of dish washing liquid. If not, put rubbing alcohol on a cotton swab and wipe all sides.

Protect your Gear
Get screen protectors to repel scratches and dirt, and give each device its own case. Jewelry pouches work well for earbuds.



Emergency Preparedness

In light of the massive earthquake in Japan and resulting Tsunami waves hitting the U.S., the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is providing tips and links to more information on emergency preparedness and recovery for businesses, communities, and families.

For access to guidance on business resumption and disaster safety, clean-up tips, HazMat emergency safety, and checklists, visit www.asse.org/newsroom/safetytips/hurricane-safety-tips.php.

THINKING GREEN

Zeroing in on Waste

Restaurants dump up to 4.3 million tons of garbage into U.S. landfills each year, but as a "zero waste" trend sweeps the country, some are trying to shrink that figure. The typical breakdown of restaurant waste is: 25% glass and plastic, 25% cardboard, and 50% food.

Here are three establishments that are going beyond recycling and composting to innovatively reuse waste:

1. *Great Lakes Brewing Company* in Cleveland runs its beer delivery truck on its reclaimed fryer oil, flavors its soup and sausage with extra beer from the bottling process, and uses spent brewing grain in its pretzel and bread dough.
2. Atlanta restaurant *Ecco* captures condensation from its heating and air-conditioning units to water its rooftop vegetable and herb garden and fertilizes the garden with its own compost.
3. *4food*, a New York City-based fast-food burger joint, has an on-site composter that turns food scraps and packaging into nutrient-rich wastewater that can be drained away or used as fertilizer (it hopes to give it to farmers it partners with).

To find a restaurant near you that's cutting waste (and following other earth-friendly practices), go to dinegreen.com.

Forklift Safety Training Isn't Just for Operators

While it's true that only employees with a specific training can operate a forklift, any employees who work around forklifts should know the basics of safe operation and maintenance – and what they must do to avoid getting hurt accidentally.

Holding a "basic forklift safety" session for anyone who might be affected by forklifts is a good idea. Even experienced, trained operators won't be harmed by some refresher training in basic forklift safety. Recently, OSHA has beefed up its standard to include very specific and careful operator training requirements.

Distracted Driving Epidemic

OSHA and DOT are speaking out about texting and driving. According to OSHA, "Distracted driving has become an epidemic in the United States, and its often fatal consequences are a threat to your workers, your business, and the public."

One of the biggest problems is texting and driving. In fact, texting while driving has become such a prominent hazard that 30 states now ban text messaging while driving. Some employers have also taken action to prohibit texting while driving. For those who haven't, OSHA has this warning:

"Companies are in violation of the Occupational Safety and Health Act if, by policy or practice, they require texting while driving, or create incentives that encourage or condone it, or they structure work so that texting is a practical necessity for workers to carry out their job."

DOT defines distracted driving as "any nondriving activity a person engages in that has the potential to distract him or her from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing."



Strawberry Moon

June 15 is the next full moon…the Strawberry moon. Full moon names date back to Native Americans, of what is now the northern and eastern United States.

The tribes kept track of the seasons by giving distinctive names to each recurring full moon. June's Strawberry moon was universal to every Algonquin tribe. However, in Europe they called it the Rose moon.

Also, because the relatively short season for harvesting strawberries comes each year during the month of June…the full moon that occurs during that month was christened for the strawberry.

For more information about all the full moon names, check out farmersalmanac.com



SOAPBOX

Struggling confectioner William Luden once melted down some unsold candy, added menthol flavor, and created his now-famous cough drops.

The "S.O.S." in S.O.S. brand steel wool pads stands for "Save Our Saucepans."

Horses have more sense than you think…have you ever heard of one betting on a man?

Al Capone estimated that he spent $30 million a year to pay off judges, police, elected officials, and newspapermen.

The reason we admire people who think before they speak, is that they give us a chance to say something.

Clark Gable's dazzling smile was actually a full set of porcelain dentures; he had most of his teeth extracted in 1933.

TV's first commercial ran on July 1, 1941. The Bulova Watch Company paid $9 to air an ad before a Dodgers-Phillies Game.

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