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Delaware County Brings Green Energy Practices “Home”
County’s Conservation District Offers Free Energy Conservation Workshops

Delaware County residents can learn how to save energy and conserve water through a series of free workshops being offered through the Delaware County Conservation District.

The Delaware County Conservation District is partnering with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) to offer a series of free, educational workshops aimed at helping residents establish environmentally friendly practices in the home and work place.

The workshops, titled “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” and “*We All Live Downstream,*” are funded through two grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Education Grants Program. The first series of workshops on “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” will take place this fall, starting on Sept. 16. The second series, titled “*We All Live Downstream,*” will be scheduled in spring 2011. For information about either program, residents can call the Delaware County Conservation District at (610) 892-9484 or visit www.delcocd.org.

The Conservation District is a service of County government that advocates for natural resource protection and conservation. The Pennsylvania Resource Council’s mission is to promote individual and collection actions to preserve Pennsylvania’s environmental resources.

“These programs provide residents with useful information on alternative energy technologies and water conservation techniques they can do in their homes or offices to save money and energy, and to protect our environment,” said County Council Vice Chairman Christine Fizzano Cannon. “I encourage our residents to take advantage of these free workshops.”

“Bringing Green Energy Home”

The “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” series aims to educate homeowners and renters on alternative energy technologies, which include compact fluorescent light bulbs, solar-powered water heaters, hybrid vehicles and more. There will be six workshops this September through December and four additional workshops in the spring. All workshops are 7-8:30 p.m.

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The fall “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” workshops are scheduled for: Thursday, Sept. 16 at the 20th Century Club, 84 S. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne; Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Pennsylvania Resources Council, 3606 Providence Road, Newtown Square; Monday, Oct. 18 at Watkins Senior Center, 326 Watkins Ave., Upper Darby; Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Chester City Hall, 1 Fourth St., Chester; Thursday, Dec. 2, at Morton Borough Hall, Sycamore and Highland avenues, Morton; and Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Pennsylvania Resources Council.

During the program, the Pennsylvania Resource Council’s trained environmental educators will present 90-minute multimedia and interactive presentations discussing all aspects of energy use in the home. Both traditional and non-traditional household energy conservation methods will be discussed.

This workshop will benefit homeowners as well as business owners and landlords.

Residents can learn about Energy Star appliances, insulation, low-e windows, and computerized regulation of thermostats and lighting. Environmental educators will be available to answer questions after every workshop.

Up to 80 participants per workshop will return home with a complimentary compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL,) and course materials to help establish energy conservation efforts. One lucky participant per workshop will also win a home energy audit worth \$250.

“We All Live Downstream”

The series of five “*We All Live Downstream*” workshops will be conducted through the spring and summer of 2011. Workshop dates and locations will be announced in the future.

“*We All Live Downstream*” will combine multimedia, interactive presentations to inform residents on water conservation and storm water management practices for households, businesses and municipalities.

Residents will learn about conserving water in the home, environmentally friendly auto care, sump pump drainage retrofits and proper function of storm water management basins. The series will also discuss the benefits of native landscaping for water conservation, rain gardens and rain barrels.

* Residents can register for the “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” and “*We All Live Downstream*” workshops online by visiting www.delcocc.org or www.prc.org. People can also call the Delaware County Conservation District at (610) 892-9484. Online registration is preferred. Registration for “*We All Live Downstream*” will open in 2011.

**“Bringing Green Energy Home:
Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Workshops for Delaware County Residents,
Business Owners and Government Officials”**

The following workshop dates, times and locations have been confirmed among Delaware County Conservation District, Pennsylvania Resources Council and the below (partnering) municipalities:

Thursday, September 16, 2010

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
20th Century Club
84 South Lansdowne Avenue
Lansdowne, PA 19050

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC)
3606 Providence Rd.
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Monday, October 18, 2010

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Watkins Senior Center
326 Watkins Avenue
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Chester City Hall (Community Resources Room)
1 Fourth Street
Chester, PA 19013

Thursday, December 2, 2010

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Morton Borough Hall
Sycamore and Highland Avenues
Morton, PA 19070

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC)
3606 Providence Rd.
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Note: A total of four (4) *additional* "Bringing Green Energy Home" workshops will be scheduled for Spring 2011. The dates, times and locations of these four *additional* workshops will be announced February 2011.