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Think Before You Print

The average employee in the United States uses 10,000 sheets of copy paper a year. To avoid wasting paper, double-side the materials you print and, when possible, print in black and white.



Making double-sided printing and copying standard practice in your business will help your company complete waste reduction criteria #9 for the Petal Project.

Keep a stack of previously used paper near printers. Use it for scratch paper or internal memos, make it into notepads, or designate a bypass tray on a printer for printing draft single-sided documents.



Reusing paper helps your business meet Petal Project waste reduction criteria #25.

Petal Project Receives Governor's Environmental Excellence Award

The Petal Project is one of twenty Iowa organizations and businesses to receive the Environmental Excellence award from Gov. Terry E. Branstad. This award is considered by the DNR to be the premier environmental honor in Iowa. "These awards serve as a small token of appreciation for their commitment to preserve Iowa's precious natural resources for future generations of Iowans to enjoy," said Gov. Branstad.

Visit the [Petal Project](#) website for a complete list of recipients and for more information about the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award.

Dubuque Bank & Trust Awarded Two Petals

DB&T has earned two petals -- energy conservation and pollution prevention -- and is now just three petals away from full certification.

While working towards full certification, DB&T has implemented a number of innovated practices that are saving the bank money and resources. The company implemented an electronic fax system to replace their more than 174 traditional fax machines. This transition has saved the company money in terms of paper, energy, supplies, and maintenance expenses as well as reduced their environmental impact. DB&T has also developed an employee carpooling program that incentivizes carpooling based on the number of people in the vehicle.

Dubuque Bank and Trust, a member of [Heartland Financial USA, Inc.](#), operates offices in Dubuque,

Epworth, Farley and Holy Cross. The bank serves thousands of customers in Iowa as well as Illinois, Wisconsin and other states. With assets of more than 1 billion, DB&T is among Iowa's 10 largest banking institutions. The bank is a member of FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

Green Business Webinar Series

The Nebraska Business Development Center is hosting a series of free webinars covering a number of green business topics. Below is a schedule and links to where you can register to participate:

[Packaging Savings Go Beyond Recycling](#)

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

[Solvent Substitution or Optimization Can Save Money and Improve Safety](#)

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

[Lighting Improvements Provide Easy Energy Savings](#)

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM