

# Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



## Beyond the Office



### Halloween Tips

"Green" your Halloween this year by incorporating some or all of these tips into your celebration.

1. Choose reusable decorations
2. Host a costume swap
3. Hand out organic goodies
4. Try a DIY costume
5. Craft with candy wrappers

[These and other tips are available at Earth 911.](#)

## EPEAT: Greening Your Electronics

EPEAT® is a comprehensive environmental rating that helps identify greener computers and other electronic equipment. The EPEAT system was conceived and developed through the collaboration of stakeholders from the business, advocacy, government and academic arenas. EPEAT is used by hundreds of companies, universities and government agencies in dozens of countries. Its rigorous requirements and searchable product database let buyers bypass marketing hype and confusing specifications. For participating manufacturers, EPEAT is a chance to showcase and validate greener designs and cleaner production. EPEAT is a powerful tool for enhancing the sustainability performance of virtually any organization.

Energy Star products must meet stringent requirements for annual energy consumption. EPEAT goes beyond energy savings and also requires a reduction of environmentally sensitive materials, selection of recycled materials, design for end of life, product longevity, end of life management, and packaging. EPEAT is an avenue to take your green electronic purchasing practices to the next level.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### **EIMCo is Petal Certified**

EIMCo has completed all Petal requirements and is now a fully certified green business. EIMCo celebrated their certification on Friday, October 4th which was National Manufacturing Day. They invited the public to tour their facility and local high school students competed in a manufacturing competition.

[Click here to learn more about EIMCo's certification.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the manufacturing competition.](#)

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### **Mystique Casino Earns Water Conservation Petal**

Mystique Casino recently earned their first petal, Water Conservation. They have started tracking water usage, and implemented a number of water conservation measures throughout their facility.

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### **Energy Star Certification**

If you are interested in earning a 2013 ENERGY STAR certification, please note that to be considered for 2013 ENERGY STAR Certification, applications must be submitted within EPA's Portfolio Manager by Midnight EST Friday, November 15, 2013.

For more information on applying, view this step-by-step guide "[How to apply for the ENERGY STAR](#)" or join an upcoming [webinar](#) to understand the value of the ENERGY STAR certification, see the step-by-step process of applying, and gain tips to help your property get from application to award. If you have questions, please visit [www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp](http://www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp).

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#### Silver



#### Bronze



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