

September-October 2022



News & upcoming events

From HEARRT Midwest

Upcoming events

Save the date! Friday, November 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m. [Minnesota's Climate Action Framework](#). Details are forthcoming.

Also, a number of excellent external events are upcoming: [Experts in IPM & Health - 10/5/2022](#), [Resourcing health sector work on climate change & health equity - 10/6/2022](#) and [Training health professionals for 1.5 degrees and beyond - 10/12/2022](#). More webinars and conferences are on our [Events](#) pages.

In other news

From the Drug Enforcement Administration

The next drug take-back day is this Saturday, October 29. To find a site near you: [DEA take back day](#)

EPA Enforcement Alert: Stationary Engines Cause Excess Emissions

This [Enforcement Alert](#) informs owners and operators of stationary engines that EPA has been finding numerous violations of the applicable Clean Air Act requirements. The Agency has taken enforcement actions and assessed substantial penalties for facilities that have failed to comply. Stationary engines are used in applications such as generating electricity, providing primary power and powering various equipment such as pumps and compressors. They are also used to supply power in the event of emergencies such as fire or flood. Stationary engines combust fuel oil or natural gas and have the potential to emit pollutants that negatively impact air quality.

From EPA's Energy Star

REBATES for energy efficient commercial equipment! FFI, [webinar October 27](#), [rebate finder](#), [Utility Genius rebate finder](#).

There are also a number of upcoming [webinars](#) to assist with energy efficiency and decarbonization, including Portfolio Manager 101 for those just getting started.

From EPA's Watersense

Past [webinar](#) recordings are available. Improving efficiency and reducing water use is critical as drought continues here in Minnesota and elsewhere and, it makes \$ense.

- Find Leaks and Stop Water Waste in their Tracks, 3/16/2022
- The Search for Water-Efficient Turfgrass, 3/2/2022
- Achieving Water and Cost Savings in Capital Improvement Projects, 12/8/2021
- Reducing Costs with Quick Water Wins, 11/2/2021
- How to Make Water Efficiency as Routine as Recycling, 10/20/2021
- Minimizing Water Use in Mechanical/HVAC Systems, 9/15/2021
- Saving Water and Costs in Restrooms with WaterSense, 8/25/2021
- When in Drought: Lessons Learned, 7/20/2021

From Health & Human Services

Healthcare sector commitments to emissions reduction & resilience, **pledge deadline re-opened till October 28, 2022.**

The White House and HHS re-opened the opportunity [to make pledges](#) through the fall. Organizations that sign on between July 1st and October 28th will be recognized (along with those that have signed already) in an announcement that will take place around the time of United Nations Climate Conference in November 2022.

[AHRQ primer for reducing healthcare carbon emissions](#) The primer features a prioritized set of measures and potential interventions to reduce healthcare's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

From the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

\$139,000 available for waste reduction & reuse grants

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is offering Environmental Assistance (EA) grants for projects working to expand waste reduction and reuse, rental and repair efforts around the state. These strategies have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants, reduce the demand for resource extraction and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by extending the useful life of existing materials. Reduce and reuse strengthens repair skillsets, supports the local economy and increases access to products and services. **Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022.**



What did one leaf say to
the other?

I'm falling for you.