Ending Pollution: Resource Guide

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CA

Matter of Trust, Inc. (Collecting Hair/Fur for Oilspill Booms)

Info/Hotline · Open

Recycling Network

99 St. Germain Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94114

Phone 415 242-6041
Web matteroftrust.org
Service Temporary

Link to Hair/Fur Collection instructions:

http://www.matteroftrust.org/programs/hairmatsinfo.html

Also note YouTube links...

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2010/06/10/local_salons_join_effort_to_collect_hair_and_fur_for_oil_cleanup/

Boston Globe Article

By Megan McKee
Globe Correspondent / June 10, 2010

Hair salons, pet groomers, and veterinarians in Waltham, Lexington, Acton, and Sherborn have joined a nationwide effort to collect hair and fur clippings for use in natural-fiber oil booms, which are being assembled by hundreds of volunteers in an effort to stem the environmental damage from the massive British Petroleum oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"People are surprised about the concept," said Marlene Maffei-Ryan, owner of the As You Like It Hair Salon in Acton. However, she said, once people understand the idea, they're excited about it. Some clients have even had more hair cut off than they originally intended after hearing where the clippings were headed, she said.

"It's been great. We don't do anything with the hair anyhow. We bag it and trash it . . . It's a good cause and it's easy work for us," she said.

The effort, which has brought in 570 businesses across Massachusetts, is being mounted by the group Matter of Trust on a website devoted to reducing the carbon imprint of dogs. The group is collecting clippings from salons, groomers, alpaca and llama farmers, individuals, veterinarians, and pet owners. The organization's president, Lisa Craig Gautier, said she is receiving thousands of e-mails per day, and most are from those wishing to donate.

The organization sends out e-mails with addresses of warehouses where the donors should send clippings. Once there, volunteers stuff them into nylon stockings and tie off the ends. Then they're ready for deployment.

Craig Gauthier said BP has decided not to use natural-fiber booms in its cleanup effort but rather rely on synthetic booms. But harbormasters in Florida have announced they will use the booms, Craig Gauthier said, and Matter of Trust is hoping the response to its campaign will help change the BP approach.

The organization has about 10 miles of boom ready to go.

"We don't have anything against synthetic boom, but you have to drill oil to make it," said Craig Gautier. "This is a renewable resource that we're diverting from a landfill."

Locally, Waltham's Veterinary and Emergency Center of New England is one of the entities participating in the effort.

"We're always shaving areas" on their animal patients for medical procedures, said Sharon Gately, spokeswoman for the center, "and it usually just goes to waste. I just thought it was such a good idea."

Gately said the Waltham animal hospital also will have a bin out front to collect nylons; Craig Gautier said Hooters just donated 100,000 pairs.

At Lexington's Blue salon, desk manager Michael Surette said the salon has already made four shipments thanks to the trashbag-size amount of clippings that are disposed of daily.

A neighbor of the salon has volunteered to collect and mail the bags of donated hair.

In Sherborn, Serena's Groom Room is doing warm-weather shave-downs for pets, which means it is an opportune time to participate in the program, said owner Serena Keating.

"I think this is a really cool way for us being able to help a really bad situation," said Keating. "This is a little more global for us. . . It's something indirectly all of my customers have done a lot to help."

In the meantime, Matter of Trust is using social media websites to round up volunteers in places like Alabama and Florida to stuff pantyhose with clippings, and the group is urging people to contact the government to press for the booms to be used.

The organization was founded in 1998 by Craig Gautier and her husband, Patrice Oliver Gautier, an executive at Apple Inc., and is involved in multiple efforts to promote the reuse of materials, both natural and manmade. The organization has made mats from hair clippings to clean up oil spills since 2000.

Craig Gautier is hoping her organization's talks with BP and the federal government, as well as the the goodwill of tens of thousands of businesses and hundreds of thousands of individuals who are donating, will turn the tide at the oil company.

"We absolutely can put these booms in the water," she said. "It's really up to the people of North America to decide.

Megan McKee can be reached at megan.mckee@gmail.com.

2010 HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

NEWS REPORT FROM AP/NOLA

http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/05/engineers_will_not_use_hair_to.html

Engineers will not use hair to soak Gulf oil spill
By The Associated Press
May 22, 2010, 1:41PM

View full sizeCasey Kreider, Lancaster Newspapers/The Associated PressThis alpaca's coat was shorn in hopes the hair would soak up oil from the Deepwater Horizon leak in the Gulf of Mexico. Engineers will not use booms made out of hair to soak up the growing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Barbers have collected hair in hopes that it could contain the ooze as it invades deeper into coastal marshland. But crews said Saturday they concluded using the hair was not feasible, and the organizations collecting the hair were asked to stop doing so.

Engineers said a test conducted in February during an oil spill in Texas showed that commercial boom absorbed more oil and less water than hair boom.

Charlie Henry of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said booms made from hair became water-logged and sank within a short period of time.

GULF COAST – HOW EVERYONE CAN HELP!
ALL salons, groomers, wool & alpaca fleece farmers and individuals can sign up to donate hair, fur, fleece, feathers, nylons and funding...

A) We have many temporarily donated warehouses of various sizes strategically placed along the Gulf Coast. We are coordinating space for donations and emailing addresses, to everyone who signs up, to make sure donations are effectively distributed.

B) Please sign up to our database. It's FREE and It's FAST.

(SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS)

http://matteroftrust.org/programs/natural.html

We have 3 types of programs:

1.Manmade Surplus (reuse and recycling of furniture, clothes, instruments, supplies, etc.)

2.Natural Surplus (products using materials found abundantly in nature)

3.Eco-Educational (environmental awareness and media projects)

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Christmas Trees/Leaves; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Food; Recycling, Fur, Animal; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Hair, Collection for HairBooms (oilspill mitigation); Recycling, Hair, Human; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Kid Stuff; Recycling, Medical Devices; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Soap; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jun 10, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5888

CalMAX (California Materials Exchange) (Recycling Site)

Info/Hotline · Open

State Government Agency
CA

Phone (877) 520–9703
Web www.calrecycle.ca.gov/CalMAX
Service Temporary

CalMAX@calrecycle.ca.gov

to see what's available and what's free, choose "search ads" button on the upper left. leave the keyword blank and choose "search" and scroll down. click on the picture to get contact info...

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Donations, Coordination, Large Donation Coordination; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Corporate (Large); Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Small Lots; Emergency Operations Office, State Level; Furniture, Furniture Bank; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster, Repository (For Lost Articles/Artifacts Found Post Disaster); Supplies, Online Supplies; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Ending Pollution; Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee
Updated Jun 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5950

CT

National Cristina Foundation

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit
500 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
Phone 203.863.9100
Web www.cristina.org
Service Temporary

Linking Life to its Promise. The National Cristina Foundation is a not–for–profit foundation dedicated to the support of training through donated technology. For more than 25 years we have encouraged companies and individuals to donate computers and other technology, which is then matched to charities, schools and public agencies in all 50 states, Canada, and in many countries around the world.

Computer Donation Requirements

* Pentium III & Higher CPUs (486 and Pentium I and II no longer accepted). Alternative CPUs accepted if Pentium III equivalent or better.
* If your donation includes a complete system (Hard Drive, Monitor, Keyboard, & Mouse), use the "PC Desktop" or "Mac Desktop" category on the donation screens that follow. If not, please use the "Partial CPU" checkbox.
* If possible, please include Software License Agreements for installed software.
* Hardware needing repair is considered on a case–by–case basis where partner organizations have repair capabilities.

DONATION PROCESS: http://www.cristina.org/process.html

DONATION REQUIREMENTS: http://www.cristina.org/donate_computer.html

Services offered: Computer, Desktop; Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Laptop; Computer, Peripherals, Misc.; Computer, Printer; Computer, Software, Operating System – Windows * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Donations, In–Kind Donations; Information Resource, Recycling Methods, Tech; Recycling, Computers & Electronics
Campaigns: Cristina Foundation (Computer Reuse); Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Aug 8, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6120

DC

Green DC

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DC
Web green.dc.gov/green/site/default.asp

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Green Energy DC

Green Hot Topics

Mayor's Green Team

Green Services

Green Partners

Green Library

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Bags, Supermarket/Grocery 'Green' Bags; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Environmental Education; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Christmas Trees/Leaves; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Seniors, Lawn Care Services (For Seniors/Elderly)
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, State/County
Updated Apr 21, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7877

Hungary

2010 RED SLUDGE Toxic Spill – INDEX

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Service Temporary

Operation Mobilisation (OM)
October 17, 2010
Bus4Life vehicle
http://www.christiantoday.com/article/operation.mobilisations.bus4life.helps.hungarys.spill.victims/26914.htm

Oct 7, 2010
Toxic red sludge reaches the Danube River
(a waste product of aluminum production)

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20101008/ap_on_bi_ge/eu_hungary_sludge_flood;_ylt=Amr8iZcekajPNbxJYWkS6HZH2ocA;_ylu=X3oDMTNxbTVmOG5kBGFzc2V0Ay9zL2FwLzIwMTAxMDA4L2FwX29uX2JpX2dlL2V1X2h1bmdhcnlfc2x1ZGdlX2Zsb29kBGNjb2RlA21wX2VjXzhfMTAEY3BvcwM3BHBvcwM3BHNlYwN5bl90b3Bfc3RvcmllcwRzbGsDdG94aWNyZWRzbHVk

KOLONTAR, Hungary – Red sludge flowed into the Danube River on Thursday, threatening a half–dozen nations along one of Europe's key waterways. Monitors took samples every few hour to measure damage from the toxic spill and emergency officials declared one Hungarian tributary dead.

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At monitoring stations in Croatia, Serbia and Romania, officials were taking river samples every few hours, though experts hoped the river's huge water volume would blunt the impact of the spill.

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"Life in the Marcal River has been extinguished," Dobson said of the waterway, which is fed by streams around the accident site and carried the waste into the Raba River, which then flows into the Danube.

...

An environmental group that monitors threats to the Danube said the breached reservoir was on a 2006 watch list of some 100 industrial sites that were at risk for accidents that could contaminate the 1,775–mile–long river.

7 October 2010
How toxic is Hungary's red sludge?
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world–europe–11492387

bauxite, iron–oxide, aluminium oxide, silicon oxide, calcium oxide, titanium dioxide and sodium oxide

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10.07.10
Hungary: Toxic red sludge has reached the Danube
http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2010/10/07/general–eu–hungary–sludge–flood_7993147.html?boxes=Homepagebusinessnews

...
Creeks in Kolontar, the closest town to the spill site, were swollen ochre red Wednesday and villagers said they were devoid of fish.

...
South of Hungary, the Danube flows through Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Moldova before emptying into the Black Sea.

5 October 2010
Hungary declares state of emergency in three counties

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-11481107

10/5/2010
'Ecological catastrophe': Toxic sludge kills 4
State of emergency declared after red wave sweeps through Hungarian towns

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39513858/ns/world_news-europe/
...

This week's spill threatened to eclipse the environmental damage caused 10 years ago, when huge amounts of cyanide poured from a gold mine reservoir in a Romanian town near the Hungarian border into the Danube and four smaller rivers, destroying plant and animal life. Romania, what was then Yugoslavia and Ukraine also were affected.

10/5/10
Hungary Calls Emergency after Toxic Spill
Toxic leak in the Central European country threatens to reach a major international waterway
http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/2010/world/hungary-calls-emergency-after-toxic-spill/
Campaigns: Ending Pollution
Updated Oct 19, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6512

LA

Gulf Oil Spill Digital Mapping and Online Imagery Activity

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Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
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CNN – Citizens Monitor Gulf After Oil Spill
Includes work by CrisisMappers Group members: GrassrootsMapping, Ushahidi, CrisisCommons.

http://edition.cnn.com/2010/TECH/05/06/crowdsource.gulf.oil

Date: Fri, 7 May 2010 10:25:11 -0700 [05:25PM UTC]
From: Jeffrey Johnson

Subject: [CrisisMappers] Re: CC-OilSpill [grassrootsmapping] oil slick: can we make a 1-page info sheet to print?
Headers: Show All Headers | Show Mailing List Information

Absolutely they will be geocoded and timestamped. We intend to collect time series of images over the next weeks/months and and these will be distributed as tiles that can be added as overlays or base maps to other web map apps that are based on google maps or openlayers or the like.

They are out shooting today, but mostly training local students to do the work, we have sent down 10 canons with the chdk, but it is totally conceivable to do the shooting with mobile phones using an intevalometer app.

Jeff

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 10:18 AM, Yobie Benjamin wrote:

[Hide Quoted Text]
Fantastic! Are the pics going to be time and geo coded. It would be very useful for people evaluating for economic damages... before and after oil sludge hits the beaches.

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:58 AM, Jeffrey Johnson <ortelius @gmail.com> wrote:

Yep, we have a site where the photos are warped to the ground and mosaicked.

http://cartagen.org/maps

Jeff

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:51 AM, Yobie Benjamin> wrote:

It does not change the need for naming, tagging and uploading protocols to
video and photo sites unless you intend to create your own video and photo
servers/repositories.

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:40 AM, Jeffrey Johnson >
wrote:

Sorry if I wasnt clear. We are doing this with normal digital cameras and kites and balloons. This has nothing to do with the mobile app really.

Jeff

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:33 AM, Yobie Benjamin <yobie @acm.org> wrote:

Can you write the instructions? We would have to combine this with the mobile apps functions to come up with a "1 pager". Realistically there are multiple protocols to do this:

What to do if you have an iPhone or Android?

2 megapixel iPhones (non video capable)
3.2 megapixel or above iPhone and Androids (video and still photo capable)

What to do if you have a stand alone video camera? (applies also to video uploads from iPhones and Androids)

gulfoilspillvideo is an account I have setup in YOUTUBE and we can upload all videos to this account BUT we need cc folks to reach out to YOUTUBE and/or Google to allow unlimited uploads to this account. I am unaware if Heather or Andrew have a special account in YOUTUBE

What to do if you have a still photo?

I do not have an account in Flickr or Picasa though I can setup an account. CC (Heather or Andrew) again need to call the selected photo site and get an unlimited upload account.

It is CRITICAL that EVERY video and still photo be geo–tagged OR have some location description (closest address is good but at the very least Parish/County, State (stand alone still or video cameras will not have geo tag capabilities) and each should have date and time stamps. Tags would help greatly (some unique hashtag will be better... we don't want 10,000,000 search returns on oiled birds. We'll do better with something like
#CC_oiled_birds... a more knowledgeable person can create those tags)

My 2 cents

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:09 AM, Jeffrey Johnson
wrote:

Hi all,

The grassroots mapping folks have deployed to the gulf to begin working with local groups to low–altitude, low–cost, yet very high–res aerial imagery capture. They have brought gear and cameras to distribute, and now have a small army of local students and volunteers to help, and are setting up training sessions.

http://wiki.grassrootsmapping.org/show/GrassrootsMappingGulfCoastOilSpill
http://grassrootsmapping.org/

They would like to put together a double sided '1 pager' that explains the process and has contact information etc on it (see below).

Is there a graphic artist or similar on one of these lists that can assist with this? I can work on the content with someone, but my design skillz are sorely lacking.

Thanks,

Jeff

Forwarded message
From: Jeffrey Warren
Date: Fri, May 7, 2010 at 8:41 AM
Subject: [grassrootsmapping] oil slick: can we make a 1–page info sheet to print?
To: Liz Barry
grassrootsmapping @googlegroups.com,
Nathan Cooke

Hi, all –

New york team, Jeff Johnson, and Nathan Cooke... would you be willing to help with this?

we're setting up training sessions right now and it would be wonderful to have a single sheet hand out that covers:

– checklist of needed materials (see the illustration on the grassrootsmapping wiki)
– quick rundown of how to use the cameras with the CHDK, focus on keeping batteries charged
– who to ask for help
– where to sign up as a volunteer
– contact information and where to upload the imagery
– where to print out more of the flyer itself

perhaps that's too much for one page. But some way we could have that hand out to give out at the trainings would be super.

maybe either as a wiki page or a google doc, maybe google doc is better. that way we can refine it as we learn about what people are confused about.

best,
jeff

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Yobie Benjamin
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Twitter – @yobie
AOL IM & Yahoo IM – yobie

Date: Thu, 6 May 2010 10:33:30 –0700 [05/06/2010 05:33PM UTC]
From: France Lamy <flamy @google.com>
To: Crisismappers <crisismappers @googlegroups.com>
Reply–To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Subject: [CrisisMappers] Google Crisis Response –– Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

Greetings,

To help with the rescue and recovery efforts for the oil spill catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, we created a "Crisis Response" site which contains imagery & maps of the locations of the oil, fishing closures and affected areas, the ability to upload videos directly to YouTube, and more. We will update this site as more information becomes available.

http://www.google.com/crisisresponse/oilspill/
http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2010/05/mapping–gulf–oil–spill–in–google–earth.html

Thanks!
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Date: Wed, 05 May 2010 10:21:42 -0400 [05/05/2010 02:21PM UTC]
From: Lars Bromley
To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Reply-To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [CrisisMappers] GIS / imagery layers for Gulf oil plume

Also, one other bit, the good folks at SkyTruth are doing remote sensing work on this as well:

http://www.skytruth.org/

Lars

"Lars Bromley"5/5/2010 10:09 AM >>>

Hi All, In case its needed and not crossed these wires yet, a bunch of data on
the Gulf oil spill is discussed in the below messages from a
conservation GIS mailing list (SCGIS).

Lars

Joseph Kerski 5/4/2010 9:22 PM >>>

All:
In addition to the ArcGIS Online data already mentioned:

Interactive map that ESRI has posted that allows the viewing of
location-based feeds, including news and videos, here:

http://www.esri.com/services/disaster-response/gulf-oil-spill-2010/index.html

This application is powered by ArcGIS Server. Individuals can add data
to this mapping application. The ability to add content is provided by
ArcGIS Server 10 beta hosted in the Amazon Web Service infrastructure.

If you want to dig deeper and use some remotely sensed imagery, you
might try some MODIS data.
All MODIS data are free, and there are several images of the oil
slick:
http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/

For daily images see:
http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/subsets/?subset=USA7

This page provides GIS compatible imagery: Select "more info," select
the granule of interest from the list at the bottom of the page. Click
on the link to get an uncorrected 5-minute swath image, down to 250
meter resolution. Make sure you also download the world file so the
image will be georegistered within your GIS. You could also download a
KML and use it in ArcGIS Explorer.

For example, I found a 250m MODIS image with world file available on:
http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/?2010119-0429/Louisiana.A2010119.1648.250m.jpg

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On Tue, May 4, 2010 at 2:16 PM, Matt Merrifield
wrote:

Lynn * ESRI has a bunch of stuff here

http://www.arcgisonline.com/home/group.html?owner=ESRI_response_team&title=ESRI%20Gulf%20Oil%20Spill%20Response

good luck!

Matt Merrifield
GIS Manager
The Nature Conservancy of California
37.791, -122.395
415.281.0475 (desk)
415.793.4759 (mobile)

From: Society for Conservation and GIS [mailto:SCGIS@LISTSERV.URI.EDU]
On Behalf Of Lynn Kutner
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 1:57 PM
To: SCGIS @LISTSERV.URI.EDU
Subject: ISO GIS layer for deepwater horizon oil plume

Hi all *

Anyone have a link to download a GIS layer with the current extent of
the Deepwater Horizon oil plume?

There are a zillion results that come up when I do a google search *
and I*m not quickly finding what I need.

The map from ABC and on the NYT website references NOAA as their data
source, but I*m not seeing where / how to download that from NOAA

MANY MANY THANKS!

Lynn

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LISTSERV for the Society for Conservation GIS www.scgis.org
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Date: Tue, 4 May 2010 11:07:23 -0400 [05/04/2010 03:07PM UTC]
From: Jeffrey Warren
To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Reply-To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Subject: [CrisisMappers] citizen (grassroots) mapping effort of spill coastline

Ok we've had a couple responses and will hopefully have someone down there with some ballooning/kiting/airplaning equipment by tomorrow.

Does anyone have more contacts of folks on the ground there who we could connect with and help to document not only the spill's arrival onshore, but the citizen response? We'd like to capture high–resolution low–altitude imagery of specific sites for documentation purposes (i.e. possible legal role in the litigation) as well as for media coverage...

I want to emphasis that we're not trying to map the entire spill nor 'outdo' official mapping efforts, but to focus on documenting the risks/damage to specific sites and good enough resolution to see specific effects. Not really for immediate crisis response, but as a way of adding another independent data source for analysis or press coverage. We're also taking the position that we won't know how useful the data will be until later – but it's inexpensive to do.

Any additional local contacts in the spill zone would be appreciated, as would suggestions of high–relevance sites to focus on.

To join in the organizing effort or just listen in, join the Grasroots Mapping mailing list at http://groups.google.com/group/grassrootsmapping/ or learn more about our tools/techniques at http://grassrootsmapping.org

Best,
Jeff

On Mon, May 3, 2010 at 11:52 AM, Jeffrey Warren wrote:

I don't know if it'd be useful to have a matching crowdsourced aerial imaging campaign (using balloons and kites as in grassrootsmapping.org), but if there's any interest, some of us at the grassrootsmapping mailing list would love to help.

An alternative public domain dataset to the official story might help empower those who's lives are being affected directly.

On May 3, 2010 11:23 AM, "Anne" wrote:

First Hurricane Katrina and now the BP oil spill. It really does feel like too much. A man named Jason told me this today. "Well, I was a wholesaler / retailer." He buys fish from the boats and re sells it in New Orleans. But today Jason spoke of his livelihood in the past tense. What else can we think when oil is gushing into our Gulf of Mexico?

These are the stories that we are mapping:
http://www.oilspill.labucketbrigade.org/
; via (504) 27 27 OIL

There are two dynamics happening on this, day three of our Oil Spill Crisis Map. I thought it might be helpful to the larger community to elucidate them. We have a great team at the Louisiana Bucket Brigade: Mariko, Shannon, Anna, Clayton and I, along with much guidance and support from Tulane University's Zach Holden and Dr.'s Nancy Mock and Nathan Morrow.

Item One: Coordinating aid in a disaster zone

In Hurricane Katrina's aftermath I recall watching an aid worker in a truck of some kind – Red Cross or World Vision – drive by and just look at me out of their window. Me, a hurricane victim! But at its best aid empowers local people, and so many organizations did this after Hurricane Katrina. Our newspaper – The Times Picayune – ran a headline on the first anniversary of the storm. It was a giant THANK YOU for all of the help. We needed it then and we need it now.

As with Katrina, lots of organizations have come in, and this is true regarding mapping. We are trying to coordinate many different sets of people doing many different things. I am reminded of the piece that Patrick wrote regarding an SMS Code of Conduct for Humanitarian

Response. Yes, one is needed, but perhaps it's not so different from whatever the code of conduct is for Humanitarian Response in general.

Some sort of Code might be especially useful for disasters here in the U.S. While disasters in other parts of the world have barriers of geography and language, this U.S. based disaster is comparably accessible. And so there are potentially more players to manage. In this case, managing all of these players has been nearly as challenging as dealing with this oil spill. If I am not mistaken, this is the first time Ushahidi has been deployed for a U.S. disaster. I know it has been used for crime maps in Atlanta and Snowmaggedon in D.C., but this is the first U.S. disaster response. Am I right? You learn a lot by being first!

One note to those who help people in disaster zones: don't be too high tech. Some of the tools being offered are just too fancy to be utilized by real people. Other people are so bogged down in tech speak that we can't understand what they are saying.

Item two: Populating the map

We have another long day tomorrow and it's already 12:30. I'll finish this tomorrow.

Thanks for all of the help, advice and good wishes. The spirit of the Crisis Mappers is important to us – I love the vibe and the appreciation of what is happening on the ground. On this ground now we are expecting oil. And shrimpers stand around waiting as Red Cross trucks drive up and offer lunch. No one wants to take it. Sometimes, though, you just don't have a choice.

Anne

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Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting, "at–risk" Wildlife; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource, Maps, Pollutants/ Toxin; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Pollution; Nature Conservancy
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MA

Green Acton (Environmental Advocacy/Action)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community
Acton, MA 01720

Phone (978) 266–9409
Contact Jim Snyder–Grant and Ann Sussman
Email info@greenacton.org
Web www.greenacton.org/index.htm
Service Permanent

See the website for some great ideas, resources, and connections.

Sample text from website (go to the website for live links):

Ideas

– Learn about global warming, carbon footprints and alternative energies.
– Global Warming. Global Action. Global Future. Introducing 350.
– Reducing Emissions. Carbon Footprint Calculator.

– Eat the View campaigns to plant edible landscapes.
– Find out about Acton's Solar Panel which feeds clean electricity into the ABRSD grid.
– Carbon Rally compares energy–saving activities nationwide.
– PC Energy Report 2009 (pdf, see website above) describes how powering down your personal computer can save energy and help reduce the effects of global warming.

Education

* What is climate change? Find out at EPA for Kids. Information, links, games and animations from the Environmental Protection Agency.
* Learn about Renewable Energy Basics and Clean Energy Technologies. Check out the Solar Oven Challenge.
* Visit Science Daily to find out about earth, climate and environmental technologies.
* The LoraxTM Project: Student Earth Day and Classroom Activities encourage educators and students to celebrate the Lorax's message and pledge to beautify and conserve their school and environment.

Policy

* No Child Left Inside Act strengthens U. S. environmental education inside and outside the classroom.
* President Obama plans to invest in alternative and renewable energy, end addiction to foreign oil, and address the global climate crisis. Read about U. S. Energy and the Environment.
* See Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs for key initiatives, resources and services.

Resources

Our resource page is a reference to help you live greener. Please let us know if you would like us to add a resource.

Tip: Recycle your compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) at the local Acton Ace Hardware.

Tip: Reduce junkmail; stop delivery of phone directories at www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org.

Tip: The Acton Memorial Library has three Kill–A–Watt electric usage meters for loan to Acton residents. The meters plug into a wall socket and an appliance to assess how efficiently the appliance works by displaying the power consumption in kilowatt–hour. For information, call the Reference Desk (978–264–9641 option 3).

Households

Recycling, Low Impact Living, Toolkits, Products and Rebates

* The Acton Water District is offering conservation rebates for 2010 on new toilets and washing machines. To be eligible for the rebates, toilets must be EPA WaterSense labeled and clothes washers must meet CEE Tier 3 requirements. For more information and program eligibility, visit actonwater.com. The District also has indoor and outdoor conservation devices available free of charge to customers; stop by the offices at 693 Massachusetts Avenue for details. The Acton Water District will sell rain barrels again in the spring. new!
* Earth 911 is a guide to local resources including recycling centers, instructions on how to recycle, pollution prevention and how to help protect the environment.
* Acton FreeCycle is a nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns and keeping good stuff out of landfills.
* Campaign Earth offers simple solutions to today's most pressing environmental issue, climate change. See straightforward actions that help everyone make a difference.
* Concord Conserves is a handbook for low impact living. This online resource deals with combating climate change and environmental degradation.
* Natural Resources Defense Council provides how–to guides and a Green Living Toolkit.
* Green Peony is a daily website for people who want to live a happy, healthy, and green lifestyle.
* Healthy Lawns for Families offers alternatives to pesticides for lawn care.

Agriculture

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and Local Farms

* Acton Boxborough Farmer's Market is held each Sunday from 10am to 1pm, July 12 through November 1, in West Acton Village.
* Local Harvest tells you everything you need to know about supporting local food production and consumption including a searchable list of local farms and farmer's markets, harvest dates, forums, blogs, newsletters, and recipes.
* Gardens.com lists links and directions to Massachusetts CSA farms.
* Eat Well Guide is a search engine for finding good food—local, sustainable, organic. Find stores, bakeries, online shopping, CSAs, butchers, restaurants, farmer's market, and more.
* ATTRA is the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, an agency that helps agricultural producers connect with customers by compiling directories.

Businesses

Green Travel Choices and Building Guidelines

* Bartlett Greenhouse offers business–oriented links, for example, green hotels, rental cars and airlines.
* U. S. Green Building Council provides details about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System and describes LEED certification.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Aluminum Cans (For Recycling); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Transportation, RailTrails; Documentation, Environmental Education; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Maps, RailTrails; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Social Activists/Organizers
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Boston Bike Sharing Program

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

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http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/back_bay/2011/07/bike–sharing_stations_coming_t.html

Back Bay,Beacon Hill,Downtown,Fenway–Kenmore
Boston rolls out new bike–sharing program
Posted by Sara Brown July 28, 2011 05:48 PM

Riders in Boston's bike share program head out from City Hall plaza today.

By Sara Brown, Town Correspondent

Boston's new bike–sharing program officially launched today, with bicycles eventually available at 61 stations for jaunts around the city.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino presided over the ribbon–cutting ceremony for the program at 11 a.m. at City Hall Plaza. To celebrate its launch, registered Hubway members and employees of sponsors will ride 200 of the bikes around the city today.

“This is a great day for Boston,” Menino said. “New Balance Hubway promotes a new, environmentally friendly way of getting around and I hope that all residents use the system."

Some new customers welcomed the new outlet to traverse Boston.

Karly Burke, a Bay Village resident, said she joined the Hubway program last week and was excited about its arrival. As she checked out a bike in front of the Boston Public Library, she said she planned to use the bikes mostly "around town, for errands, and to meet people out."

As around one dozen of the first people to test the bikes cycled down Newbury Street, they said they were greeted with cheers and applause from onlookers.

“It was a really great ride, and nice having a big group,” said Kelly Gray, 30, a digital marketing manager at New Balance, the title sponsor of the new program. “There was a lot of excitement around the city.”

Gray, who owns and regularly rides her own bicycle, said the brand new, three–gear Hubway bikes were sturdy, easy to use, and the seats were “super comfortable.”

“I just rode from City Hall and my butt doesn’t hurt,” she said.

Of the bike stations, about 18 will be in the the Back Bay and Fenway–Kenmore, with four around the Boston University campus and Kenmore Square, stations near Fenway Park, Northeastern University, and Colleges of the Fenway, and Back Bay stations ranging from the Newbury Street to the Boston Public Library.

Bikes will also be available at three Beacon Hill stations: on Cambridge Street at Blossom Street; at the Charles Circle footbridge, and on Beacon Street at Brimmer Street. In Allston, there were seven active stations as of today.

The Hubway program allows people to rent one of about 600 bikes for short rides around the city. There are three membership options with varying prices: an annual subscription, a three–day membership, and a 24–hour membership.

Rides shorter than 30 minutes are free for all members, with charges accrued for each half–hour of riding time.

Washington, D.C., Montreal, and London have similar systems.

Also on–line: The Globe's Eric Moskowitz tested the Washington bike–sharing system.

Correspondent Jamie Lutz contributed to this report.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services; Social Activists/Organizers
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Boston, Jamaica Plain, MA

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posted 4/21 on the WorkerOwned list WORCN:

Hello Friends,
Restoring Roots, your local permaculutre landscaping cooperative, is hiring for a full time worker–owner track position!
Please have a look at the job description and share it with anyone you feel might be interested.
Thank you,
–Noah

Hiring 2020.pdf
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_YlwYfSbJPdUcO53I8BO84TA–Nn–sZSF/view?usp=drive_web>

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Restoring Roots Cooperative
Healing Land, Nourishing People
http://restoringroots.net/
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Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Agriculture School, Plant Stock; Community Garden Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Jobs, Paying; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Tools, Agricultural Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Edible Communities; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Haley House (food pantry, co–operative cafe: meals, live–in community/ housing collective, meeting space) Covid 19 mutual aid

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Live–in Center:; 23 Dartmouth StreetBakery:; 12 Dade St; Dudley Square, Boston/Roxbury, MA

Phone 617.236.8132, 617.445.0900
Web www.haleyhouse.org
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Covid 19 response
https://www.liberationnews.org/ppe–for–the–people–campaign–to–produce–and–distribute–masks–in–boston/

'PPE for the People' campaign to produce and distribute masks in Boston
By Susan Klimczak (SETC) and Joe Tache (PSL)
Apr 13, 2020
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‘PPE for the People’ campaign to produce and distribute masks in Boston

3D printed N95–style masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with Permission.

The South End Technology Center @ Tent City and the Boston branch of the Party for Socialism and Liberation announce our campaign, “PPE for the People.” We are producing and distributing protective masks to frontline workers and people living in Boston’s oppressed communities, who are suffering disproportionately during this COVID–19 pandemic.

As Mel King, the founder of SETC always says, we want a city and a world that works for everyone. We cannot stand by and watch as this crisis lays bare the profound inequity and injustice in our city and country for all to see. Our Love for the People calls us into action; to both serve our communities and raise demands for a new form of society organized around human needs, rather than corporate profits.
a volunteer sews olsen masks at a sewing machine.

PSL and SETC volunteers make masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

Both in Boston and across the country, new data reveals an alarming trend that COVID–19 is infecting and killing people of color at a disproportionately higher rate. As the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams recently pointed out, Black, Latino and Native American people are not biologically or genetically predisposed to get COVID–19. People of color are predisposed to higher risk of exposure because most do not have jobs that allow them to work from home; because of inequities in healthcare and income that make them more likely to suffer diseases that put them at risk for severe complications from the virus; because — in the case of those living in places like the Navajo Nation and Detroit — they experience a lack of access to water for recommended frequent hand–washing. As of April 9, in Boston, 72% of those who have tested positive COVID–19 are people of color.

The question of wearing masks is also complicated by racism. People of color are increasingly saying that they don’t feel safe wearing masks. In a Boston Globe op–ed, Aaron Thomas wrote that the practice “could lead to unintended attention, and ultimately a life–or–death situation…[and that] the fear of being mistaken for an armed robber or assailant is greater than the fear of contracting COVID–19.” On the other hand, on April 11, a man in Philadelphia was dragged off of a public bus by police for not wearing a mask. This pandemic is shaped by capitalism and racism, and the fight against racism must be at the top of the list of priorities for any COVID–19 response.

Overall, as COVID–19 continues to rapidly spread in Massachusetts, workers in health care, grocery, custodial, food service and other sectors have clearly expressed their desperate need for personal protective equipment, including masks. Some of our most vulnerable such as elders, returning citizens and folks in recovery also have expressed needs. Additionally, on April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially recommended that all individuals wear face coverings in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain, as it is in cities like Boston. Clearly, the need for protective masks and the need to address the inequities and injustices at work in our community is dire, and demand will only increase as Massachusetts approaches its COVID–19 “surge.”

SETC youth, staff and volunteers, along with PSL organizers are fabricating four types of masks with laser cutters, 3D printers and sewing machines in Fab Lab Boston:

3D printed face shields with clear protective covers
sewn Olson face masks with filters inserted in pockets that can be fitted with skin–safe double–sided tape for those at higher risk for exposure
sewn face masks for everyday use by the people
and 3D printed N95–style masks that have demonstrated a potential to pass fit tests with proper filtering.

A young man wears a 3d printed face mask and holds two hand sewn masks

Photo by the South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

PPE for the People has already provided over 150 masks to people like the residents and Community Table workers at the Haley House, who are serving 70 free meals per day during the pandemic, to workers in the temporary shelter tents set up for people experiencing homelessness in Lower Roxbury, to young people distributing meals to elders at Madison Park, to nurses, to grocery workers, to families living in subsidized housing and to workers serving students with disabilities. The campaign will be expanding distribution in the coming days and weeks. Essential workers and families, particularly in Grove Hall, South End and Roxbury, are encouraged to reach out if their work and/or living conditions puts them in need of protective masks.

While the PPE for the People will do everything in its power to provide masks to those who need them, the campaign will inevitably be limited in scope. Neither the SETC nor the PSL — or the entire network of Boston area Fab Labs and makerspaces — have the manufacturing capacity to meet the vast need for masks in Boston. Ultimately, the responsibility and moral imperative for addressing this crisis falls on the U.S. government. Both Governor Baker and Donald Trump have special powers to take immediate action on this issue. As reported by The Boston Globe, the state of emergency currently in place in Massachusetts allows Governor Baker to “take possession (1) of any land or building, machinery or equipment…which may be necessary or convenient… for the better protection or welfare of the commonwealth or its inhabitants.” The Defense Production Act of 1950 grants President Trump similar powers to rapidly ramp up the production of critical goods, as well as set price controls, nationally. Organizations including the Party for Socialism and Liberation and at least 18 U.S. Senators have called upon President Trump to fully invoke the Defense Production Act.

A massive intervention is required to slow the spread of this pandemic and reverse the disproportionate impact it is having on oppressed populations. To this end, the organizers of “PPE for the People” demand the following:

The state and federal governments must compel companies that otherwise prioritize their profits over societal wellbeing to produce critical goods: COVID–19 test kits, ventilators, protective equipment and medical equipment at cost to meet the urgent need.
Provide free testing for the whole population.
Free testing only works with free treatment. Healthcare must be provided for free for all.
All essential workers must be provided PPE, paid sick leave, and hazard pay.
Provide secure housing for all. Empty dwellings should be immediately seized to provide shelter for all people without housing.
Release massive numbers of incarcerated people including but not limited to those in pretrial detention, elderly and other at–risk prisoners, and ICE detainees.
Native reservations, Black, Latino and other oppressed communities must be guaranteed equal access to treatment.

Our collective goal is that this city, our communities and world WORK FOR EVERYONE. The goal is NOT a return to what was “normal” before the pandemic. We believe that this crisis gives us the opportunity and moral imperative to change the persistent injustice and inequities exposed by this pandemic. This is, as theologian and Co–Chair of the Poor People’s Campaign Liz Theoharis has pointed out, “a call to come together in new ways in order to survive, hold the powerful responsible for their unjust policies and the lies they’ve told to cover up injustice, and rebuild on foundations of love and justice” (Sojourners Newsletter). PPE for the People will be a local outlet for community and solidarity, and a step on the path towards a total transformation of our society.

For more information, follow the SETC and PSL on social media. Facebook: facebook.com/pslboston; Instagram: @southendtechnology center, @bostonpsl; Twitter: @zackboston.

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Thursday nights there's an Community Open Mike called Art Is Life, where people can make announcements, and do short sets of poetry reading, etc. Featured artist follows. People can purchase food at the café and eat while watching the artists.

Before the open mike, groups can meet. The café is still open. Groups wanting to increase visibility and/or offer workshops to help the community, have given workshops/lectures there.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demograpohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Tecschange (computer recycling/reuse)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston/Roxbury, MA

Web www.tecschange.org/donations/donation–faq.html
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Look at website for details about what this group will accept.

Services offered: Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)

Campaigns: Ending Pollution
Updated Nov 9, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9045

Who Decides (local control of natural resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

Based in Gloucester, but addressing regional needs., Gloucester, MA
Web whodecides.net/Home_Page.php
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These are organizers, activists, successful in passing legislation at the local and state level.

Services offered: Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocay, Disaster, Survivors of Disaster; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Environmental Education; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training, Activism; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Democracy School / CELDF (Human/Nature Rights Legal Training); Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Social Activists/Organizers
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Location Name Address City State Zip Type Comments Map
Abington 400 Bedford Street Abington MA 02351 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Allston 60 Everett Street Allston MA 02134 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop M–F 7am–7pm, S–S 10am–5pm
Attleboro 34 Perry ave. Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Stop and Shop parking lot
Berlin Jones Road Berlin MA 01503 BIN Transfer Station
Brockton 135 West Gate Drive Brockton MA 02301 BIN Lowes parking lot
Brockton Oak Hill Way Brockton MA 02301 BIN Recycling Center
Burlington 26 Beacon St Burlington MA 01803 BIN Beacon Village Apts.
Cohasset 823 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Cohasset MA 02025 BIN Aubuchon Hardware on Rt. 3A
Dartmouth 25 Faunce Corner Rd Dartmouth MA 02747 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking lot
Duxbury Mayflower St Duxbury MA 02332 BIN Duxbury Transfer Station open Wed– Sun 8am – 4pm
East Bridgewater Bridge St. East Bridgewater MA 02333 BIN Recycling Center Every Other Saturday
Fall River 333 Mariano Bishop Blvd Fall River MA 02721 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Foxboro 141 Main Street Foxboro MA 02035 BIN Stop and Shop
Framingham Weld Street Framingham MA 01702 BIN Property Center Estates

Franklin Old West Central Franklin MA 02038 BIN Franklin Crossing Condos
Holbrook 5 Mear Road Holbrook MA 02343 BIN BBBS Foundation off rt. 139
Holliston 589 Concord St Holliston MA 01746 BIN Sterling Services, Route 126
Kingston 32 William C Gould Way Kingston MA 02364 BIN Lowes parking lot
Mansfield 377 Chauncy Street Mansfield MA 02048 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot
Medford 85 George P Hassett Dr. Medford MA 02155 BIN Medford Town Hall
Norfolk 33 medway Branch norfolk MA 02056 BIN Norfolk Transfer Station Open Wed, Fri, and Sat
North Attleboro 1360 South Washington Street North Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Lowes parking lot
Norton 33 West Main St. Norton MA 02766 BIN Aubuchon Hardware
Norwood 14 Hill St. Norwood MA 02062 BIN Norwood Depot Train Station
Pembroke 158 Hobomock St. pembroke MA 02359 BIN Pembroke Transfer Station open Wed, Sat, and Sun
Pembroke 108 Old Church Street Pembroke MA 02359 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Quincy 65 Newport Avenue Quincy MA 02170 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Rehoboth Transfer Station Intersection of Plain St and Martin St. Rehoboth MA 02769 BIN Open Tues 4pm–7pm & Sat 8am–4pm
Salem NH 5 Delaware Dr Salem NH 03079 BIN BBBS NH Warehouse
Somerville 1244 Broadway Somerville MA 02144 BIN Kirklands parking lot, in rear
South Boston 566 Dorchester Ave Boston MA 02127 BIN Tedeschis Parking Lot
Watertown 700 Pleasant Street Watertown MA 02472 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Weston 199 Church St weston MA 02493 BIN Weston Transfer Station open Tues Wed Fri and Sat
Weymouth 729 Bridge St. Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Lowes Parking Lot, harborlight mall
weymouth 2 winter st Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Dependable Cleaners Parking Lot
Woburn 2 Elm Street Woburn MA 01801 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Drivers, Local Deliveries, Volunteers; Drivers, Local Pickup / Delivery, Volunteer; Drivers, Local Pick–Up, Volunteer; Drivers, Truck Drivers, Volunteer (Fuel is Covered); Hand Truck; LOAN ONLY, Pallet Jack; LOAN ONLY, Truck; Pallet Jack; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Transportation, Access To Trucks/Transportation; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck, Box Truck; Vehicle, Truck, Pick–Up, Pickup; Vehicle, Utility Vehicle; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Big Brothers Big Sisters; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
Updated Aug 16, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8767

New England Demolition & Salvage (recycling house parts)

Open Business* · Open

New Bedford, MA

Phone 508– 992– 1099
Contact info
Email HomeNEDS @ aol. com
Web www.nedsalvage.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services
Updated Oct 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9017

Somerville Tool Library NOT FREE ($50/yr, free tool loans, fix it advice)

Open Business* · Open

Somerville, MA

Web www.somervilletoollibrary.com/faq2.html
Service Temporary

See live links at website above:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a tool Library

2. Where is the Tool Library Located?

3.How do I become a member?

4.What are the rules and policies?

Answers

1. A tool library is a library that loans tools. For a yearly membership fee, borrowers over 18 can borrow up to 7 tools per week from our growing collection of power and hand tools.
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2. The Somerville Tool Library is located inside Parts and Crafts, the family hackerspace located at 577 Somerville Ave. across from Conway Park outside of Union Square. Street parking is available.
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3. Membership costs $50 per year. You must be 18 years or older and sign the Membership Agreement and a Waiver. You can pay by paypal via this form or by making out a check to The Somerville Tool Library and mailing it to: The Somerville Tool Library 577 Somerville Ave. Somerville MA 02143

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4. The rules and policies of the Tool Library are laid out in the Membership Agreement

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Directories, Recycling; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Not–Just–Books Lending; LOAN ONLY, Power Tools; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Saw Horse; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Events, Party / Festival; Tool Bank, Community; Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Drill; Tools, Garden Tools; Tools, Hand Tools (Srewdrivers, etc.) * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Masonry Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, PowerTools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Prybar; Tools, Saw * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Tape Measure; Tools, Tool Set, Electricians Tool Set; Tools, Tool Set, Plumbers Tool Set
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network); Tribal Communities
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9902

Veterinary and Emergency Center of New England (Fur/Hair Collection, Nylon Drop Off–Site for OilSpill Hair Boom Effort)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Service
180 BEAR HILL ROAD, Waltham, MA 02454
Phone 781–684–8387
Web vescone.com
Service Temporary

To join the network of hair/fur collection, go to www.matteroftrust.org

This facility is collecting locally.

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2010/06/10/local_salons_join_effort_to_collect_hair_and_fur_for_oil_cleanup/

Boston Globe Article

By Megan McKee
Globe Correspondent / June 10, 2010

Hair salons, pet groomers, and veterinarians in Waltham, Lexington, Acton, and Sherborn have joined a nationwide effort to collect hair and fur clippings for use in natural–fiber oil booms, which are being assembled by hundreds of volunteers in an effort to stem the environmental damage from the massive British Petroleum oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

“People are surprised about the concept,” said Marlene Maffei–Ryan, owner of the As You Like It Hair Salon in Acton. However, she said, once people understand the idea, they’re excited about it. Some clients have even had more hair cut off than they originally intended after hearing where the clippings were headed, she said.

“It’s been great. We don’t do anything with the hair anyhow. We bag it and trash it . . . It’s a good cause and it’s easy work for us,” she said.

The effort, which has brought in 570 businesses across Massachusetts, is being mounted by the group Matter of Trust on a website devoted to reducing the carbon imprint of dogs. The group is collecting clippings from salons, groomers, alpaca and llama farmers, individuals, veterinarians, and pet owners. The organization’s president, Lisa Craig Gautier, said she is receiving thousands of e–mails per day, and most are from those wishing to donate.

The organization sends out e–mails with addresses of warehouses where the donors should send clippings. Once there, volunteers stuff them into nylon stockings and tie off the ends. Then they're ready for deployment.

Craig Gauthier said BP has decided not to use natural–fiber booms in its cleanup effort but rather rely on synthetic booms. But harbormasters in Florida have announced they will use the booms, Craig Gauthier said, and Matter of Trust is hoping the response to its campaign will help change the BP approach.

The organization has about 10 miles of boom ready to go.

"We don't have anything against synthetic boom, but you have to drill oil to make it," said Craig Gautier. "This is a renewable resource that we're diverting from a landfill."

Locally, Waltham's Veterinary and Emergency Center of New England is one of the entities participating in the effort.

"We're always shaving areas" on their animal patients for medical procedures, said Sharon Gately, spokeswoman for the center, "and it usually just goes to waste. I just thought it was such a good idea."

Gately said the Waltham animal hospital also will have a bin out front to collect nylons; Craig Gautier said Hooters just donated 100,000 pairs.

At Lexington's Blue salon, desk manager Michael Surette said the salon has already made four shipments thanks to the trashbag–size amount of clippings that are disposed of daily.

A neighbor of the salon has volunteered to collect and mail the bags of donated hair.

In Sherborn, Serena's Groom Room is doing warm–weather shave–downs for pets, which means it is an opportune time to participate in the program, said owner Serena Keating.

"I think this is a really cool way for us being able to help a really bad situation," said Keating. "This is a little more global for us. . . It's something indirectly all of my customers have done a lot to help."

In the meantime, Matter of Trust is using social media websites to round up volunteers in places like Alabama and Florida to stuff pantyhose with clippings, and the group is urging people to contact the government to press for the booms to be used.

The organization was founded in 1998 by Craig Gautier and her husband, Patrice Oliver Gautier, an executive at Apple Inc., and is involved in multiple efforts to promote the reuse of materials, both natural and manmade. The organization has made mats from hair clippings to clean up oil spills since 2000.

Craig Gautier is hoping her organization's talks with BP and the federal government, as well as the the goodwill of tens of thousands of businesses and hundreds of thousands of individuals who are donating, will turn the tide at the oil company.

"We absolutely can put these booms in the water," she said. "It's really up to the people of North America to decide.

Megan McKee can be reached at megan.mckee@gmail.com.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Medical, Pet Clinic; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Fur, Animal; Recycling, Hair, Collection for HairBooms (oilspill mitigation); Recycling, Hair, Human; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; Ending Pollution
Updated Jun 10, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5927

UpCycle It! (local recycling network)

Walk–in Resource · Open

"Green" Community Service
Farmer's Market at the Common (see times below), Westford, MA

Contact Kristina Greene
Email kdfgreene @ msn.com
Web www.westfordfarmersmarket.com/upcycle.html
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Boston Globe article:
http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/green/articles/2010/10/10/reduce_reuse_upcycle/

Drop off locations:

Westford Farmers Market – Tuesdays 2:30 – 6:30pm June 22 – Oct 26, 2010 Starbucks (Littleton Rd., Westford)
J.V. Fletcher Library (near basement elevators)
Nabnasset Elementary Coldwell Banker (Boston Rd.)

Full UP TO DATE list of items accepted and preparation instructions:

http://westfordfarmersmarket.com/documents/UpcycleIt.pdf

The following list was uploaded in October 2010. Check the link above for an UP TO DATE LIST.

Drink Pouches:
ANY brand of drink pouch and their straw!
Capri Sun
Kool Aid
Honest Kids
Prep:
1) empty as much liquid as you can
2) cut off top, just above where straw goes
3) rinse and dry

Elmer's Glue:
ANY brand of glue bottle/stick/pen. Glitter glue too.
Prep: Clean as best you can, but don't worry too much. Leave cap ON.

Energy Bars
ANY brand of energy, granola, cereal bar or Rice Krispie Treat.
No more Pop Tart Wrappers.
Prep: empty crumbs

Chip Bags
ANY empty chip/snack bags, large and small sizes,
Examples:
All Frito Lay products Pita chips
Quaker rice cakes Tostitos
Pretzels Pirate Booty
Doritos Smart Food
Lays Fritos
Cheetos SunChips
Kame Rice crackers Cracker Jacks
Prep: empty crumbs

Cookie Wrappers
ANY brand of cookie wrappers – no plastic trays
Examples:
Fig Newtons Oreos
Chips Ahoy Vienna Fingers
Chips Deluxe 100 calorie snack packs
Animal crackers (Stauffer's)
Prep:
1) Empty crumbs
2) Empty plastic trays

Candy Wrappers
ANY brand or size of candy wrappers
Examples:
Hershey's
Hershey's Flipz
chocolate chip bags
Starburst, Tootsie roll, dum dum lollipop

Oral Care Products
ANY brand of tooth paste tubes, toothbrushes, denture cleaner/adhesive and any plastic packaging (no cardboard)
Prep: Please place the toothbrushes in a separate bag.

Coffee Bags
ANY brand of coffee bag – the ones with silver lining

Writing Instruments:
ANY brand of pen, mechanical pencil, marker, highlighter, dry erase marker, Sharpie, Crayola Twistables etc. – no wooden pencils

Corks:
ANY cork from wine or champagne, natural or synthetic

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling: Office Supplies, Pens;

Recycling: Oral Care Products, Toothpaste Tubes (Plastic), etc; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling: Packaging Materials, Drink Pouches; Recycling: Packaging Materials, Food packaging; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; TerraCycle
Updated Oct 13, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6518

Central Mass PermaCulture Meetup

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Worcester, MA
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the last we heard of this group was this link, which no longer works http://www.meetup.com/Central–Mass–Permaculture/events/155299912/

But we know you're out there! so we're keeping this listing in as inspiration to find you all! please touch base if you know what's happened to the group

Also, here's a greater Boston permaculture Meet up group which looks similar:
https://www.meetup.com/Boston–Permaculture/

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Agronomy
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9844

Energy Barn Raising (free/donation requested energy saving retrofitting)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects–and–programs/worcester–energy–barnraisers
Service Temporary

The Worcester Energy Barnraisers strive to promote environmental sustainability as well as social and economic justice though collaborative home energy efficiency projects. We organize energy barn–raisings which empower and inspire diverse groups of people to take energy conservation into their own hands. Through barn–raisings, volunteers have the opportunity to learn valuable, replicable skills from team leaders that they can use to gain experience for green collar jobs, and apply at home to trim down energy consumption and heating bills while simultaneously reducing our collective carbon footprint. We are translating the negative effects of climate change into inclusive community solutions that are accessible to everyone.

See video at the above link

Website: www.energybarnraising.org
Email: energybarnraising @ gmail.com
Phone: 508–377–3932

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Construction, Green/Energy Retrofit; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Weatherization Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9861

SAGE Alliance, Worcester (Sustainable Economy Network)

Info/Hotline · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcestersagealliance.org/?page_id=239
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9834

Worcester Roots (economic development for social justice, workshops, organizing)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/about–2/about
Service Temporary

Co–Op workshops and collective organizing/learning

See materials: http://www.worcesterroots.org/calendar–of–events/co–ops/

WARNING: the online stuff is free, and some events are free, but the hard core training costs hundreds of dollars. I hear it's worth it. But just letting you know...

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Recreation *(any/all types); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co–Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Economics; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Finance; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9836

Bostom Community Cooperatives ("Creating Permanent Affordable Communities") networking/sharing community

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web bcc.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource

Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9905

Edible Boston (magazine/regional resources/purveyors of locally/sustainably produced food)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.ediblecommunities.com/boston/resources/resources.htm
Service Temporary

This magazine is the local/regional "bible" for finding locally/responsibly produced food. It's forms a "meeting place" for fine food officianados in their search for local sources.

Go to the link above to see links to the advertisers, which I am constantly and pleasantly surprised, whenever I think I've found a NEW local farm or producer, and I check the link and they are already there.

I also use the link to find great places to eat.

Terra (2011), outside Boston

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Documentation, Environmental Education; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; Recycling, Food; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Culinary; Training, Farming, Organic
Campaigns: Edible Communities; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8966

Happy Cow (online database of vegetarian/vegan ~ responsible restaurants) (NOT FREE)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.happycow.net/north_america/usa/massachusetts
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Meals, Vegan; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9885

Massachusetts Calendar of Activist Actions

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web wiki.occupyboston.org/wiki/CALENDARS
Service Temporary

as of June 2014:
The super officially [Occupy Boston calendar is here], look to the right of the page after you click on the link, but don't neglect to check out those below here because there is a LOT more "unofficial" stuff going on http://www.occupyboston.org/

[Rule 19's FANTASTIC calendar], perhaps the best one in the state for EVERYTHING...it's not specific to any one venue or group. GET ON IT! The corresponding email list (which doesn't always have everything on this calendar, by the way), but the email list "to be on" is the Act–MA.org list. Thanks to PF Soto for keeping this calendar stuff to the gils with great stuff to do! http://www.rule19.org/

[Encuentro 5's calendar] is primarily stuff at that location or that the org is co–sponsoring, but still great. That page also has other calendars to check out. We can't keep up with them, so make sure you do! http://www.encuentro5.org/home/calendar

[Jobs With Justice] workers rights calendar http://massjwj.net/event

[350MA.org's calendar] if you're interested in divestment from fossil fuel, their main gig right now, and protesting fossil fuel use. If you are interested in other environmental stuff that may not be on their calendar, try PetitionersCommandRespect@gmail.com, for things like Rights–based–ordinances, Western MA pipeline resistance, etc. http://350ma.org/calendar/

[Democracy Center] calendar of lectures, concerts, meetings, etc http://www.democracycenter.org/calendar–of–events/

[Community Church of Boston] calendar of lectures, workshops, meetings, etc http://www.communitychurchofboston.org/home/?page_id=14

[Lucy Parsons Bookshop] calendar of lectures, workshops, meetings, etc GREAT vegan potluck...CHECK IT OUT! http://lucyparsons.org/calendar.php

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Donation Drive; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Media, Online News Reports; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9886

Protect Our Cape Cod Water Aquifer (POCCA) advocacy, education, action

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web poccacapecod.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

POCCA was founded in July 2013 in response to growing concerns about water quality on Cape Cod. The Cape Cod Commission's Regional Wastewater Management Plan points out that all the towns of Cape Cod share a water table, and many of the Cape's watersheds straddle more than one town. In other words, waste–water and drinking water problems are a Cape–wide issue, not an issue each town can solve on its own. Several local towns experienced voter rejection of well–planned water infrastructure projects which were deemed unaffordable at the municipal level. We have to work together on a regional level to solve these problems.
POCCA was formed to help disseminate information and help educate the public about the growing problems and possible solutions regarding water management, as well as lobby for tighter controls over pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer use on Cape Cod.

POCCA'S most pressing issue is to prevent NSTAR from spraying herbicidal applications on Cape Cod's power lines. To see how you can help, please visit the POCCA NSTAR page.

Our Unique Landscape
Cape Cod's landscape is unique—a fragile sandbar jutting far out to sea, surrounded by salt water and with an abundance of ponds, estuaries and bays but no major rivers or reservoirs. Our water is drawn from one source—from the ground, from the single aquifer that we all share. Each town on the Cape—even Provincetown, which has no potable water of its own and get its water from Truro—pumps its water from the ground. So no town is immune to potential water contamination.
The Cape Cod Commission's Regional Wastewater Management Plan http://www.capecodcommission.org features maps showing the cross–boundary watersheds, as well as the degree of concern for each of the 14 towns on the Cape. As one would expect, there is greater concern in the Upper Cape, in the built–up areas of Falmouth and Hyannis, than in the Outer Cape towns where much of the land is protected by the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Let's do all we can to protect Cape Cod's drinking water!

Natural step forward for Provincetown municipal lawns—
Provincetown hires a Non–Toxic Consultant.
POCCA encourages all other Cape towns to adopt the same practices as Provincetown.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training, Landscaping
Campaigns: Democracy School / CELDF (Human/Nature Rights Legal Training); Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability;

Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9887

WWOOF–USA (WorldWide Opportunities on Organic Farms) Volunteering/Food Exchange (Massachusetts)

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
MA

Phone 949–715–9500
Contact .
Email info @ wwoofusa.org
Web www.wwoofusa.org/Farms
Service Temporary

From the website:

One–half day of volunteer help is traded for food and accommodation, with no money exchanged. The WWOOF–USA Host Farm Directory lists more than one–thousand organic farms (not necessarily USDA certified organic) and gardens across the country. The Host Farm profile contains information about the location, general responsibilities, and lifestyle of the host. Any farm, community, or garden project in the US that is willing to host and accommodate volunteers can participate in our program. We encourage all types of volunteers and hosts who can cooperate to strengthen sustainable agriculture worldwide to be a part of WWOOF–USA. The program is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, regardless of experience.

WWOOF farms offer a variety of educational opportunities, including growing vegetables, keeping bees, building straw bale houses, working with animals, making wine, and much more. With over a thousand farms in all 50 states, the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, there is something for everyone. You can preview the Directory of Farms before becoming a member on this website.

Flower CSAHow it works

A WWOOF member contacts the Host Farms to discuss hopes and expectations to form an agreeable arrangement. WWOOFing is a way to learn practical farming skills, be part of the organic agriculture movement, and experience the heart of American agrarian culture.

Once you become a WWOOFer by joining the organization, you will receive online access to the Directory of Host Farms. You can choose to also receive a printed and bound Directory of Host Farms mailed to you. Next, contact the farms you are interested in visiting to check availability and arrange a stay. WWOOFers generally volunteer for half a day in exchange for meals, accommodation, and education. The length of a farm stay is determined by you and the host, and can vary from a few days to a season. The key to a mutually beneficial experience is lots of clear and open discussion about hopes and expectations before arriving at the farm– we recommend using the telephone to have a conversation.

WHY WWOOF?

WWOOF offers a rare opportunity for people to share their knowledge and efforts with others from a variety of backgrounds. It relies on trust, respect, and hard work. Read below to determine if WWOOF is right for you.
Hosts welcome willing WWOOFers onto their property to help get work done with the intention of sharing knowledge and meeting new people while growing food for local communities.

Being a WWOOF host may be right if you:
* will provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for a volunteer
* are participating in organic or sustainable activities
* have projects and tasks that you could use help with
* are interested in sharing your knowledge and daily life with volunteers

One–half day's work on a farm by a WWOOFer is exchanged for food and accommodation from the Host. Your trade agreement can be defined any number of ways: Work hours, days, length of stay, meal arrangements and accommodations vary greatly, and it is each host's and volunteer's joint responsibility to form a clear agreement.

Being a WWOOFer may be appropriate if you:
* are a respectful and courteous guest in the homes and on the lands of others
* are interested in learning about sustainable and organic farming methods
* are willing to work hard on projects and tasks presented to you

Have questions? Try reading the FAQs or feel free to contact us directly at info @ wwoofusa.org. We are available in the office from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday: 949–715–9500

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Documentation, Environmental Education; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Service, Bartering; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities;

Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Oct 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6521

MD

Community Forklift (building material re-use, local distribution, organizing)

Volunteer Camp · Open

MD

Web communityforklift.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Construction, Deconstruction Services; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9678

MI

2010 Oil Spills in Michigan

Info/Hotline · Open

MI

Service Temporary

Oil Spill in Great Lakes
On heels of Enbrige oil disaster, new oil spill discovered in Great Lakes off coast of Michigan.
10-06-2010
http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/News-by-Topic/Wildlife/2010/10-06-10-Oil-Spill-in-Lake-Huron.aspx

Yet another oil spill has been discovered in the state of Michigan, this time affecting the Great Lakes.

On Tuesday, October 5, state and federal officials received complaints from concerned members of the public that parts of a Lake Huron had toxic oil coating the shoreline of the Cheboygan State Park and sheen within the waters of Duncan Bay. This Northern Michigan coastline is home to several threaten wildlife and plant species, some of which include the rare Black Tern, Pitcher's thistle, and Dwarf Lake Iris.

2010 Kalamazoo River Oil Spill

Kalamazoo River monitoring expected through at least 2015: Ecosystem recovering has long way to go after oil spill
Published: Friday, October 15, 2010
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/10/kalamazoo_river_monitoring_exp.html

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On July 26, 2010, an accident on the Line 6B oil pipeline owned by Enbridge Energy Partners in Calhoun County, Michigan released over 800,000 gallons of crude oil into a tributary of the Kalamazoo River.
http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/Reports/Archive/2010/Michigan-Enbridge-Oil-Spill-Factsheet.aspx

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National Wildlife Federation – (includes news)
http://www.nwf.org/Wildlife/Wildlife-Conservation/Threats-to-Wildlife/Pollutants/Michigan-Oil-Spill.aspx

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http://www.freep.com/article/99999999/NEWS06/100730061/0/NEWS05&template=theme&theme=MICHIGAN_OIL_SPILL

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/07/28/kalamazoo-river-oil-spill_n_662829.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalamazoo_River_Oil_Spill

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LAWYERS –
July 2010 Oil Spill May Cause Environmental Damage in Kalamazoo River and Talmadge Creek Region
The lawyers in Weitz & Luxenberg's environmental litigation unit are currently investigating potential property and business loss claims stemming from the Kalamazoo River spill.

http://www.weitzlux.com/kalamazoo-oil-spill_1962196.html

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WILDLIFE –

DNRE – For Wildlife Rescues
please call 800-306-6837 to report affected wildlife

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Circle D Wildlife Refuge (Vicksburg, MI)
http://www.circledwildlife.org/
Office Phone: 269-350-4031
Animal Emergencies: 269-778-9181
With all of the animals we have a constant need for food, new pens and sheltering, and medical supplies. your donations, and memberships help us to make Circle D Wildlife a great habitat and home for our friends.

MORE INFORMATION –

Assault on America: A Decade of Petroleum Company Disaster, Pollution, and Profit
New report shows how today's oil and gas industry threatens Americans in countless ways.
07-28-2010
http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/Reports/Archive/2010/Oil-Disasters-Report.aspx

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List of oil spills
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_oil_spills
Campaigns: Ending Pollution
Updated Oct 18, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6530

NY

Occupy Wall Street (Non-Violent Protest Against Wall Street) #occupywallstreet

Walk-in Resource · Open

Liberty Park/Zucotti Park; Zuccotti Park between Broadway and Church streets and Liberty and Cedar Streets., Manhattan, NY

Contact Organizers
Email general @ occupywallst . org, press @ occupywallst . org
Web occupywallst.org
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ABC coverage:
http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2011/10/occupy-wall-street-protests-spread-across-the-country-bloomberg-calls-them-misguided/

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/occupy-wall-street

See link above and the list below for live links to the reference photos/videos. This page doesn't have active linking capabilities, except the above one. Sorry. Press on...

UPDATE: Some pictures http://twitpic.com/6pzd48
http://twitpic.com/6pzcf6
http://twitpic.com/6pzbxi
http://twitpic.com/6pza9z

Video: http://www.twitvid.com/ZCB5U

Where: Liberty Square (How to get there)
Donations: NYCGA Donation Page
Help & Directions: +1 (877) 881-3020
General Inquiries general@occupywallst.org
Press Inquiries press@occupywallst.org

https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=144937025580428
http://www.occupywallstreet.org/
http://occupywallst.org/
http://nycga.net/

general@occupywallst.org

DONATION PAGE:

http://nycga.cc/donate/

For money orders or supplies (NOT FOOD):

we have a shipping address now!
The UPS Store
118 A Fulton St #205
NY NY 10038
C/O Occupy Wall St

Order a pizza: http://www.seamless.com/food-delivery/Liberatos-Pizza-Parmigiana-New-York-City.2674.r

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Published 2011-09-27 08:20:40 UTC by OccupyWallSt

49 Comments
Noam Chomsky Announces Solidarity With #occupywallstreet

Published 2011-09-26 10:57:09 UTC by OccupyWallSt

Anyone with eyes open knows that the gangsterism of Wall Street -- financial institutions generally -- has caused severe damage to the people of the United States (and the world). And should also know that it has been doing so increasingly for over 30 years, as their power in the economy has radically increased, and with it their political power. That has set in motion a vicious cycle that has concentrated immense wealth, and with it political power, in a tiny sector of the population, a fraction of 1%, while the rest increasingly become what is sometimes called "a precariat" -- seeking to survive in a precarious existence. They also carry out these ugly activities with almost complete impunity -- not only too big to fail, but also "too big to jail."

The courageous and honorable protests underway in Wall Street should serve to bring this calamity to public attention, and to lead to dedicated efforts to overcome it and set the society on a more healthy course.

Noam Chomsky

Please call:
Mayor Bloomberg: +1 (212) 639-9675 or +1 (212) 788-2958
Deputy Commissioner of Public Information: +1 (646) 610-6700
NYPD Switchboard: +1 (646) 610-5000
First precinct: +1 (212) 334-0611

Make our voice heard. Make sure that the world knows that everyone deserves equal protection, service, and punishment.

Remain true to our principles of non-violence.

UPDATE: 4:51 PM EST Two more videos of Officer Bologna senselessly attacking peaceful protesters.

Boston Review reports on being maced by Anthony Bologna

88 Comments
A Message from Occupied Wall Street (Day Nine)

Published 2011-09-26 08:03:45 UTC by OccupyWallSt

This is the ninth communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street. The police barricades that have been surrounding the Stock Exchange help.

Sunday has been decreed, once again, a day of rest. We didn't march. We have made a new world, a new city within the city. We are working on a new sky for where the towers are now.

Throughout the day our sisters and brothers arrested yesterday came back home to Liberty Plaza. They greeted the new faces that have joined us here. They shared their stories of imprisonment, of medical care denied and delayed. We welcomed them and listened.

March Guidelines

Published 2011-09-25 04:23:55 UTC by OccupyWallSt

1. Stay together and KEEP MOVING!
2. Don't instigate cops or pedestrians with physical violence.
3. Use basic hand signals.
4. Empowered pace keeps at the front, back and middle of every march. These folks are empowered to make directional decisions and guide the march.
5. We respect diversity of tactics, but consider how our actions may affect the entire group.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Recycling Coordination; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/ Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, LinkedIn; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Information Resource, Press Releases; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; Media, Broadcast, Live On–Location, Cameras, Snapshots; Media, Broadcast, Live On–Location, Cameras, Video; Media, Broadcast Media; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Green–Rainbow Party; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Rainbow Community; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Oct 13, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8995

Artists, Athletes & Activists [New York City plant–based free fridges]

Walk–in Resource · Open

New York, NY

Web artists–athletes–activists.org
Service Temporary

See maps at above link for plant–based free fridges at:

– 9 Bleecker St, New York, NY 10012
– 220 Broome St, New York, NY 10002

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10539

Rockland PC Users Group (Computer Reuse, free computers for those in need in Rockland County)

Donor · Open

Recycling Network
NY

Contact (845) 638–1917
Email hank@pcrenew.org
Web www.pcrenew.org
Service Temporary

from their website:

Give your old computer new lifeSM

Donate it to Project PCReNew!

Give someone the tools to be computer literate today.

We will repair and upgrade your donated machine. As a Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher we wipe the hard drive using software designed to Department of Defense standards to protect from identity theft. A new Windows operating system is installed. The refurbished computer is then given to an individual or organization who cannot afford their own computer. A student, senior citizen or organization in the Rockland County Area.

You receive a letter of donation to use for a charitable tax donation. You also receive the satisfaction of knowing your donation will be given a second life and put to good use, not just thrown in the trash. Your old computer will be given new life and help to bring someone electronically into the 21st century. It will help them live for today and prepare for tomorrow.

PCRENEW is one of the first MAR's (Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher) appointed in the United States. Our participation in this program allows us to purchase legal Microsoft Windows operating system software at very preferred pricing for each refurbished computer. Recently, the MAR program has been changed to the MRR program (Microsoft Registered Refurbisher).

We are a Partner with National Cristina. Check their website www.cristina.org

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Terra: Can't figure out what they take/have, but this is the stuff that's listed on their website. They may take more...because they refer to taking "parts", in some of the text. Here's what they obviously take:

Computer
Monitor
Printer

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Community Service Program; Computer, Desktop; Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Keyboard; Computer, Monitor; Computer, Mouse; Computer, Peripherals, Misc.; Computer, Portable Hard Drive; Computer, Printer; Computer, Spare Parts, CD drives; Computer, Spare Parts, Internal Hard Drive; Computer, Spare Parts, Modem Cards; Computer, Spare Parts, Motherboards; Computer, Spare Parts, Power Cords; Computer, Spare Parts, Sound Cards; Computer, Spare Parts, Video Cards; Computer, Speakers; Donations, In-Kind Donation, Services; Electronics * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Recycling Methods, Tech; Information Resource, Tech; Information Resource, Tech, Computer "Wiping"; Information Resource, Tech, W98; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computers Skills
Campaigns: Cristina Foundation (Computer Reuse); Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Google Charity Work
Updated Aug 8, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6119

OR

Free Geek [free or low cost computers for people/orgs]

Volunteer Camp · Open

OR

Web www.freegeek.org/about
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Free Geek is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to sustainably reuse technology, enable digital access, and provide education to create a community that empowers people to realize their potential.

Computers help us in many ways, but the move toward a digital future isn't without its share of hurdles. Many individuals lack the resources necessary to purchase a computer or get the training required to use digital technology. At the same time, the rapid pace of technology consumption and turnover means that over 2 million tons of hazardous e-waste is created each year in the United States. Free Geek's goal is to divert technology that would otherwise be recycled or thrown away, refurbish it, and give it back to our community at no or low cost.

Services offered: Communications, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Enterprise (low-profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10429

Toxic Links (INDEX of polluted locations)

Info/Hotline · Open

OR

Serves MUCH of the information in this record are all over the US!
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Japan Tsunami Marine Debris Information –
http://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/Pages/04-2012JapanDebris.aspx
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2012/221.html

RURAL & POOR COMMUNITIES –
(SEE FULL STORY)
http://www.pri.org/science/environment/hispanic-community-fights-toxic-waste1903.html
For decades Kettleman City residents have fought Chemical Waste Management over proposed expansions of its landfill. The dispute has included charges of environmental racism and repeated concerns that the toxic dump is causing health problems.

Now, people suspect chemical waste is to blame for the recent spike in birth defects. Five area babies born in a 15-month period in 2007 and 2008 suffered severe birth defects, including cleft palate, heart problems and developmental delays.

Toxic Blog News –
http://www.toxicsblog.org/
http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/jsass/new_data_confirms_widespread_a.html

FIND Water Polluters Near You – (Database)
http://projects.nytimes.com/toxic-waters/polluters

WATER
http://www.propublica.org/series/buried-secrets-gas-drillings-environmental-threat
http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/jsass/new_data_confirms_widespread_a.html

OVER MEDICATION in water
http://www.boston.com/news/health/articles/2010/03/08/antipsychotic_drug_use_for_dementia_patients_is_questioned/

Search –
http://HealthyStuff.org

Now home to over 15,000 test results on over 5,000 common items including pet products, women's handbags, back-to-school products and more.

NEWS –
http://www.incidentnews.gov/

http://www.panna.org/resources/panups/panup_20091218

http://www.nrdc.org/

Databases and Tools

EPA makes available numerous databases and tools related to emergency management. These resources are designed to help first responders address emergency situations, assist facilities in complying with emergency management regulations, and give the public an improved understanding of chemicals in their community.

http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/tools.htm#lol

Mercury can be found most anywhere –
http://www.epa.gov/mercury/whereyoulive.htm

(note many sources claim EPA has no power to enforce change to those not following regulations)

OREGON SPECIFIC INFO:

Sites in Oregon

DHS's Environmental Health Assessment Program (EHAP) works at the request of concerned individuals and organizations to assess and prevent human exposure to contamination at Oregon sites listed on the National Priority List (or Superfund sites) and at other hazardous waste sites that impact communities. Click location on the image map below for more details or browse the overview.

http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ehap/sites.shtml

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Voluntary Cleanup Program
DEQ created its Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to provide oversight to property owners and others wishing to investigate and clean up hazardous substance sites in a voluntary, cooperative manner. The goal of the program is to increase the number of re-mediated sites by streamlining the cleanup process while ensuring compliance with Oregon environmental regulations. Projects range from simple sites with a limited amount of contaminated soil to complex sites with multiple contaminants in soil, groundwater, surface water, sediment, and/or air. The Voluntary Cleanup Program offers two options for cleaning up contaminated sites, the Independent Cleanup Pathway and the Voluntary Cleanup Pathway.

http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/cu/voluntarycu.htm

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PORTLAND HARBOR –
http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/cu/nwr/PortlandHarbor/index.htm

Portland Harbor is a heavily industrialized stretch of the Willamette River north of downtown Portland, Oregon, that was listed on the National Priorities List ("Superfund") in December 2000. Sediments in the river are contaminated with various toxic compounds, including metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), chlorinated pesticides and dioxin. Levels of these pollutants in the river appear to be highest near contaminated sites that sit adjacent to the river on the shore (often referred to as "upland" sites).

SEE ABOVE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/cu/nwr/PortlandHarbor/docs/PortlandHarborMap.pdf

This is a map of sites in Portland Harbor that are adjacent to the river, called "upland" sites, that DEQ is working to clean up. You can click on the name of each site to see specific information about contaminants and the status of cleanup work.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Maps, Pollutants/Toxin
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jul 19, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4824

PA

Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

Info/Hotline · Open

Environmental Advocacy
P.O. Box 2016; Chambersburg, PA 17201, PA
Phone (717) 709-0457
Web celdf.org
Service Temporary

info @ celdf.org

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Legal, Attorney, Pro Bono Attorney, Volunteer; Legal, Services, Consultation for Non-Profit Organizations; Legal, Services, Volunteer; Services, Legal Assistance; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Nature Conservancy
Updated Apr 21, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7873

Pakistan

Rural Support Programs Network (RSPN) (SitReps, DROP SITES etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Development
House No.7, Street 49, F-6/4, Pakistana, Islamabad
Phone Main: 00-92-51-2829141
Contact Khaleel Ahmed Tetlay, Chief Operating Officer / For information on RSPN relief efforts contact: Amina Askari Disaster Relief Coordinator
Email Info@rspn.org.pk, Khaleel.tetlay@rspn.org.pk / amina@rspn.org.pk (see more contacts below)
Web www.rspn.org/news/flood.html
Service Temporary

Main: 00-92-51-2829141,2829556, 2822476,2826792,2821736
Disaster Relief Coordinator: 092-51- 2829115

See Disaster Relief News:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood.html

In-Kind Donations Needed:

RELIEF ITEM CONTRIBUTIONS
RSPN is also collecting relief items for its partners who are working directly with effected families. Effected families are CURRENTLY in need of the following:

FOOD ITEMS PER FAMILY

1. Flour Bag (20kg)
2. Ghee/cooking oil (3kg)
3. Rice (7kg)
4. Sugar (5kg)
5. Daal Maash (1kg)
6. Daal Channa (1kg)
7. Kurkha (1kg)
8. Salt (1kg)
9. Mix Masala (200gm)
10. Tea (1/2kg)
11. Milk small (27)
12. Match box (12)

Other Items

1. Water purifying tablets
2. Anti–malaria Medicine
3. Water
FOR RELIEF ITEMS DONATION DROP POINT

Islamabad:
House 7, Street 49, F 6/4
Islamabad
Telephone: 051 –2828004, 051– 2822476

Karachi:
F–178/3. Block–5
Kehkashan Clifton, Karachi
Telephone: 091–5868791–3

Lahore:
Umar Agha
17–H, Gulberg II,
Lahore
Telephone: 0321–8422425

See this site (scroll to the bottom) to find local drop points for supply donations, and contact info for drop point operators:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood.html

See their "network" of service partners:

http://www.rspn.org/about_us/partner_network.html

Contacts:

http://www.rspn.org/about_us/directors_staff.html

FLOOD SUPPORT SIT REPS:
(EXCELLENT Job...GREAT Sit Reps)

Here's an example:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood_pdfs/DSR–8–.pdf

See full list of reports:

SitReps:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood_situation_report.html

Relief Activities:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood_relief_activities.html

Damage Assessments:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood_assessment.html

from the website:

EMERGENCY FLOOD APPEAL
SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE CATASTOPHIC
FLOODS IN PAKISTAN

After a year wrought with conflict which led to the displacement of approximately 2.2 million people, Pakistan has now been hit with the worst floods in 80 years. The unprecedented flooding has been caused by very heavy Monsoon rains, and has affected all parts of the country. With the death toll rising everyday it has not been possible to get an accurate estimate of the individuals affected by the floods but conservative estimates put the number at 6 million, with over 1,800 deaths.
The floods have destroyed homes, inundated crops, killed livestock, washed away communication links and led to a scare of a health catastrophe. With further rains forecasted for the coming weeks, the dams full to capacity and the relief agencies stretched to their limits it is time for Pakistanis and for our friends all over the world to help these people – who have been the continuous victims of strife and hardship.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Education; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance,

Referrals, Health Referrals; Community Garden Program; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Animals; Demographic Served: Armed Conflict Populations; Demographic Served: Diaspora Populations; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Grants, Green Building, Low–Income Housing; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; International Disaster Response; Jobs, Paying; Literacy Program; Long Term Recovery, International; Media, Online News Reports; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Recycling, Animal Dung; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Adult Education/Adult School; School, Mission School; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Sponsoring Organization; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Construction, Bio–Remediation Instruction; Training Classes, Construction, Building Skills; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Education, Health, Sanitation / Hygiene; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Building; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Youth Program

Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, Federal, In–Country; Government, USAID; World Bank

Updated Apr 21, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6141

VT

EMA, Emergency Management Agency, Vermont

Info/Hotline · Open

EMA

STATEWIDE, VT

Phone 802.244.8721|1.800.347.0488|HazMat 1.800.641.5005
Web vem.vermont.gov
Service Temporary

Twitter
http://twitter.com/vemvt

General Inquiries
800–347–0488 or 802–244–8721 (Voice)
888–545–8721 (TTY)

Or by e–mail for general non–emergency requests click the link below. It is monitored between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Send a non–emergency request to Vermont Emergency Management.

Life Threatening Situation
Dial 911

Resource information or personal assistance
Dial 211

State Road closures
Dial 511

Hazmat Compliance Tier II Reporting (monitored 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday)

Send a general Tier II related message or question to the EPCRA Community Right–to–Know section of Vermont Emergency Management.

VEM Monthly Newsletter
VEM's monthly newsletter

Receive an e–mail notification when the newsletter is posted
Non–Life Threatening Emergency

To report a developing, non–life threatening emergency situation, call toll free 1–800–347–0488 .

Hazardous Material Incident
Call 1–800–641–5005

FACEBOOK:
https://www.facebook.com/vermontemergencymanagement

TWITTER:

ttps://twitter.com/#!/search/vemvt
@vemvt

Services offered: Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness, Businesses; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Individual/Family; Emergency Operations Office, State Level; Information Resource * (ANY/ ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; Ending Pollution; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4848

University of Vermont, UVM, List of Disaster Relief Resources

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VT

Web www.uvm.edu/extension
Service Temporary

Agriculture advisories, basic disaster relief links for individuals, phone apps,

* Cleaning Flood Damaged Homes
* Dealing with Storm–Damaged Trees
* Filing Insurance Claims
* Good News About Your Homeowner's Insurance Policy
* Handling Food and Water After a Storm or Flood
* Keeping Food and Water Safe Before, During and After a Disaster
* Mold Removal Guidelines for Your Flooded Home
* Navigating a Post–Disaster Mortgage
* Operating a Chainsaw Safely
* Replacing Important Papers
* Storm Recovery Guide

See website above for direct links.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, How To, Navigating Insurance Process; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Businesses; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Individual/Family; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Evacuation, Disaster Evacuation Guidance for Residents in Disaster Zones; Information Resource, Insurance Advice and Guidelines for Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Construction, Rebuilding, How to SAFELY Rebuild Hurricane Damaged Homes; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Building; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Training, Information Resource, Guide, Safe House Gutting
Campaigns: 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Aug 31, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8848

Worldwide

Be Straw Free!

Info/Hotline · Open

PO Box 4084, Burlington, VT 05406, USA

Contact Go Strawless!
Email hello @ BeStrawFree . org
Web www.bestrawfree.org/About.html
Service Temporary

from the website

About BeStrawFree.org

When fourth–grader Milo Cress learned that over 500 million straws are used every day in the US, he decided to stop using straws, and to begin an online project where others could join in to do the same.

This project approaches the issue in two ways: Reduce and Reuse.

For those people who prefer or need to use straws, Reusable Straws are often a good option. We realize it is not realistic for everyone to stop using straws completely.

The more straws we choose not to use, however, the better for us all.

Each time we choose not to use a throw–away straw we are helping reduce the amount of waste going into landfills and littering our oceans, lakes, rivers, and countryside.

– May 5th, 2011: Milo met with Mayor Bob Kiss, of Burlington, VT to discuss how the two can work together to make Burlington the first city in the US where it may become standard that restaurant staff offer cutomers a straw rather than putting a straw in every drink.
It's an "Offer–first" policy.

The Mayor presented Milo a formal Proclamation that offically recognizes this as a Best Practice in the City of Burlington.
This is an important milestone toward making Burlington, VT the
"First StrawFree City in America!"

– Earth Day, 2011: NECN News Broadcast and
National Restaurant Association Press Release !

– April: National Restaurant Association Recognizes Milo!

Milo is recognized by the National Restaurant Association for his suggestion that restaurants offer straws to patrons instead of putting a straw in every drink:
Chris Moyer, the Program Manager of the Conserve Initiative (of the National Restaurant Association) said, "I could not agree more with Milo that offering straws to guests instead of automatically giving them one is a quick and easy way restaurants can help reduce waste and conserve natural resources, as well as save money on supply purchases."

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated May 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8409

Clean the World (Soap Donor/Recycler)

Donor · Open

Recycling
Web www.cleantheworld.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

Process

Clean the World implements its mission through: (i) collecting, sorting and processing discarded soap, shampoo and lotion product donations from participating hospitality partners; (ii) recycling these product donations at its facilities in Orlando, Florida; and (iii) delivering these recycled product donations to domestic homeless shelters and impoverished countries suffering from high death rates due to acute respiratory infection and diarrheal disease.

Since its inception, Clean the World has been steadily increasing its services and operations to accommodate rapidly expanding community needs, awareness and donations, and has accepted in–kind donations of more than $150,000. In the process, Clean the World has put over 21,000 soap bars and 50 gallons of shampoo and conditioner back into human use, simultaneously eliminating over 4 tons of waste.

Clean the World is supported by through hospitality partnership program fees, sales of recycled product donations and monetary charitable contributions received from supporting individuals and organizations worldwide.

As of July 2009, Clean the World had 13 total employees and 9 total volunteers. Clean the World's volunteers have donated approximately 400 cumulative hours of service to our cause, the majority of them enhancing employment marketability through on–the–job experience and extensive training.

Recycling Operations

How do we do it?

First we work with our Hospitality Partners to educate their staff on the soap and shampoo Recycling Program. We provide bins which housekeeping staff uses to deposits collected soap. Pick up the bins weekly. We provide online training videos, housekeeping instruction posters, and collection bags.

The soap is taken to our Soap Recycling plant. We use two Recycling Methods: Re–batching and Sterilization

About Re–batching

Re–batching applied to 30% moderately to heavily used bars. Soap is cooked to remove all impurities. Soap is re–formed into 2 ounce bars

About sterilization

Our proprietary sterilization process is applied to 70% of the slightly used bars. The soap soaks in a sterilization solution and is then treated with a steam/pressure combination.

CTW test the soap's pH level and cools it for packaging.

Does it work?

Tri–Tech Laboratories tested our recycling process. They provided infected soap which we ran through the process. Tri–Tech then tested it for sterilization. They found that our process completely eliminated the pathogens (Listeria monocytogenes, Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aerogenes, Salmonella typhymurium, Staphylococcus aureus)

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Armed Conflict Populations; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Soap; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jan 15, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4973

CosmeticsDatabase.com (cosmetics ratings of toxicity)

Info/Hotline · Open

Advocacy Group
Web www.cosmeticsdatabase.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Toxins, Consumer Products; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jul 27, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6056

Earth 911 (www.earth911.com)

Info/Hotline · Open

Recycling Network
Web www.earth911.com
Service Permanent

Links to recyclers of:

Automotive
Used Motor Oil
Car Battery
Tires
Antifreeze

Household Toys
Books
Fluorescent Bulbs
Cleaners
Asbestos

Batteries
Smoke Detector

Lawn & Garden Fertilizer
Pesticides
Fungicides

Electronics
Mobile Phone
Computer
Monitor
Television
Speakers
Printer

Christmas Trees

Plastics #1 Plastic (PETE)
#2 Plastic (HDPE Clear)
#2 Plastic (HDPE Colored)
#3 Plastic (PVC)
#4 Plastic (LDPE)
#5 Plastic (Polypropylene)
#6 Plastic (Polystyrene)
#7 Plastic (Other)

Services offered: Aluminum Cans (For Recycling); Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Christmas Trees/Leaves; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re-use (NO FEE); Recycling, Packaging Materials, Peanuts; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Oct 5, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2796

Eco-Living: Alternative/Sustainable Living Communities/Networks

Info/Hotline · Open

Sustainable Development
Web www.eco-living.net/resourcedb/staticdb/community.html
Service Temporary

from above website. see website for live links.

* Acorn Community – a cooperative, secular, intentional community located in central Virginia, "...working toward a diverse egalitarian society that embraces feminism, ecological sustainability, multiculturalism, diverse sexual and gender orientations, and personal spiritual growth."
* Alpha Farm – an intentional community in rural western Oregon, composed of "people who have chosen to live and work together to share a more harmonious way of living." Reflects Quaker values such as consensus decision-making, land stewardship, simple living and the like.
* Ash Grove Community Farm – in Corning, New York, with intent to "...provide a model of sustainable agriculture and intentional community lifestyle." Includes a CSA, dairy goat herd, apprenticeships, events and workshops, and various visitor and resident possibilities.
* Blue Heron Farm – "a community of people who have purchased 64 acres of field and woodlands to share, protect, use and enjoy together in the central Piedmont area of North Carolina." Includes member info and photos, a non-profit educational association, a bit of history of the land and buildings, info on their alternative wastewater treatment system and more.
* Crossroads Medieval Village – in Australia, owned by a co-operative, aiming to re-create a medieval village and castle and its surrounds of farmland, forest and hamlets...with a difference, as they are using Permaculture as their basis for forest, agriculture and other support systems design.
* Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage – "...an ecovillage in progress on 280 acres of beautiful northeastern Missouri rolling hills." Dancing Rabbit folks are working with natural building methods, permaculture design, a vehicle co-op, bio-diesel fuel production, publishing a newsletter and more – most of which is detailed (including pictures) on-line.
* Deer Rock Community – in Virgina, in the process of re-grouping after some initial startup complications. This site has some useful sample documents, such as a membership agreement, bylaws, and vision statement, and also a valuable narrative showing some of the complexities of a process such as forming an intentional community.
* Dreamtime Village – near West Lima, Wisconsin, "...an experiment in ecovillage design whose mission is to create new

planetary culture...Our challenge is to design a landscape where we can create art that is functional, alive, & fantasmagorical while simultaneously serving as an eco–village demonstration and a hands–on learning environment for people of all ages..."
* East Palo Alto Historical and Agricultural Society – A community–based, non–profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the historical, agricultural, and cultural integrity of East Palo Alto, California, as a model of sustainable development. Good examples and samples of diversity– and sustainability–oriented community planning processes that are actually implemented or in the process of creation!
* East Wind Community – in the Ozark mountains of southern Missouri, "...a secular, egalitarian intentional community...to eventually serve as a model of a society that is free, democratic, cooperative and egalitarian; without violence and exploitation." Income–sharing, economically self–sustaining and in existence since 1973.
* Eddie's Nimbin page – one member's pages about Nimbin Rocks Cooperative near Nimbin in Australia. An individual story that offers insights into what might be involved in joining and living in such a community. Includes info on some "appropriate technolgy" projects he's working on.
* The Farm – Founded in 1971, committed to simple living and self–reliance – the Farm has pioneered a wide range of social and physical technologies for low–cost, high satisfaction community living.
* Findhorn Bay Community – yes, that Findhorn – an international community and developing eco–village of about 350 people in the northeast of Scotland. Founded in 1962 near the seaside village of Findhorn. See also Erraid, an island community with strong connections to Findhorn.
* Goose Creek Farm – an eco–village in the making in Casey County, south central Kentucky. Go to the latter part of the second page to see the info for prospective eco–village participants.
* Heathcote Intentional Community – an example of a community in process, based on Permaculture principles – information on the community itself, workshops offered, conference center facilities, visiting, joining, and the School of Living!
* Infinite Sun – Action towards sustainable urban living in Kansas City. Wide–ranging list of links, from activism to sustainability and probably even something starting with 'Z'.
* Kookaburra Park Eco–Village – an ongoing experiment in community currently being created in Australia. Land use is based on Permaculture principles.
* Los Angeles Eco–Village – a sustainable community in process and the west coast node for the Ecovillage Network of the Americas. Yes, it's really happening, and really working, and right in the middle of "El Lay" (as Joe Bob would say...). Urban community examples abound here. Check it out!
* Meadowdance – "...an egalitarian, child centered community that welcomes human diversity, ecological sensibility, mutual learning and joy." Located near Battleboro, in Southeastern Vermont, USA. In the process of formation since April 1977.
* Occidental Arts and Ecology Center – an intentional community and educational institute founded in 1994 by a group of biologists, artists, activists, educators and horticulturists. Striving to practice what they teach – practical approaches to the social, economic, environmental and spiritual challenges of our day – on a beautiful piece of land near Occidental in Sonoma county, California, USA.
* Sanctuary – a developing eco–village located in Northwest lower Michigan (U.S.A.). Notes on an Eco–village model, sustainable enterprises, contact and participation information, and community development assistance.
* Sirius Community – an example of an existing and evolving experiment in community, both physical and cultural. There is a green building apprentice program and well–developed internship positions as well.
* Sharingwood Cohousing community – in southern Snohomish county, Washington state, USA. An active, growing cohousing community. This site includes a document library as a resouce for others involved in community creation.
* Student Housing Cooperative at Michigan State – a large, participatory, land–trust–based student housing co–op based on Rochdale cooperative principles. Information on how the co–op grew, how it operates, and of course links to other co–op related sites!
* Twin Oaks Community – Established in 1967, located in rural central Virginia, based on cooperation, nonviolence, and equality. Income–sharing, self–governing, and partly self–sufficient. Communal income comes from a variety of cottage industries.
* Utopian EcoVillage Network – a forming ecovillage offering "tropical hilly geographical paradise in Ecuador...an intentional community with a self–sufficient goal, we seek people who have a strong desire to live communally." Mission statement and info on membership, goals, processes, intentions and other community details.
* Windward – an association of non–profits, including: the Windward Foundation, a non–profit corporation dedicated to developing, communicating and implementing the principles of self–reliance – finding ways to take their lives in positive directions and helping others do the same; and the Windward Center, providing support for individuals personally committed to the process of making a substantial life transition.
* ZEGG – the Center for Experimental Cultural Design, formed in 1991 in Germany; "...an experimental space for the creation of a new cultural model." Intentions include "...to explore and pass on the spiritual and practical knowledge for the building of a vivid, humane and nonviolent culture." Inspiration for the North American Network for a New Culture.
* Zen Center of Hawai'i – located on the pastoral outskirts of Waimea (Kamuela) on the Big Island of Hawai'i. The director and spiritual teacher is Robert Joshin Althouse, a Soto Zen Buddhist Priest who has also studied in the Tibetan Tantric tradition with Trungpa Rinpoche and Gyaltrul Rinpoche. The Center offers meditations, workshops, sesshins (retreats), and opportunities for bearing witness via community events and other aspects of "engaged Buddhism," including a community garden!

Information Resources [Here and Now | Information Resources]

* Bega EcoDevelopment Project Briefing Paper – a group in the Bega Valley in South East NSW, Australia, that has been meeting since April 1996 and exploring ways of creating more ecologically and economically sustainable human settlement. This

paper offers current results of their inquiries.
* Center for Sustainable Communities – in the Cascadia Bioregion (Pacific Northwest, North America). Resources such as case studies, a library, contact info and a tutorial on sustainability. The contact info ranges from local to global and covers a wide range of focuses.
* Community Coalition for Environmental Justice – comprised of representatives and residents of diverse communities of the greater Seattle region. Members are dedicated to bringing together all communities in an effort to address issues of disproportionate environmental risk in communities of the economically disadvantaged. 4759 15th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105; (206) 527–1695.
* Community Currency – information, resources and events related to localized and community currency, barter and exchange systems.
* Creating Land Trusts – just like it says, all about creating land trusts, including history, examples, basic information, related organizations, books and other publications.
* Ecopsychology on–line – an e–magazine with quality information, articles, and essays on and about ecopsychology – theories, research, practices, and experiences. Also archives of past issues and links to additional resources.
* Eco–village Information Network. A service of the Global Eco–village Network – international site for the eco–village concept and movement. Check out their chock–full resources page for more relevant sites. This organization also provides the EcoBalance on–line discussion group.
* Hawai'i Nation – provides some perspectives on the restoration of the independence of Hawai`i, along with various cultural perspectives from her people. A rich site that goes well beyond the usual stereotypes of Hawai'i, with links to published articles, position papers, news items, histories, legal documents, political actions, and related sites.
* HopeDance – a grassroots, all–volunteer community magazine for the San Luis Obispo region on the central coast of California, USA. They "...publish material and engage in activities that are necessary in building an ecologically sustianable, holistic, healthy and awakened community."
* Impact Online – a nonprofit with a mission of facilitating and increasing community involvement. Major focus on coordinating volunteer organizations and opportunities by way of volunteer opportunity listings, nonprofit service and organization directories and information about volunteering.
* Intentional Communities – a resource and information site embracing a variety of ideas and forms for what some call "intentional communities." Who wants to live in community? Well, you already are...can you imagine an unintentional community? Is there such a thing? Think about it...
* Ka'u Landing – "An Independent Monthly Journal Dedicated to Community Collaboration and a Sustainable Future for the Islands of Hawai`i." Stuff on and about Hawai'i and the Big Island that you'll never hear about in mainland news media...now providing a monthly sampling of on–line articles, plus complete table of contents and advertiser index.
* LandTrust online discussion list – a listserv for individuals and groups interested in the topic of land trusts.
* Lux Intentional Communities Page – home base on the web for an intentional community project in Vermont, U.S.A. Also has pages with community–related links and a list of collected threads of online alternative energy discussions.
* MenWeb – M.E.N. Magazine – The Men's Evolvement Network site, with most all of the Seattle M.E.N. magazine content available for browsing. Also general information and links to further resources for Men's work, groups, organizations and the like.
* Network for a New Culture – a North American organization that "...seeks to build a sustainable, violence–free culture through exploring intimacy, personal growth, transparency, radical honesty, equality, compassion, sexual freedom, and the power of community." Originally inspired by the German community ZEGG. The site has a document library, discussion group and other resources and there are scheduled retreats and workshops, including an annual summer camp, in the non–virtual world.
* Northwest Intentional Communities Association – coordinating exchange of information and resources between Northwest intentional Communities and others; facilitating communication and networking between local, regional, and national intentional communities organizations. Portions of their newsletter are available online. There is a great collection of resources for potential and existing communities!
* Pomegranate Center – the mission of Pomegranate center is "to engage communities in creative experiments integrating a celebration of the arts, an appreciation of the natural environment and a thoughtful use of public resources." The center develops and offers skills and resources to help communities find a balance between economic, environmental, educational, social, community, and spiritual concerns.
* Sustainable Communities Network – addresses a broad range of issues and offers a broad range of resources "for those who want to help make their communities more livable." Sections on economy, resources, governance, lifestyle, case studies and much more.
* Syntropo – "An interactive on–line magazine dedicated to the global intentional community movement and the pioneers who are re–thinking human societies." Interactive discussions & glossary; postboard; book list; articles; etc. This is just getting started – go help it out!
* The Trust for Public Land – a national nonprofit "...working exclusively to protect land for human enjoyment and well–being." Lots of info on public land trusts, examples, resources, news bulletins and how you can help.
* VITA Village Technology Center and Catalog – "...introducing effective tools and techniques with particular emphasis on those items which increase agricultural productivity, improve housing, health and sanitation, and promote local industry in the developing areas of the world." Their catalog has "simple" technology items with descriptions and illustrations and a link to a page explaining their approach and philosophy.
* World Transformation web space – an eclectic site loaded with links. Go explore for yourself...

Services offered: Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 25, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7933

EHSO: Battery Recycling and Disposal Guide for Households (NO RECYCLING info FOR Non-Rechargeables)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ehso.com/ehshome/batteries.php
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9138

Good Guide (enviro-site, greenwashing ratings)

Info/Hotline · Open

Environmental Watchdogs
Contact write for details
Email fo@goodguide.com
Web www.goodguide.com
Service Temporary

from their website:

GoodGuide provides the world's largest and most reliable source of information on the health, environmental, and social impacts of the products in your home.

With GoodGuide, you can:

– Find safe, healthy and green products that protect you and your family
– Search or browse over 65,000 food, toys, personal care, & household products to see what's really beneath the label
– Use expert advice and recommendations on products to quickly learn the impacts of what you buy
– Find better products and make purchasing decisions based on what's important to you
– Create a personalized favorites list with the products that are right for you and your family
– Share your favorites list on Facebook or on your own website
– Get mobile advice when your are out shopping by downloading our iPhone app

GoodGuide gives you the best information available, wherever and whenever you need it most. We'll help you find better products that represent your values, avoid products that are harmful to your health, the environment, or society – and enable you to take actions to help improve the world.

The People Behind GoodGuide

One summer a few years ago, Dara O'Rourke was doing what he'd done dozens of times before: putting sunscreen on his five-year old daughter Minju before she went outside to play in the summer sun. The thought occurred to Dara, "I wonder what's really in this stuff?" So, being a Professor at the University of California–Berkeley, Dara researched the sunscreen. What he found was surprising and disturbing: the sunscreen he'd been putting on Minju for years had a toxic ingredient.

At that moment, Dara realized how little we know about the products we bring into our homes every day. He knew that other parents should have the same access to product information that he and his fellow researchers had. He also wanted to solve the problem of increasingly confusing marketing claims regarding whether products were actually healthy, safe or green.

So he brought together both academic and technology experts to create a world-class team of scientists, consumer researchers, technologists and industry professionals. From Google, Amazon, eBay, PayPal, and Intuit, to MIT and the University of California, we've developed a "For Benefit" startup at the forefront of integrating science and technology, working to fill a huge information gap in the marketplace.

Our team is dedicated to combining the best science and technology available, with what's most important to you. Our goal is to provide the most comprehensive, credible, and useful information in the world, on products and companies delivered whenever and wherever you need it. We're making information available and easy to use so each of us can express our own values and concerns in the marketplace.

GoodGuide is incorporated as a "for benefit" organization. This new organizational structure enables us to access the resources and expertise of for-profit enterprises, while maintaining a deep commitment to our social and environmental mission. At GoodGuide we're about more than just making money. We are a independent organization, dedicated to providing you with the best available information on products and companies. Our commitment to being socially, ethically, and environmentally responsible is written right into our "for benefit" charter.

http://www.goodguide.com/about/ratings

Ratings and Methodology

GoodGuide is building a comprehensive source of information on the environmental, social, and health performance of products and companies. The GoodGuide team works with a network of leading academic institutions, government data sources, non–governmental organizations, and private research firms to bring world–class information to consumers.

GoodGuide's scientists have collected data from around the world on chemical ingredients, products, brands, factories, companies, industrial sectors, and even countries. We gather the highest quality data available and convert this information into ratings that can be used by non–scientists to easily evaluate products and companies.

In the future, GoodGuide will have tools to let consumers screen this data through their own personal preferences, allowing them to "filter" and search for products and companies that match their specific values.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Toxins, Consumer Products; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5795

Green America Today (website for responsible shopping, greenwashing ratings)

Info/Hotline · Open

Environmental Watchdogs
Web www.greenamericatoday.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5796

Institute for Local Self–Reliance (Economic Policies, Zero–Waste Methods)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
Web www.ilsr.org/about.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Social Justice; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jan 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4851

Intentional Community Database (find alternative culture communities, eco–villages, co–housing, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.icdb.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Rainbow Community
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9643

List of Global Corp Ownership of Organic Food Producers (and GMO links)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.cornucopia.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Updated-Organic2013.pdf
Service Temporary

A great piece of research showing the 100 largest food producers and which organic food companies they own. It also shows which companies have alliances with Cargill to produce "enhanced" foods...GMO (cancer! environmental devastation). It's not clear if they use these "enhanced foods" in their organic products. But the link is too close to comfort for this netizen.
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated May 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9709

National Resources Defense Council (Green Living Tools/Info/Resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.nrdc.org/living/stuff/default.asp
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Apr 25, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9141

New Economics Institute (study, analysis, alternative economies, new business models)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
Updated Feb 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9640

OILSPILL(s) WORLDWIDE

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

List of oil spills (ongoing & past – partial list)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_oil_spills
Largest Oil Spills
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#Largest_oil_spills

Oil found at a third spot in Barataria Bay
Updated: 9/18
http://www.fox8live.com/news/local/story/Oil-found-at-a-third-spot-in-Barataria-Bay/XNliEpQ8zUWnVPF_JxXFzg.cspx

Spill Keeps Northern Rainbow Pipeline Shut, Southern Reopens After Fire Threat
May 28, 2011
http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2011/05/spill-keeps-northern-rainbow-pipeline-shut-southern-reopens-after-fire-threat/
28,000-barrel oil spill
http://www.lfpress.com/news/canada/2011/05/14/18148116.html

April 14, 2011
Snowmelt runoff leading to ND oil spills
...reported in Williams, Mountrail and Stark counties...
http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/316066/group/News/

April 14, 2011
UPDATED: Pipeline firm threatens to use eminent domain
http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/316038/group/News/

Jan 10, 2011
Mud spill reported at Alaska's Kuparuk oil field
http://newsminer.com/bookmark/10962967

Panel: Gulf oil spill could happen again
Updated 1/6/2011 2:22 PM
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-01-06-bp-oil-spill_N.htm?csp=obnetwork

http://specials.usatoday.com/oil+spill

Oil Spill in Great Lakes
On heels of Enbrige oil disaster, new oil spill discovered in Great Lakes off coast of Michigan.
10-06-2010
http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/News-by-Topic/Wildlife/2010/10-06-10-Oil-Spill-in-Lake-Huron.aspx

oil spill off the Mumbai coast reached Alibaug
August 21, 2010
Oil spill clean-up kicks off at Alibaug
http://www.hindustantimes.com/rssfeed/mumbai/Oil-spill-clean-up-kicks-off-at-Alibaug/Article1-589685.aspx

http://www.countercurrents.org/dsouza220810.htm

http://coastalcare.org/2010/08/oil-spill-off-mumbai-coast-tangible-damage-to-mangroves/

http://newsonweb.mywebdunia.com/2010/08/09/barc_alerted_as_mumbai_oil_spill.html

http://southasia.oneworld.net/todaysheadlines/mumbai-oil-spill-raises-environmental-concerns

http://news.outlookindia.com/item.aspx?689897

On July 26, 2010, an accident on the Line 6B oil pipeline owned by Enbridge Energy Partners in Calhoun County, Michigan released over 800,000 gallons of crude oil into a tributary of the Kalamazoo River.
http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/Reports/Archive/2010/Michigan-Enbridge-Oil-Spill-Factsheet.aspx

Miramar Beach oil spill update
Posted by Mike on June 24, 2010
http://destinoilspill.com/2010/06/miramar-beach-oil-spill-update/

Govt investigating responsibility for oil spill in jungle river
June 22, 2010
http://www.peruviantimes.com/govt-investigating-responsibility-for-oil-spill-in-jungle-river/226724

05-26-10
Alaska Oil Spill: Trans-Alaska Pipeline Shuts Down 800 Mile Area In North Slope
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/05/26/alaska-oil-spill-trans-al_n_589974.html

50 Years of no regulations -

People from Ecuador to Louisiana Forge Alliances Against Global Oil Spills
http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/2010/world/people-from-ecuador-to-louisiana-forge-alliances-against-global-oil-spills/

What exactly is the toxic sludge that spilled in Tennessee?
http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Bright-Green/2008/1231/what-exactly-is-the-toxic-sludge-that-spilled-in-tennessee

container ship Cosco Busan spilled 58,000 gallons of oil into San Francisco Bay

San Francisco Starts Beach Clean Up After Oil Spill, Water Now Clean
Published November 17, 2007
http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/450899/san_francisco_starts_beach_clean_up.html

Vietnam soldiers help clean beach after oil spill
Feb 2, 2007
http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSHAN92398

Haven oil spill
from the Lennox platform, about five miles offshore from Ainsdale
30 April 2006
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/merseyside/4959630.stm

Black Mayonnaise
New York – Greenpoint LEAK
http://www.scienceline.org/2007/01/liebach_env_greenpointe/

http://baykeeperoilspill.blogspot.com/
Campaigns: Ending Pollution

One (www.one.org) Advocacy/Networking for Poverty Issues

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Services

Web www.one.org/us/issues
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Children, Restavek / Exploited Children; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, International Policy; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Events, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Cluster Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, MySpace; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; Market/Industry Significance; Media, Broadcast Media; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: CARE–International; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; ICNA Relief USA (Islamic Community); Islamic Community; Islamic Relief; OXFAM; Save The Children
Updated Jul 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6050

Planet Aid (clothes re–use/textile recycling/low–price sale to development orgs)

Open Business* · Open

Web planetaid.org/who–we–are/about–us
Service Temporary

from the website:

Planet Aid is nonprofit organization that collects donated clothing and shoes to protect the environment and support sustainable development in impoverished communities around the world.
Planet Aid protects the environment and preserves our natural habitat by reducing the volume of textiles entering the solid waste stream, thereby saving on landfill space and reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

* Planet Aid makes helping others easy and accessible by using donated clothing and shoes to drive economic development, improve the environment, and eliminate poverty in developing nations.
* Planet Aid is committed to building capacity by funding sustainable community development projects that address education, food security, health, hygiene, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
* By recycling used clothing and shoes, Planet Aid works to protect our environment by saving on landfill space and reducing the of emission green house gases.
* Planet Aid has a proven track record and an effective business model; our unique concept of aid delivery is supported by recycling unwanted clothing and shoes collected at more than 13,000 yellow donation bins nationwide.
* Since 1997, Planet Aid has supported more than 60 projects in 15 countries with more $69 million.
* Planet Aid is active in 20 states across the US and works to create partnerships with businesses, schools and other organizations on state and local levels.

NOTE: There's been some controversy with regard to this organization. Please be aware.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated May 9, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9154

Share the World's Resources (Global Coordination for Sustainable Business/Public Infrastructure Policies/Practices)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.stwr.org/globalization
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Baby, Baby * Items (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness, Businesses;

Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Economic, Tax Haven Analysis; Documentation, Environmental Education; Global Strategic Coordination; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Disaster Preparedness
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/ Organizers
Updated Oct 5, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9365

Skin Deep (Product Directory for Non–Toxic Skin Products)

Info/Hotline · Open

Consumer Buying Guides
Web www.ewg.org/skindeep
Service Temporary

TF: Although this site is clumsy and also "strict" in its ratings, it's the best one I've seen. Note that you have to search for the specific brand and "product type" to find the ratings. It's hard to figure out what the ratings are, but the general rule is that if the pop up window's color is "green", then it's a good sign... if it's yellow or red, "beware". I checked out a bunch of products that I use and found their ratings to be in agreement with my own.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 22, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7879

Story of Stuff, The (animation about human overcomsumption) (plus! a NEW Cap & Trade animation)

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
Web www.storyofstuff.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jul 27, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4430

Transition Towns (Transition Network) Sustainable Communities

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.transitionnetwork.org
Service Temporary

This group helps communities develop process and policies so that they will become more resilient and economically/ecologically sustainable in a "post–carbon" world.

Go to the link above for guidelines on how to become a "transition town".

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/ Gardening Resource; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Environmental Education; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information

Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resources, Disaster Mitigation; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Nature Conservancy; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8969

UN Global Pulse: Digital Smoke Signals (data analysis to detect on–coming crisis)

Info/Hotline · Open

Online Resource Volunteer Opportunities
Web www.unglobalpulse.org/taxonomy/term/820
Service Temporary

from the website:

Harnessing Innovation to Protect the Vulnerable

The Challenge

Relentless waves of compound global shocks – food, fuel, and financial – have revealed a wide information gap between the onset of a global crisis and the availability of actionable information for decision makers working to protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable populations. Traditional monitoring systems have been effective in tracking medium to longer–term development trends. Yet they were not designed to generate the type of real–time information decision makers need in developing timely actions to help vulnerable populations cope with fast–hitting, inter–connected crises. Much of the household–level data used to track progress toward the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), for example, dates back to 2008 or earlier – before the onset of the current economic crisis.

The recent series of crises has also shown that there is a real danger of losing hard–won development gains within a fraction of the time it took to achieve them. Finding out today how a community began coping with a crisis two years ago may be too late to prevent irreversible damage. The price a country pays for not knowing how its population is coping with shocks is increasing as the resilience of families is eroded, causing millions of households to lose ground in their struggle to escape poverty and driving many of those who had escaped back into destitution. In a climate of fiscal austerity, development investments need to be targeted where they are most needed and where they are likely to achieve the highest returns. While the private sector has been using real–time data to drive investment decisions for many years, development resources continue to be invested based on information that is often at least two years out of date. Decision makers at every level in both donor and developing countries need high–quality, actionable information and hard evidence to protect vulnerable populations.
An Opportunity

Yet even as the impacts of crises have reverberated around the world, our lives have changed in other ways as well. We live in a new information age, where the pace of technological innovation is accelerating at a breathtaking pace. As communities in the developing world increasingly adopt and use these technologies, they are beginning to generate ambient data as by–products of their everyday activities. This "information exhaust" may hold an important key to detecting early signals of emerging vulnerabilities or incipient harm. Mobile phones are now playing a critical role in global development and crisis response. Collaboration tools allow distributed teams to design, develop and share innovative solutions to problems from anywhere in the world. Social networking technologies offer the promise of new and agile forms of collective action. The explosion in the volume and diversity of data has been met by advances in methodologies to help make sense of it all, and new tools now exist to collect, filter, integrate, fuse, analyze, map and visualize information. These emerging technologies represent an extraordinary opportunity to close the information gap, to ensure that technology reaches the bottom of the pyramid, and to provide decision makers with new kinds of real–time information to protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable during global crises.
UN Global Pulse

Recognizing both the urgent need for more timely and actionable information and the unparalleled opportunities, the Secretary–General called on the UN system in April 2009 to establish a monitoring system (Global Pulse) to better track the impact of compound crises on vulnerable populations. He asked the Deputy Secretary–General to lead this effort and establish a small Team in his office to spearhead the project.

World leaders – from both developing and developed countries – have expressed their strong support for the Secretary–General's initiative. At the G20 Sum– mit in London last year, the heads of twenty of the most powerful economies re–affirmed the UN system's central role in tracking the wellbeing of vulnerable populations, calling on the United Nations "to establish an effective mechanism to monitor the impact of the crisis on the poorest and most vulnerable." The Global Pulse initiative is included in the UN Chief Executives Board's nine joint crisis initiatives, and forms part of the UN system's concerted effort to address the global economic crisis.
What will it do?

The Global Pulse initiative will work closely with Member States and other development partners to improve evidence–based decision–making and close the information gap between the onset of a global crisis and the availability of actionable information to protect the vulnerable. In doing so, the project will respond – at the highest strategic level – to two value propositions:

* Protecting countries against development reversals: In an age of increasing global volatility, hard–won develop– ment gains are in danger of being eroded much faster than in the past. Real time actionable information generated by Global Pulse will help

the international community to detect the impacts of a crisis on vulner– able populations early on when there is still time to prevent irreversible harm.
* Targeting development resources more effectively: In a climate of increasing fiscal austerity, decision mak– ers at every level face pressures on limited resources. Global Pulse will allow leaders to better plan and target interventions in times of crisis to ensure that those populations most at risk are the first to receive support.

Project Outcomes

At the project level, the Global Pulse initiative has been designed to contribute to four overall develop– ment outcomes:

* More timely and actionable hard evidence for global advocacy on the plight of the most vulnerable;
* Better global data to inform the design of more robust and agile safety nets for the world's most vulnerable populations;
* Strengthened regional networks for cross–border col– laboration and better understanding of shared regional risks and vulnerabilities;
* Strengthened national capacities to track population vulnerabilities to specific shocks and design targeted and timely policies to improve crisis resilience.

Project Outputs

Short–term

* Strong Global Pulse network built by linking together existing early warning systems and databases (Note: UN system alone runs over 39 early warning systems);
* Use of previously untapped, non–traditional data to detect anomalous behaviors that may indicate that a population is beginning to feel the impacts of a crisis or has exhausted its coping capacity;
* Reference architecture will allow the Global Pulse technology platform to plug into existing rapid data collection, analysis and collaboration tools;
* A global open–source volunteer community built (through innovation camps, competitions and on–line collaboration) to be able to constantly refine and further develop the Global Pulse technology;
* Five Pulse Labs established by the end of 2012 to build national capacities to leverage technology innovation to test new approaches to monitoring vulnerability at the country level.

Medium–to–long–term

* Reduction by order of magnitude in delay of availability of actionable information on household–level impacts and vulnerabilities;
* Free and open source technology platform for collaborative analysis and decision support;
* Strengthened national capacity for targeted policy interventions that leverage improved understanding of how specific populations cope with shocks;
* Strengthened national capacity to gather real–time information from areas that are traditionally difficult to capture, such as the informal sector.
* Thriving local communities of practice established around Pulse Labs where local technologists and social entrepreneurs collaborate with the public sector to create technology solutions for development;
* Development of an effective, efficient, rapid, scalable and sustainable model for catalyzing grassroots innova– tion for sustainable resilience to global crises.

How is Global Pulse funded?

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See the roadmap at the website. Or go here: http://www.unglobalpulse.org/strategy–and–roadmap

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Weather Updates/Warnings; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; United Nations – U.N.
Updated Apr 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7927

Waste to Wealth (ZERO–WASTE resource site)

Info/Hotline · Open

Zero–Waste Resource Site
Web www.ilsr.org/recycling/index.html
Service Temporary

Projects:

• Deconstruction
• Zero Waste Planning
• Recycling Means Business
• Sustainable Plastics
• Recycling and Economic Development (Mid–Atlantic)

Resources:
• Defending Recycling
• News Archive
• Publications
• Articles
• Facts To Act On
• Waste to Wealth E–Bits

Past Work:
• Waste Imperialism
• Refillables
• Extended Producer Responsibility
• Recycling
• Record–Setters

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jan 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4849

WWOOF (WorldWide Opportunities on Organic Farms) Volunteering/Food Exchange

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
Web www.wwoof.org/index.asp
Service Temporary

See website to link to regional websites for this incredible farming/food bartering network...

Not all countries represented. That leaves an opportunity for YOU to serve YOUR country by starting a local network!

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, Environmental; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Environmental Education; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Service, Bartering; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Training, Services, Employment / JobTraining ; Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Handicapped Volunteers (This facility accomodates Handicapped Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Oct 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6522

Other locations

Citizen Action Team, Database Operations

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Anytown

Phone	978 266 2778
Web	www.reliefdatabase.org
Hours	8 AM–midnight, 7 days/week
Checks payable to	United Way of Tri–County, mail to Citizen Action Team, PO Box 2525, Acton, MA 01720
Service	Permanent

Call and help us expand the database, so it will be more useful to disaster relief workers, to help prepare for future disasters as well as to help with recovery from past disasters... Work from your home AND help the gulf!

All donations pay for fuel to ship donations to disaster zones.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Directories, Recycling; Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Businesses; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Katrina Related; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Construction/Rebuild Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Donations Coord Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Supplies, Online Supplies; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance
Campaigns: 2001 9–11; 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Fernley, Nevada Flood; 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2007 Hurricane Flossie; 2007 Midwest Floods; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2008 Hurricane Josephine; 2008 Marek/Sesnon/Sayre – California Wildfires; 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; 2008 Pacific Northwest Winter Snow Storm; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Australia Bushfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Ice Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); 2009 MidWest Floods; 2009 MidWest Floods Support (Closed/Standby); 2009 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2009 SouthEastern Wildfires; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2009 Station Wildfire; 2009 Tornadoes; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 April, Mississippi Tornado; 2010 Arkansas Campground Flood; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 May Oklahoma/Kansas Tornado; 2010 Midwest Flooding, August; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Brazil Floods; 2011 China Earthquake; 2011 East Africa Famine; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Philippines TS Sendong; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Alabama Tornado; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2012 (June) Minnesota – Floods; 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Rainbow Rapid Response; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Gifts in Kind; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Homelessness Relief Services; International Relief & Development (IRD); United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); YouthBuild
Updated Apr 26, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/246

Call2Recycle (Rechargeable BATTERY Recycling INDEX & Online Database of locations)

Info/Hotline · Open

Recycling

Phone http://www.call2recycle.org
Web www.call2recycle.org
Service Temporary

Enter your zip code for a list of local businesses!!!

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/ Services (NO FEE)
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 5, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4809

Co–Housing Directory (intentional group living)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.cohousing.org/directory
Service Temporary

from the site:

Cohousing communities are old–fashioned neighborhoods created with a little ingenuity. They bring together the value of private homes with the benefits of more sustainable living. That means common facilities and good connections with neighbors. All in all, they stand as innovative answers to today's environmental and social problems.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Pollution
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9645

Edible Communities (magazine/regional resources/purveyors of locally/sustainably produced food)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ediblecommunities.com/content/edible–publications
Service Temporary

Various Cities. Check list...It changes as new cities come online

http://www.ediblecommunities.com/content/about/about–us.htmit

Edible Allegheny
Edible Aspen
Edible Austin
Edible Boston
Edible Brooklyn
Edible Blue Ridge
Edible Buffalo
Edible Cape Cod
Edible Chicago
Edible Columbus
Edible East Bay
Edible Dallas & Fort Worth
Edible DC
Edible East End
Edible Finger Lakes
Edible Front Range
Edible Grande Traverse
Edible Green Mountains
Edible Hawaiian Islands
Edible Hudson Valley
Edible Iowa River Valley
Edible Indy
Edible Jersey
Edible Louisville
Edible Madison
Edible Manhattan

Edible Marin & Wine Country
Edible Memphis
Edible Michiana
Edible Monterey Bay
Edible New Orleans
Edible Nutmeg
Edible Ohio Valley
Edible Ojai
Edible Orange County
Edible Orlando
Edible Philly
Edible Phoenix
Edible Piedmont
Edible Portland
Edible Queens
Edible Reno–Tahoe
Edible Rhody
Edible Sacramento
Edible San Diego
Edible San Francisco
Edible San Juan Mountains
Edible Santa Barbara
Edible Santa Fe
Edible Sarasota
Edible Seattle Edible Shasta–Butte
Edible Sonoran Desert
Edible South Florida
Edible South Shore
Edible Toronto
Edible Twin Cities
Edible Upcountry
Edible Vancouver
Edible Vineyard
Edible Wasatch
Edible Westside
Edible White Mountains
Edible WOW (Michigan)

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Recycling, Food; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Culinary; Training, Farming, Organic
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Edible Communities; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8965

HealthyStuff.org (INDEX of non–toxic consumer, pet and personal care products)

Info/Hotline · Open

Phone http://www.healthystuff.org/
Web www.healthystuff.org
Service Temporary

Everyday Products Reveal Lead, Arsenic, PVC & Hazardous Flame Retardants in School Supplies, Pet Products, Cars and More

On September 16th, HealthyStuff.org released new test data on over 900 products. In total, the HealthyStuff.org is now home to over 15,000 test results on over 5,000 common items including pet products, women's handbags, back–to–school products and more. Blog–friendly widgets and a mobile phone optimized application will also be available on the site.

BLOG site:
http://blog.healthystuff.org/

ADDITIONAL LINKS –

Our Mission: We are igniting a movement that inspires parents to protect young children from harmful chemicals.
Read more: http://healthychild.org/main/#ixzz0bIourkWS

http://healthychild.org/main/

Choose smart plastics (see icons in link below) and avoid putting them in the microwave (where they can release dangerous chemicals when heated) or the dishwasher (where they can degrade in the heat and excessive moisture).

Recycle numbers – Be wise with plastics
http://healthychild.org/5steps/5_steps_5/?gclid=CLKN2-DJgZ8CFQoiagodSh8mmQ

Services offered: Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Directories, Online Database Resource; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Disaster SNAFUs; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Toxins, Consumer Products; Media, Online News Reports
Campaigns: Ending Pollution
Updated Dec 31, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4821

IncidentNews

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.incidentnews.gov
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Impacts
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Government, US Government Program
Updated Dec 21, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4813

Indigenous Mutual Aid Network [groups to get/give help]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.indigenousmutualaid.org/directory
Service Temporary

from the link above [see live links for the text below at the link above]:

"Indigenous Mutual Aid is an information and support network with an anti-colonial and anti-capitalist framework. We exist to inspire and empower autonomous Indigenous relief organizing in response to COVID-19.

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Please connect to our Slack channel (send an email to request an invite: indigenousmutualaid@protonmail.com) to connect, share, & build.

As our communities have a deep history with organizing to support each other in times of crisis, we already have many existing Mutual Aid models to draw from. This looks like a small crew coordinating their relatives or friends to chop wood and distribute to elders. It looks like traditional medicine herbal clinics or sexual health supply distribution. It looks like community water hauling efforts or large scale supply runs to ensure elders have enough to make it through harsh winters. Basically any time individuals and groups in our communities have taken direct action (not through politicians or indirect means) and supported others, not for their own self-interests but out of love for their people, this is what we call "mutual aid."
Our concept of mutual aid does not exclude our non-human relatives or the land. For more info on what Mutual Aid is (and isn't) please see "Let's Talk Mutual Aid" by Regan De Loggans. Check out our piece here and these too:
A Mutual Aid Explainer Video
Submedia's: What Is Mutual Aid?
Big Door Brigade: What is Mutual Aid

Check out our guide on How to Start an Indigenous Mutual Aid relief project.

This project is currently maintained by volunteers with Indigenous Action,
Táala Hooghan Infoshop, and Kinłani Mutual Aid based out of the
Southwestern region of the so-called "United States.""

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Alternative Societies; Anti-Colonialism / Anti-Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Bartering Network; Black Lives Matter; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Food Not

Bombs; Green–Rainbow Party; Indigenous Mutual Aid; International Community, Middle Eastern, Palestinian; Lucy Parsons Center; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Rainbow Community; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Tribal Communities; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10391

InPowerMovement (reducing wireless emanations) (good privacy/terms policy!) (legal templates)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web inpowermovement.com/liability–action–document–templates
Service Temporary

This group helps people reduce the electrical emanations from utility meters. New "smart meters" are like a microwave oven running 24x7 in your basement. If you have gas, electric AND water meters...that's like 3 microwave ovens running all day/night. AND it sends emanations (dirty electricity) all over your house, via "noise" that can be harmful to health, heart/safety monitors, etc.

The group has given up asking utilities to help and is instead showing people how to invoke "administrative law" to impose liability on these utilities when they do not help a homeowner get rid of these meters. To do this, they suggest that you use the templates provided to give notice to the companies.

Check out their terms of service: https://inpowermovement.com/terms/

Their privacy policy reserves the right to change it without notification... so it's not perfect, but their terms of service seem to indicate their heart is in the right place!

"By using this Website, you consent to be of service to the highest good for yourself and for humanity, on all levels, with your service supporting a global emancipation of the human race from unnecessary and outdated systems of bondage and suppression."

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY, for advocacy groups; Advocacy, Reducing Impact of Wireless Emanations; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Demographic Served: Autism Spectrum; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: Critically Ill; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Homebound; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Legal Templates; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Services, Legal, Community, Environmental Issues; Training, Legal; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 23, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10110

List of Building Materials Recycling Locations

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ecobusinesslinks.com/recycled–building–materials.htm
Service Temporary

from the website (see the link for updates):

CMDepot.com – Used Construction Material & Tools CMDepot is a place where you can buy & sell excess construction material. It's *free* for individuals to sign–up and post material or contact someone selling material. We take no cut in the sale price! We also offer some premium features if you have lots of excess and need help organizing or invoicing it. Stop by and give us a try!
Builders Half Surplus
Ohio, Cleveland Discount & Closeout Surplus & Recycled Building & Remodeling Materials & Supplies. Installation & delivery; moulding, trim, doors, windows, sinks, vanities, flooring, faucets, showers etc.
Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver Home Improvement Outlets
Colorado, Denver We accept donations of new and used building materials – including tools, furniture, appliances, and more – and sell them back to the public at a discount.
Recycled & Surplus Building Materials – Suppliers
Materials Matter
California, Corona A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing donated & low–cost building materials to other nonprofits revitalizing their communities & building affordable housing.
Whole House Building Supply & Salvage

California, East Palo Alto Quality salvaged building materials at comfortable prices. We accept your tax–deductible donations of useable materials at our warehouse.
The ReUse People of America
California, Washington, Colorado You can reap tax benefits by deconstructing while the environment benefits by increased use of recovered materials. Great deals on reclaimed building materials and lumber.
Black's Farmwood
California Reclaimed hand hewn barn beams, siding, and wide plank flooring.
Crossroads Recycled Lumber
California Crossroads Recycled Lumber has been recycling lumber since 1981 supplying quality old growth timbers to some of the finest homes and commercial projects in the country. One of our goals is to promote and support sustainable building practices.
Boston Building Resources
Boston, Massachusetts We accept donations of good quality used and surplus building materials and sell them to the public at low prices. Low and moderate–income customers and nonprofits are eligible for a considerable discount on those prices.
ReStore
Springfield, Massachusetts The ReStore accepts donations of quality but unwanted home improvement materials and sells them to the public at low prices in a convenient retail setting. Inventory includes used and salvaged materials and surplus stock from the building industry.
South Mountain Company
Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts A design/build firm that can supply salvaged lumber.
Build it Green!
NYC, New York Non–profit retail outlet for salvaged and surplus building materials; sponsored by the Community Environmental Center (CEC).
Garbage Reincarnation
California Our sales yard features buildings made from discarded building materials, the bottle wall of the Education Center was built by volunteers. We hope they will inspire your own building ideas.
The Rebuilding Centre
Oregon, Portland The ReBuilding Center is a non–profit used building materials outlet in Portland, Oregon. We function like a thrift store, except we only carry building and remodeling materials.
ReBuild
Burlington, Vermont Typical inventory includes quality used doors, windows, lumber, plywood, cabinets, vanities, flooring, trim, sinks, tubs, toilets, lighting fixtures, and more.
Renovators Resource Inc
Canada, Nova Scotia The Renovator's ReSource Inc. offers quality pre–owned building materials, customized furniture and complete building sales and dismantling service. Our new format includes a complete On–Line Catalogue of general inventory as well as our new hot items section.
Albion Doors and Windows
California Our web site business specializes in Antique Door Hardware, turn of the century Entry Doors, and Decorative Glass.
Cheshire Brick and Slate Co.
UK, Cheshire We are one of the leading stockists of reclaimed building materials in the UK. Located on a three–acre site, six miles east of Chester. We stock a wide rang of reclaimed bricks, troughs and much more.
Greenmaker Supply Company
Chicago, Illinois Greenmaker is a one–stop shop for energy intelligent, environmentally sensitive and healthy building materials.
WoodAnchor
Canada, Manitoba, Winnipeg We carry reclaimed hardwood flooring, from matching a heritage home to wide plank floors. We custom make any type of flooring. We also sell reclaimed lumber and moldings.
Recycled Building Materials – Online Marketplaces
American Builder Surplus
Georgia, Marietta This is the on–line trading community for construction workers & individuals. This site has been designed to buy or sell excess or salvaged building materials & equipment.

Recycled Building Materials – Free Listings – Vendors
Northside Material Brokers
Georgia, Atlanta Best surplus & salvage warehouse In Atlanta for 23 yrs. Wide variety surplus building materials, roofing, windows, doors, lighting, cabinets, lumber, architectural findings & more!
AntiqueBarnSiding.com
Kansas, Topeka We offer antique barnwood, antique barn siding and other vintage building materials. Come check us out today.
Whole Log Lumber
North Carolina Environmentally friendly because no trees have been cut down. Our eco friendly flooring is made of reclaimed recycled wood. All our products are environmentally friendly.
Natural Bark Siding
North Carolina We provide salvaged reclaimed poplar bark siding for eco friendly building and design purposes.
Green Recycling Network
Virginia The Green Recycling Network supplies salvage building materials, equipment and furnishings from commercial buildings.

Renew Building Materials and Salvage
Brattleboro, Vermont Windows, Doors, Lumber, Hardware, Plumbing, Appliances, and more. ReNew Building Materials and Salvage, your source for gently used, surplus, and salvage building materials in SE Vermont and SW New Hampshire.
Vintage Timberworks
California, Temecula Supplier of the finest recycled lumber, antique hand hewn beams, used timber, recycled barn siding and antique wood flooring reclaimed from the dismantling of antiquated structures.
TheBarnPages.com Buy and sell old barnwood and barn wood furniture. Barn restoration contractors and barn preservation. Old barn wood. Barn hardware and pole barn contractors.
Atak Trucking – Recycled Materials
New Jersey, Matawan Recycled construction materials delivered to New Jersey and New York since 1986.
The ReUse People
Multiple Locations California & Colorado Offers the following green services & products: building donation & deconstruction, building materials salvage, building materials distribution & great deals on reclaimed materials.
The Demolition Depot & Irreplaceable Artifacts
Multiple Locations Connecticut & New York A unique source of vintage plumbing fixtures, doors, windows, shutters, railings, gates, grills, mantels, stone and terracotta pieces, religious objects & so much more.
Olde Good Things
Multiple Locations New York, California, Pennsylvania At Olde Good Things, we salvage antique and architectural artifacts from many turn–of–the century and pre–war buildings slated for demolition.
D.H. Griffin
Multiple Locations USA In addition to salvaging used equipment, DHG can salvage building materials for reuse.
Habitat for Humanity Restore
Multiple Locations USA ReStore Directory for local locations of their nationwide "Restore" reuse stores. A ReStore is a reuse shop for building materials and home improvement items.
World Vision’s Storehouse
Multiple Locations USA Donors supply us with daily essentials & building materials—all aimed at improving the quality of life for families battling the damaging effects of poverty.
Stardust Building Supplies
Arizona, Phoenix & Mesa Non–profit discount building materials warehouse accepting tax–deductible donations of new & used building materials. Materials are resold through our stores at 50%–80% off.
Ohmega Salvage
California, Berkeley Specializing in buying and selling architectural salvage.
Resource Conservation Group
California, Los Angeles We strive to have the most complete line of reclaimed building materials anywhere to help meet your green building goals. All products on this site are environmentally friendly.
Architectural Detail
California, Pasadena Drawing from local salvage, we offer for restoration a variety of building & house materials.
Garbage Reincarnation, Inc.
California, Santa Rosa Our mission is to: pioneer and demonstrate innovative concepts and programs that conserve resources & manage reduce/reuse/recycle facilities and services.
Center for ReSource Conservation
Colorado Multiple Locations Boulder & Fort Collins ReSource services: architectural salvage pick–up & delivery, donation services, reclaimed building material outlets in Boulder and Fort Collins.
Do It Ur Self
Colorado, Denver We have acres of used and surplus plumbing and heating supplies. Everything from that toilet tank lid you need for your old toilet, to a scratch & dent furnace, & everything in between.
RE–construction, LLC
Colorado, Golden Offering full or partial deconstruction services for most remodels and teardowns. Then building services using these materials.
The ReCONNstruction Center
Connecticut, New Britain Our mission is to promote environmental and social sustainability by salvaging unwanted, but perfectly good building materials, and reselling them.
Board and Beam Co.
Connecticut, Washington Board and Beam Co. is a small business specializing in dismantling antique barns and houses for rebuild or to salvage architectural details and building material.
Burkhalter Wrecking Inc
Florida, Jacksonville Our goal has been to treat each demolition project in a safe and timely manner, selectively choosing items of architectural interest for distribution via our sales yard.
American Salvage
Florida, Miami Deal in furniture, building supplies, hotel & restaurant supplies. We buy liquidations & out of date inventories & do architectural salvage of historical buildings, office interiors & hotels.
Central Environmental Services, Inc.
Florida, Orlando Removes salvageable goods from demolition sites. It is our mission to remove good and reusable items in a

timely fashion for resale to the general public at affordable prices.
Building Material Thrift Store
Idaho, Hailey We reuse or recycle homes, building materials & larger household items. Proceeds from the sale of materials are dedicated to Wood River Land Trust's preservation efforts.
Carlson's Barnwood Company
Illinois, Cambridge Helps homeowners and contractors with used building materials such as reused barnwood or other salvaged materials.
Salvage One
Illinois, Chicago We save architectural elements from the wrecking ball. We work to preserve and pass on our history. We help customers breathe new life into salvaged materials.
Murco Recycling Enterprises Inc.
Illinois, La Grange Park We are champions of reuse in the business of harvesting fixtures, appliances and materials from houses prior to demolition or renovation, brokering these materials to the public through live and internet based auctions.
Rehab Resource, Inc.
Indiana, Indianapolis Provides means for accelerating the repair & rehabilitation of substandard housing through the redistribution of reusable building materials & supplies to charitable organizations.
The Salvage Barn
Iowa, Iowa City Old house parts, vintage light fixtures, claw foot tubs, cedar siding, reclaimed flooring, & more. The Barn is the home to materials salvaged from old buildings & homes.
Bahm Demolition, Inc.
Kansas, Silver Lake Architectural salvage, mechanical equipment, rock, steel, concrete, electrical equipment, & more which have been salvaged from projects & are available from our stockyard.
Carrollton Lumber and Wrecking Company
Louisiana, New Orleans Offering all types of architectural salvage.
The Green Project
Louisiana, Nola We recycle building materials and paint, deconstruct homes and salvage usable materials. We operate a building materials recycling store.
The Old House Parts Company, Inc.
Maine, Kennebunk Our focus is on 18th, 19th and early 20th century restoration and home improvement architectural salvage and architectural antiques.
Maine Housing & Building Materials Exchange (BME)
Maine, Lisbon The mission is to benefit low income families & the environment by providing new & re–usable building materials at an affordable price.
Portland Architectural Salvage
Maine, Portland Portland Architectural Salvage sells (and buys) unique architectural elements and antiques to meet the market demand for architectural salvage pieces.
Second Chance Inc.
Maryland, Baltimore We work with local and regional architects & builders to search out old buildings entering demolition. We rescue architectural elements & give new life to them by reselling.
The Loading Dock, Inc.
Maryland, Baltimore Maryland's premier building materials reuse facility, offering great deals and interesting finds to people who need inexpensive housing improvement and building materials.
Community Forklift
Maryland, Edmonston We're lifting up communities with low–cost building materials. At our very large warehouse, you can donate new and used building materials to receive a tax deduction.
Old Bostonian
Massachusetts, Boston We offer a wide range of architectural antiques and our inventory is always changing. If you are looking for something different and unusual, we are the place to shop.
Costello Dismantling Co., Inc.
Massachusetts, Middleboro Salvage & recycling play an important role in our work strategy. We continually explore new techniques to reduce the material entering our landfills.
New England Demolition and Salvage
Massachusetts, New Bedford New England Demolition and Salvage buys and sells existing architectural building materials.
ReStore
Massachusetts, Springfield Our Mission: reuse valuable materials, make home improvement affordable for more people, create local jobs, and provide job training.
Home Repair Services
Michigan, Grand Rapids Our mission is to build value & dignity by equipping lower income homeowners for sustained homeownership. We offer low–cost building materials of every shape and size.
Odom Re–use Co.
Michigan, Grawn We specialize in reusable building materials.
Architectural Antiques
Minnesota, Minneapolis Each antique architectural element that passes though our store is on it's way to a better place where it

will be just as appreciated as the home or building it left.
Guilded Salvage
Minnesota, Minneapolis We always have a great selection of light fixtures and hardware, kitchen cabinets and built–in buffets, room dividers, doors, trim and garden art.
North Shore Architectural Antiques
Minnesota, Two Harbors Our inventory includes a wide range of materials for use by restoration & remodeling contractors, do–it–yourselfers, & interior decorators and designers.
Missouri Deconstruction
Missouri, Columbia Deconstruction is the selective dismantlement of building components, specifically for re–use, recycling, and waste management.
Architectural Salvage, Inc.
New Hampshire, Exeter Old house parts: bought, sold, & traded.
Nor'east Architectural Antiques
New Hampshire, South Hampton We stock an extensive inventory of architectural salvage and antique building materials from 1700–1940 in our showroom and warehouse.
Recycling the Past LLC
New Jersey, Barnegat We specialize in architectural salvage for the home & garden. We're always buying, from one piece to entire buildings.
Historic Albany Foundation's Architectural Parts Warehouse
New York, Albany Advocates the preservation of historic buildings & encourages the retention of parts in original settings. We accept donations of historic salvaged parts & sell to anyone.
Buffalo ReUse
New York, Buffalo Picks up materials from your home or business at no charge & can offer you a tax deduction letter for the value of the materials. Accepts drop–offs of materials at our store.
ERC Community Warehouse
New York, Hoosick Falls The ERC Community Warehouse is a non–profit reuse center established to divert reusable goods from waste disposal. The organization accepts donations of reusable goods.
Significant Elements
New York, Ithaca Selling reclaimed solid wood doors, lighting, windows, clawfoot tubs, furniture, bath & kitchen sinks, wood moldings, flooring, and various other salvaged odds and ends.
Zaborski Emporium
New York, Kingston Architectural salvage and antiques.
Build It Green! NYC
New York, New York New York City's non–profit retail outlet for salvaged and surplus building materials.
ReHouse
New York, Rochester When you shop at the ReHouse architectural salvage store, you beat the bulldozer every time by getting great buys on house parts before they get sent to the landfill.
Preservation Hall
North Carolina, Weaverville We carry a large selection of antique and vintage materials salvaged from old homes and commercial buildings dating from the mid 1800's.
The Stock Pile
Ohio, Canton Non–profit building material reuse warehouse with the mission of improving housing conditions & reducing the amount of reusable building material going into the waste stream.
Stone Salvage Company
Ohio, Cleveland We supply and install salvaged natural stone, sandstone, barnstone, bridgestone, and curbstone for landscape walls, stone walls, garden walls and retaining walls.
BRING Recycling
Oregon, Glenwood Salvaged materials are sold to the public. We can provide a wide range of deconstruction services, from completely dismantling structures to simply salvaging high value materials.
Gorge Rebuild–it Center
Oregon, Hood River Donate usable building materials. Avoid garbage fees, and get a tax deduction. Buy affordable building materials, and give them a second life.
The ReBuilding Center of Our United Villages
Oregon, Portland The ReBuilding Center plays an important role in reducing reusable materials from entering the waste stream.
Heartwood ReSources
Oregon, Roseburg More than just a store that sells reclaimed building materials, we provide professional contracting services for deconstruction and housing rehab for low–income residents.
The Barnwood Connection
Pennsylvania, Barto We offer a complete line of antique building materials reclaimed from old barns, homes, and other vintage structures of centuries past.
Construction Junction
Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Construction Junction promotes conservation through the reuse of building materials. Pittsburgh’s non–profit building material reuse retailer.

Frank's Demolition Salvage
Pennsylvania, Woodlyn An expert demolition technician who collects & handpicks architectural antiques & other building materials from old and historic buildings & resells these materials.
Old House Salvage
South Carolina, Piedmont Architectural salvage is the store for all of your architectural needs.
Discount Home Warehouse
Texas, Dallas Discount Home Warehouse has been the go–to place for interior and exterior architectural salvage and home design finds.
Historic Houston Salvage Warehouse
Texas, Houston A non–profit organization dedicated to preserving Houston’s historic architectural and cultural resources. Runs a salvage warehouse.
Pieces of the Past
Texas, Johnson City Specializing in architectural antiques & salvaged doors, reclaimed lumber, and more for your home & garden.
ReNew Salvage
Vermont, Brattleboro A non–profit building materials reuse store. Our goal is to reduce the amount of construction waste, project surplus items, & usable items that end up in the landfill.
Architectural Salvage Warehouse
Vermont, Burlington We buy and sell antique building materials. We purchase salvage rights to buildings throughout New England.
ReCycle North
Vermont, Burlington ReCycle North is a non–profit organization in Burlington, Vermont with a 3–part mission of waste reduction, job–skills training and poverty relief.
Shiningwater Enterprises
Vermont, Lincoln Architectural salvage, dismantled buildings, salvaged timbers and architectural elements.
COVER Home Repair & Reuse Program
Vermont, White River Junction Our mission: To build community and foster hope through cooperation and fellowship among all home repair and reuse participants.
The Friendship HomeStore
Virginia, Harrisonburg We exist to help the construction industry reduce solid waste by diverting good materials from landfills back into other construction or remodeling projects.
Shenandoah Valley Reclaimed Lumber
Virginia, Harrisonburg We sell our reclaimed lumber, brick and stone to both the wholesale & retail market. We also offer demolition services for old houses and barns.
Black Dog Salvage
Virginia, Roanoke Specializes in reclaiming & renewing architectural antiques from the past including: salvaged mantles, doors, windows, stained glass, & more.
The Brass Knob
Washington, D.C. Specializes in architectural antiques and salvage for restorations and renovations, as well as new construction. Ideal for both commercial and residential projects.
Olympia Salvage
Washington, Olympia A non–profit organization whose mission is to promote environmental sustainability, to divert building materials from the waste stream, & to provide affordable alternatives
Waste Not, Want Not

Washington, Port Townsend A dynamic inventory of affordable quality used building materials. We offer the most practical of house parts; from the front door to tile for your floor & the kitchen sink.

Earthwise Architectural & Building Salvage

Washington, Seattle We purchase desirable, quality materials every day at our salvage warehouse from homeowners, architects, contractors, artists, designers and others.

Second Use

Washington, Seattle Second Use diverts tons of reusable materials from the waste stream and resells them at affordable prices to the public.

Oneida County Solid Waste Department

Wisconsin, Rhinelander Second Story is a building materials reuse project that will salvage used building materials, hardware furniture, appliances & other items in order to keep them out of landfills.

Demxx Deconstruction Inc.

Canada, Britist Columbia, Coombs Demolition and salvage company that specializes in hand demolition and the recycling and reuse of building materials.

Hudson Valley Historics
New York, Catskill Architectural salvage, building materials, recycling, collectibles, furniture.

This Old Toilet

California, Los Altos Salvaged toilets, toilet bowls, toilet tanks, toilet tank lids, covers, tops. 1915 to present. White & colors. New toilet seats & toilet bolt caps in many colors.

Skagit Building Salvage

Washington, Mt. Vernon At our retail yard and warehouse in Mt. Vernon, Washington we divert re–useable building materials from the waste stream and offer them to you at prices you will like. A buy–sell–trade location.

ReBuild Warehouse

Virginia, Springfield We are a nonprofit organization offering quality used building materials at discounted prices. Our profits will fund training programs for workers in "green collar" jobs.

Ameri–Source Services. LLC.

Pennsylvania, Bethel Park We offer: Architectural salvage, building materials, recycling, collectibles, furniture. Re–claimed materials, green building materials.

This Old Toilet

California, Los Altos Toilet tank lids, salvaged. All brands, white and colors. 1915 to current. Delivered to your door. The "Toilet Lid King" per the San Jose Mercury News.

The Barnwood Store

Pennsylvania, Cooperburg Reclaimed building stone, slate, brick and architectural salvage: doors windows iron hardware antique lumber & lumber products.

Recycled Building Materials – Online Marketplaces

PlanetReuse.com Website that connects buyers & sellers of reused & reclaimed construction materials & equipment from around the world and allows them to purchase products online.

Builder2builder.com Free online classified ads for used building materials. Where contractors, homeowners, architects & designers come to find & sell used building materials & architectural antiques.

The Architectural Machine The Green Building Resource Guide is a database of green building materials and products selected specifically for their usefulness to the design and building professions.

RE–USE Consulting

Washington, Bellingham We work on–line or travel to your location to provide training and on–site assistance or help building owners find alternatives to demolition.

DiggersList.com Buy or sell recycled, used and reclaimed building materials and supplies, tools, heavy and light–load vehicles, architectural salvage, appliances, flooring, windows and doors, and more!

Amighini Architectural

California, New Jersey Antique Salvage from Amighini Architectural. Over 500 architectural antique pieces from various periods and styles, imported from Europe dating from late 1800s to early 1900s.

Contractor Yard Sale
Classifieds Contractor Yard Sale is your online classifieds source for the advertising, buying, and selling of surplus building materials. Sell any salvaged or surplus materials.
Banco Roofing and Building Supply
Texas, Pasadena We offer brand new surplus and overstock building materials for up to 75% off retail.

Recycled Building Materials – Manufacturers

StrawJet
Oregon StrawJet has a unique process for the manufacture of structural building components from waste agricultural stalks.

Renew Resources Ltd
Canada, Ontario, Toronto We offer material made from recycled plastic. Our deck, plastic lumber and plastic pallet are made from 100% recycle plastic. Our Polyboard plastic sheet comes in 4'x8' size.
Recycled Building Materials – Resources & Tools

Jefferson Tool, LLC.
South Carolina, Charleston A tool to make nail extraction easy, "The Extractor."

Reconnx Incorporated
Location Not Available The Nail Kicker is a handheld pneumatic denailer or nail remover. It 'kicks' nails out of lumber instead of putting them in, without destroying the wood.

Recycled Building Materials – Associations, Consulting, Networks, Education ...

Building Materials Reuse Association
Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh The BMRA is a non–profit educational organization whose mission is to facilitate building deconstruction and the reuse/recycling of recovered building materials.

RE–USE Consulting
Washington, Bellingham We work on–line or travel to your location to provide training and on–site assistance or help building owners find alternatives to demolition.

Reuse Development Organization, Inc. (ReDO)
Maryland, Baltimore ReDo is providing education, training, and technical assistance to start up and operate reuse programs. ReDO is working to create a national reuse network and infrastructure.

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8761

Local Harvest (online database of local organic farms/producers)

Info/Hotline · Open

Farming Resource
Phone 831/515–5602
Web www.localharvest.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

About LocalHarvest
LocalHarvest is America's #1 organic and local food website. We maintain a definitive and reliable "living" public nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets, and other local food sources. Our search engine helps people find products from family farms, local sources of sustainably grown food, and encourages them to establish direct contact with small farms in their local area. Our online store helps small farms develop markets for some of their products beyond their local area.

Check out what our members are saying.

The richness, variety, and flavor of our communities, food systems, and diets is in jeopardy. The exclusive focus on economic efficiency has brought us low prices and convenience through large supermarkets chains, agribusiness and factory farms, while taking away many other aspects of our food lives, like our personal relation with our food and with the people who produce it. More and more people are realizing this and actively working to turn the tide and to preserve a food industry based on family–owned, small scale businesses. They are our best guarantee against a world of styrofoam–like long–shelf–life tomatoes and diets dictated from corporate boardrooms.

The Buy Local movement is quickly taking us beyond the promise of environmental responsibility that the organic movement delivered, and awakening the US to the importance of community, variety, humane treatment of farm animals, and social and environmental responsibility in regards to our food economy.

Who Are We?
LocalHarvest was founded in 1998, and is now the number one informational resource for the Buy Local movement and the top place on the Internet where people find information on direct marketing family farms. We now have more than 20000 members, and are growing by about 20 new members every day. Through our servers, our website and those of our partners serve about three and a half million page views per month to the public interested in buying food from family farms.

LocalHarvest is located in Santa Cruz, California, and was founded by Guillermo Payet, a software engineer and activist dedicated to generating positive social change through the Internet.

You Can Help
You can participate in our building process by encouraging your farmer, market manager, and restauranteur friends to visit localharvest.org and sign themselves up!

If you are a Sustainable Agriculture or Family Farming group, contact us to discuss how we can partner together in support of your work.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services,

Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Documentation, Environmental Education; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/ Twitter Feeds; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; Resource Databases for Supplies/ Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Aug 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6133

Mailboxes Etc (recycling packaging materials)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Recycling
Web www.mbe.com/Pages/home.aspx
Service Temporary

Mailboxes Etc Stores accept CLEAN styrofoam peanuts for recycling.

Go to the weblink above and choose "store locator" on the upper right.

Services offered: Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Packaging Materials, Peanuts; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Jun 1, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8516

NOAA – Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web response.restoration.noaa.gov/dwh.php?entry_id=809
Service Temporary

websites –

http://www.crrc.unh.edu/
Coastal Response Research Center (CRRC) The Coastal Response Research Center (CRRC) at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) is focused on developing new approaches to spill response and restoration in marine and estuarine environments through research and synthesis of information. [leaves OR&R site]

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http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/
DARRP is a NOAA multi–office effort involving the Damage Assessment Center, Office of General Counsel for Natural Resources, and Restoration Center. OR&R's Assessment and Restoration Division (ARD) is responsible for assessing the impact to NOAA trust resources from releases of oil and hazardous materials to achieve the goal of restoration. DAC staff determines what resources have been injured and lost to the public, and identifies resources that should be restored.

NOAA’s Oil Spill Response Effort in the Gulf of Mexico

As the nation’s leading scientific resource for oil spills, NOAA has been on the scene of the BP spill from the start, providing coordinated scientific weather and biological response services to federal, state and local organizations.

We have mobilized experts from across the agency to help contain the spreading oil spill and protect the Gulf of Mexico’s many marine mammals, sea turtles, fish, shellfish and other endangered marine life.

NOAA spill specialists are advising the U.S. Coast Guard on cleanup options as well as advising all affected federal, state and local partners on sensitive marine resources at risk in this area of the Gulf of Mexico. Additionally:

* NOAA is predicting the oil spill’s trajectory and the path of the layers of oil floating on the surface. OR&R experts are conducting aerial surveys to update trajectory maps and visually track the movement of the spill.
* NOAA’s National Weather Service is providing regular weather forecasts to a joint federal command center in Louisiana to facilitate operations planning and response efforts.
* Experienced marine mammal spotters from NOAA’s Southeast Fisheries Science Center are participating in surveillance flights flown by the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations to assess the species and populations that may come in contact with the spill.
* NOAA also is using experimental satellite data from our Satellite Analysis Branch to survey the extent of spill–related marine pollution.

As a major partner in the federal response to this evolving incident, NOAA will continue to provide the necessary coastal and marine expertise required for sound, timely decision–making and help protect the affected Gulf Coast communities and coastal marine environment.

Responding to Oil Spills
http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/topic_subtopic.php?RECORD_KEY%28subtopics%29=subtopic_id&subtopic_id(subtopics)=8

Serving Communities
http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/topic_catalog.php?RECORD_KEY%28topics_chosen%29=topic_id&topic_id(topics_chosen)=3

Working with communities, OR&R addresses critical local and regional coastal challenges.

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Inspiring Students and Teachers Information and activities for students and teachers who'd like to learn more about oil spills or hazardous chemical accidents.
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Helping Revitalize Communities Working locally to help communities revitalize waterfronts through environmental remediation and restoration.
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Supporting Local and Regional Decision–Making Working to support community decisions that promote sustainable uses of coastal resources.
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Featured Publications about Serving Communities Pages on our site that provide access to publications containing scientific information, field guides, and other material.
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Featured Web Portals to sites about Serving Communities Pages on our site that provide information about and access to Web sites of closely–related agencies and programs.

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Government, US Government Agency (This Site IS a Gov Agency)
Updated Jan 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5974

NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration Response to Hurricane Katrina

Info/Hotline · Open

Web response.restoration.noaa.gov/audience_subtopic_entry.php?entry_id=424&subtopic_id=25&audience_id=4
Serves States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama
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In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, OR&R provided invaluable scientific support to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama in their response efforts. OR&R and the NOAA Restoration Center also worked with state and federal partners to assess the impacts to natural resources and to plan for restoration, within the context of the broader recovery efforts.

ASSESSMENT –
Source:
http://www.weather.gov/os/assessments/index.shtml

Hurricane Katrina, August 23–31, 2005
http://www.weather.gov/os/assessments/pdfs/Katrina.pdf

OTHER INFO at:

The purpose of this page is to provide a list of useful resources that examine the Hurricane Katrina disaster. To limit the scope of the page and for the purposes of quality control, the resources below are relevant to the event itself and not just what it means for the future of the hazards and disasters field and are limited to government reports, books, a few pertinent Web sites, and peer–reviewed journal articles.
http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/dr/archives/dr563.html

Services offered: Documentary (Katrina Related); Information Resource, Katrina Related
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Government, US Government Agency (This Site IS a Gov Agency); Government, US Government Program
Updated Feb 25, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4814

Organic Food on a Budget (Sludge–Free) OrganicConsumers.org

Info/Hotline · Open

Consumer Buying Guides
Web organicconsumers.org/articles/article_16803.cfm
Service Temporary

from the website:

Organic Foods on a Limited Budget

* The Dollar Stretcher, Bradenton FL, February 2009
Straight to the Source

Buying Organic Foods

Does anyone know how to save money on organic foods? I am very health conscious and have recently decided it was best for my two young daughters and me to make a real effort to eat foods without preservatives and hormones. Unfortunately, recent trips to local markets show how expensive it is to do just that. I had hoped Dollar Stretcher readers might have some advice on how to save money on organic/natural foods.
Jean K. in Boca Raton, FL

Grow Your Own Organic Produce

Try your local farmers' market, where you are likely to find organic items available for considerably less than what you pay in the grocery stores. Going to the farmers' market is a great habit to get into anyway, since you'll find wonderful fresh foods and you will help sustain local farmers.

In my area, the farmers' market is open year–round, and features many seasonal festivals spotlighting everything from strawberries to mudbugs (crawfish). Even when I lived in an area that required me to drive 25 minutes to the farmers' market, I found that the money I saved on the produce I bought to make my own salads (as opposed to spending $5.95 plus tax per salad per day at work) and the quality of the produce made the effort very cost–effective.

Farmers' markets are also a great way to teach kids about farming and what goes into producing the food they eat. You might also consider growing your own organic produce this spring. I once lived in a condo that had a balcony roughly the size of a refrigerator, yet I managed to grow cucumbers in hanging baskets, leaf lettuce in an old dishpan, loads of herbs, and cherry tomatoes and peppers in pots. Check your local library for books on container gardening, and ask friends if they might want to join in and split seed packages. This, too, is a great project in which to involve kids. My niece and nephew helped me plant all the seeds for my balcony garden, and then cheerfully raided the tomato and cucumber plants in our "air farm" (thus named because of the balcony location) at every visit.
Alicia

Join (or Start) an Organic Produce Co–op

A friend and I run one out of her living room. We buy from a produce wholesaler (the same one that delivers to the local health food stores). Watch for the trucks and look them up online. We have semi–annual meetings to decide what kinds of produce to order and how often. We have about 15 members who give us a standing order for every two weeks. If we have enough membership interest, we order a case of that particular produce, and when the produce comes, we sort it out. We use last time's produce boxes, and write everyone's names on them and sort into them, using the standing order each member has placed. It helps to have your members' standing orders be a range (i.e. 6–10 apples), because the cases aren't always the same quantities from week to week.

I use Excel to fill in everyone's bill (because we don't know the exact price until the produce comes with an invoice). We mark each item up only 10% (as opposed to the store's 40–50%), and the extra money gets split between those who sort that week, as a credit off of their bill. I require that every member put in a deposit, which I keep in a separate checking account, just for this co–op. Then, I'm able to write a check when the produce is delivered each produce day, and the members pay for their produce upon pickup, which replenishes the bank account.

I found members using my son's school newsletter and bulletin boards in schools and public buildings. Fifteen to twenty members is a good sized group, as everyone's boxes fit in my friend's living room for sorting, and it seems to be enough people to get full cases of most items we want. It does take a good bit of time organizing, but I think it's well worth it. Every once in a while, I check at the grocery store to compare to their organic prices, and I've saved about 30%. I'm getting organic produce and paying conventional prices, though I admit that for a sale–watcher, conventional produce would likely be cheaper. But the long–term benefits to my family's health make organics worth it to me. And we eat more fruits and veggies this way, because they are delivered on a regular basis, and I can do my meal planning around what's coming on produce day. And, I've gotten to meet some wonderful people that I otherwise wouldn't know.
Abbie in Michigan

Talk to the Farmers

If you go to green markets where you can actually discuss with farmers, try to find small farmers whose agricultural practices you agree with, but who may not have an organic certification and the price premium that goes with it. Certification is long and expensive, and many small producers won't take the trouble of getting certified, even if they use ecological farming practices.
Catherine in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Stick to Whole Foods

My husband and I eat only organic food and these are the tips that help us save money:

· Stick primarily to unprocessed foods. The price of prepared organic food (dry cereals, frozen meals, crackers, etc.) is steep, but if you eat mostly whole foods (veggies, fruits, grains, beans, meats, etc.), you will save money. You may invest a little more in prep and cooking, but you will save money and be serving healthy foods to your family. And cook simply. If you are serving the best and freshest foods, they often don't need much adornment.

· Shop for fruits and veggies at you local farmers' market and strive to eat only in–season produce. You will get superior produce, support your local farmers and save money. You could also look into buying a share from a local farm. How this works is for a small fee per week you receive a box of fresh produce and, depending on the farm, fruit. You must usually commit to a season (typically March through October here) and pick up your box each week from a pick up location. You don't get to choose what you get though so you must learn how to be adventurous in the kitchen. For more information, Google "CSA farms." Some farms are organic and some are not, so make sure you know what you are getting.

· Check out your local natural food store. In the past, I have avoided shopping at mine because I figured that it would be more expensive than buying from the big supermarket down the street (economies of scale and all), but I was wrong. Their prices are cheaper and they carry a much larger selection of organic and natural foods than the big supermarkets.

· Try the bulk bins. Many regular supermarkets have started carrying bulk organic items and your natural food store will probably have an even better selection. Rice, pasta, oatmeal, nuts, etc. are all there and at rock bottom prices.

· Check out Trader Joes. If you can find what you are looking for, you will almost always get the best price here. Go with a list and stick to it. Trader Joes is temptation city and it is easy to pick a few extra items that look good and end up spending more than you budgeted for.

· Another place to get rock bottom prices is your local Costco or Sams Club. The big warehouse stores are carrying more and more organic products and you can often get a great deal. In our area, eggs, canned tomatoes, milk, dog food (yes, our dog even eats organic food!) and environmentally friendly laundry soap are cheaper here than anywhere else.

· If you have the time, space, and desire, grow your own. Even a row of green beans or a couple of cherry tomato plants on your balcony can provide a lot of food for just a few dollar investment in a packet of seeds. If you can't find organic seed in your area, just look on the Internet and you will find plenty of companies who sell at least some organic seed. You can also check out many great organic gardening books at your local library or check the Internet of organic growing tips.

· Look into joining a natural food co–op in your area. Members take advantage of the idea of bulk buying to get better prices on items. Google "food co–ops" for more information.

Chris

Go Direct

Try to link up with local farmers who grow organic food and buy directly from them. They are often families who are trying to get by just like you are and would be happy to help out like–minded folks, maybe even bartering for your purchases. The organic items you buy in the store cost more because of the packaging, shipping and so on. If you can buy local, you avoid all that unnecessary cost.
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Find a Local CSA

Try to join a food co–operative or buy a "share" of a farm through community supported agriculture (CSA). You get delicious, healthy, organic food at a reasonable cost and help local farmers as well! Find a local CSA at www.localharvest.org/csa/
Denise

Shop Online

eBay has many sellers who offer organic. http://www.netrition.com/ is another invaluable source. I suggest Googling whatever product you're searching for (no dairy or perishable products of course) to find your best price. Also if you have a Whole Foods store nearby, I can't recommend them too highly. My youngest daughter lives near one (about two hours from me) and when I visit her, I buy milk. A gallon of organic milk often costs less than a gallon of hormone–laced milk does at Wal–Mart!

Jayne

Make Wise Choices

Sprouting seeds is a fun and economical way to stretch your organic budget. Seed sprouting kits range widely in price or you can make one from easily available items. There are wonderful websites devoted to the subject. Children love this do–it–yourself project. Begin with good, organic seed. A little seed goes a long way!

When you cannot afford organic, it is important to make wise choices when purchasing produce. For a list of the worst and best choices for non–organic foods, visit www.foodnews.org/walletguide.php
R. S. in Valdez, Alaska

Florida Organics

I live in Royal Palm Beach (not to far from Boca) and almost exclusively buy organic foods for a family of three for about $150 to $200 every two weeks. Here is how I do it:

· I live within a five–mile radius of a Wal–Mart superstore, Target superstore, Publix, Winn–Dixie, Albertson's, BJ's wholesale club, and a Costco wholesale club. All of these stores sell organic foods. I look in the sales flyers for any organics on sale, write up a two–week menu, gather coupons, and head out. I first start at Wal–Mart. They are almost always the cheapest though Target often matches or comes close to their prices. Then I go to Target for anything I couldn't get at Wal–Mart. I usually finish

up at Publix for a few things. I rarely go to the other stores unless they are having a great sale on something or I can only get it there. When cruising the aisles at Wal–Mart, I keep an eye out for clearance foods in the aisles. I have gotten many good buys this way. At Target, I make sure to always go by the endcaps to see if there is anything worth getting. Also, I have a price list for all three stores for the items I buy regularly so if a price goes up I can see if it's cheaper at one of the other stores.

· Publix every so often puts out a flyer with their name brand of organic foods. This is a great time to stock up, especially on the canned goods.

· When buying certain brands of organic foods, there are often coupons on the box, etc. Cut them out and use them.

· Start eating more beans and less meat. Beans are a lot cheaper! I make at least two bean dinners a week, double the recipe, and freeze half for another time. Beans are also a great way to stretch recipes to get more from them. We've gotten to the point where we only eat meat once or twice a week, which is healthier for you anyway.

· Vegetables are also cheaper than meat. Look for recipes that have a lot of vegetables in them.

· Milk and bread freezes very well, so stock up when they go on sale.

· I bake a lot of my own breads and muffins and then freeze them for later use.

· Stick strictly to your shopping list and don't fall for impulse buys unless, of course, they are on clearance or unadvertised sale and you will use them soon. Remember to buy only what you really need or can use and then use it! It's no deal if it's sitting on the shelf for six months or you end up throwing it out because it went bad.

· In Boynton Beach, there is a farm called Green Cay Produce. They are a CSA farm (Community Supported Agriculture) where the produce is grown locally and can be delivered to your door or you can pick it up. There is a charge for delivery. You can get a large box or small box of produce. I get the large box and we were constantly overwhelmed by how much we get. I often share with neighbors. If you decide to go this route, make sure you get the right size box for your family. This is not an organic farm, but they use environmentally friendly growing practices that are often recommended for organic farms. I will tell you some of the best tasting produce I've ever had has come from this farm. For more information, visit their web site at http://www.veggies4u.com/.

· Another way to get organic produce is through the South Florida Organic Produce Buying Club. Members of the club have the produce delivered in bulk. It is about 20 percent below retail. The club has 15 members to a group. There is a host who divides each members share and you pick it up in a designated spot. There is already a group in Boca. For more information, visit their website at http://www.organicbuyingclubsofla.com/.

· You can also have organic food delivered to your door from Delicious Organics based in Miami. They have wild fish, chicken, meats, dairy, snacks, juice, nuts, chocolate, coffee and tea. There is a $50 minimum order with a $5 surcharge or $100 with no surcharge, plus a $9.95 delivery fee. They generally run about 20 percent lower than retail. For more information, visit their website at http://www.delicousorganics.com/.

Ruth in Royal Palm Beach

First, Simplify Your Menu

The key to organic is to simplify your menu first. Figure out what your family likes, or can live without, and go from there. Consider a garden to get the much needed tomatoes, green peppers, spinach, etc. in order to make the favorites for the family. Then learn to can and freeze your food properly. Consider canning the best recycling ever! Get canning equipment for next to nothing by just asking around, and maybe can with a friend to make it "less painful."

I gave up "convenience" foods, especially in the organic health food section. I can't rationalize mac and cheese el natural, when making it from scratch is way better and just as easy. Invest in simplified cookbooks that break it down to the basics, such as Moosewood Classics, Cheap, Fast, Good, Miserly Meals, and the indispensable Less is More Cookbook. These are the most used books in my cupboard because of the wide range of menus and simple ingredients.

Do some research online for local co–ops. I found a co–op 30 minutes away that delivers once every month, so I order flour, rice, oats, herbs, and dried fruit in bulk and it gets delivered to my door. If I don't think I'll use everything, I call some friends to split the food. It's a lot of fun and saves money buying bulk organics.

The biggest challenge I've found in organics is dairy. I have a hard time buying $4 gallons of milk or $6 chunk of cheese. Therefore, I analyzed my use of these ingredients and decided to add water to my whole milk, make my own yogurt, and change my attitude on good cheese (it's worth it to spend the $6). In the end, I'm no longer spending money on cereal (I make my own fabulous granola), junk food, or convenience food, so then I can afford a good, better tasting chunk of cheese
Heidi

Consider the Long–Term Benefits

I really struggle with this too! We want to serve our family the highest quality foods, but we also do not want to pay and arm and a leg for them. Here are some suggestions that I have used.

· First, recognize that buying high quality and/or organic products are better choices in the long run. Dr. Sears points out in his book The Healthiest Kid in the Neighborhood that in the long run children who eat better are healthier and thus save money on healthcare costs.

· Research which foods are the highest in pesticides and other chemical additives. For instance, apples and peaches are always important to buy organically, while bananas are not as high in pesticides. You can also research which areas are ones to stay away from (buy grapes grown in the U.S. instead of Chile due to higher amounts of pesticides used there).

· Come up with a general list of products you want to buy organically and look around at your local groceries. Find out which ones tend to have those products cheaper more regularly. Also, those tend to be the stores that have higher turnover rates for these products, which means that they are usually fresher.

· Conduct an Internet search for "organic coupons." You'll be surprised at how many you might find that way. If this does not yield you what you want, then go to each company's website. I wanted a coupon for Laura's Lean Beef, but there was not one on the website to print. I e–mailed them asking for one and they sent me some in the mail. I now am on their mailing list so that I continue to get deals. Also look in your Sunday Circulars for coupons. More and more companies are getting on the bandwagon and adding organic products to their lines.

· This spring start a home garden. Even a sunny spot on a terrace or deck can support a potted garden. Freeze or can what you have in excess. Also reap the bounty from friends and family's gardens. Offer to water while they are away on vacation in turn for being able to pick the garden during that time.

· In the appropriate seasons, visit farms that are organic where you can pick your own. We froze an abundance of raspberries this last season and are still enjoying them.

· Visit your local farmer's market or food co–op. Usually they are the cheapest places to buy produce. Remember that the fruits and veggies that have to travel across country to reach you have had many of their vitamins lost through oxidation. Locally grown produce is usually the best way to go. Plus, you are supporting the people of your area.

Gabrielle in Knoxville, TN

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The Organic Consumers Association is a public interest organization dedicated to promoting health justice and sustainability. A central focus of the OCA is building a healthy, equitable, and sustainable system of food production and consumption. We are a global clearinghouse for information and grassroots technical assistance.

OCA may contact you concerning our work or the work of our coalition partners. We will not give your name to other organizations. You may be notified about participating with outreach educational activities such as: lectures, media interviews, demonstrations, teach–ins, phone trees, newsletters (Organic Bytes), website updates, leaflet distribution, book sales, etc.

Our volunteer management system is designed to allow you to participate with us in areas of your choosing. If you have not submitted/updated your choices, please do so in order for us to best work together.

National Grassroots Network:
We currently have over 850,000 people in our data base, including subscribers to our electronic newsletter, members, volunteers, and supporters, and 3000 cooperating retail coops, natural food stores, CSAs, and farmers markets.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY, for advocacy groups; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Documentation, Environmental Education; Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training, Farming, Organic Farming
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Northeast Organic Farming Association
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Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants
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Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes
Superfund Assistance and Grants

Additional Resources

OSWER Program Funding Authorities available to Tribal Governments (PDF) (6pp, 35K, About PDF)
Performance Partnership Grants for State and Tribal Environmental Program: Revised Interim Guideline
OSWER Grants and Funding Page
Other Tribal Agency Grants
Community Action for Renewed Environment (CARE)
Tips on Writing a Grant

Services offered: Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants)
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Tribal Communities
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Safe Lawns.org ("green" lawn care resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
Phone Ph: (207) 252–0869
Web www.safelawns.org/resource_directory.cfm
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P.O. Box 301
Cumberland, ME 04021

Notice their "tips for green lawn care"

http://www.safelawns.org/vresource.cfm

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Recycling, Natural Resources; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Building
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
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SafeCosmetics.org

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Advocacy Group
Web www.safecosmetics.org
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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Environmental Education; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Toxins, Consumer Products; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
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Scorecard – POLLUTION LOCATOR (INDEX of Environmental Issues Database)

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Choose an Environmental Issue

Toxic Chemical Releases
Lead Hazards
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Hazardous Air Pollutants
Clean Water Act
WaterShed Indicators
Animal Waste

FORUM –
http://www.scorecard.org/bboard/usgeospatial.tcl?topic=Pollution%20in%20Your%20Community

Other Database Resources –
http://projects.nytimes.com/toxic–waters

http://www.ewg.org/tap–water/home

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Online Database Resource; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource, Maps, Pollutants/Toxin
Campaigns: Ending Pollution

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SeedCo (Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation) for communities in need

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Seedco takes a holistic approach to advancing economic opportunity by serving people, businesses, and communities in need around the United States.

In addition to our direct service work, we analyze, assess, and develop best practices to inform our work, as well as that of other practitioners, researchers, and policy makers. We provide technical assistance to federal, state and local governments; funders; and nonprofit agencies.

Seedco's programs serve the following individuals and organizations:

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"business" models, Government; Sponsoring Organization; Training Classes, Non–Profit Managers
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Seeding Soildarity [Indigenouse Mutual Aid / Advocacy]

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from the website [see live links at the website]:

Seeding Sovereignty; an Indigenous–led collective, works to radicalize and disrupt colonized spaces through land, body, and food sovereignty work, community building, and cultural preservation. By investing in Indigenous folks and communities of the global majority, we cross the threshold of liberation together.

Rise with us. Grow with us.
What we're doing:
FACE THE FUTURE X FEAR THE KIDS MASK CAMPAIGN

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We're currently working to provide near 60,000 masks to Indigenous youth across 68 nations and 6 states after receiving a request from a representative at FEMA.

Join our buy one, give one mask drive and help to protect Indigenous students today!
MUTUAL AID artwork by Ade Cruz

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In response to the escalating COVID–19 global pandemic Seeding Sovereignty has launched a long–term mutual aid program, now in its second phase called:

The Indigenous Impact Community Care Initiative.
LEARN ABOUT TRUTHSGIVING

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November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month, a time that invites non–Natives to learn through the lived experiences of Indigenous folks throughout the so–called United States.
While many non–Natives celebrate Thanksgiving, our collective recognizes Truthsgiving.

DONATE TO INDIGENOUS IMPACT COMMUNITY CARE INITIATIVE FUND

Vulnerable communities are hit hardest by crises – especially those that purport to affect everyone.

Indigenous communities remaining strong and resilient during this global pandemic despite chronic, deep poverty, a youth suicide epidemic, violence to womxn, and myriad COVID–19 health complicating illnesses. Our communities will be last to receive desperately needed PPE, medical care and support.

Our Indigenous Impact Community Care Initiative works in partnership with Apache, Pueblo, and Navajo communities in New Mexico, in addition to Paiute, Lakota, Dakota, and Ojibwe communities around the country, where need is critical to immediately provide personal protective equipment and reusable masks to communities, distribute healthy food to elders and families, redistribute money to fund essential aid to those in need providing on–the–ground care to LGBTQIA+/Two Spirit and unsheltered relatives, and send Indigenous authored books to quarantined families.

We are committed to our intergenerational knowledge keepers and language bearers who sustain our communities, ways of knowing and provide grandparent and future ancestor medicine. Their Indigenous knowledge can help our global community during this climate crisis.

Indigenous peoples are on the frontlines and protect living forests, waterways and resist extractive projects for us all. During the COVID–19 crisis we are helping them first. Please join us!

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Bartering Network; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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The Link Tree list of Indigenous Mutual Aid groups

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Havasupai Tribe COVID–19 Relief Fund

Support Little Wind & Mesiah on The Wind River Reservation

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Indigenous Kinship Collective

Pine Ridge Relief Fund

Zuni Pueblo Relief

Manuelito Navajo Children’s Home

Video – AICH Webinar

Audio – Red Power Hour Ep. 4: Navajo Nation, mutual aid, & bordertowns w/ Cleo & Brandon
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Homelessness Relief Services; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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United Sludge–Free Alliance

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Environmental Advocacy
Web www.usludgefree.org
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from the website (see the site to get the referenced docs):

For just one moment, think of everything that gets flushed or rinsed down the drain in your home. In America, we don't separate our household and industrial waste so all the human waste, cleaners, poisons, soaps, and pharmaceutical combine with the waste of every business, industry, school and hospital to create a toxic stew that collects at one of over 16,000 waste water treatment plants (WWTP). Include in this mix the leachates from landfills, Superfund sites, and other industrial clean–up projects. This is sewage. The role of the WWTP is to separate the sewage solids from the liquids after treating with chemicals, minerals, squeezing and heating in order to release the water back into our communities. The solid by–product remaining after the water is removed from the sewage is called sludge. Sludge is tested for arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, and zinc – the nine elements that the EPA requires for testing to determine if it is "safe" to apply to the land that supplies our food and the source of our water. Half of the 7 million tons of sewage sludge created annually in America is land applied.

Of the thousands of chemicals, pathogens, heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, and bacteria compressed into sludge, testing varies from once a month to once a year, depending on the size of the WWTP. Although the EPA then classifies Class A sludge as "pathogen free" and Class B sludge as "pathogen–reduced" (based on only nine elements) no substantial studies have EVER been conducted by federal, state, or local officials to determine if sludge is safe to for human use. Municipalities pay a hefty sum for sewage haulers to dispose of the sludge, with some of the largest sewage disposal companies making over five hundred million dollars annually to find a place to throw Americas sewage waste. And by changing their name from 'Federation of Sewage Workers Association" to the cozier, "Water Environmental Federation" and calling sludge "biosolids" the industry who is paid to remove our waste from the communities of American has quietly eased its way onto our open space and farmlands.

So, what happens to all that sludge? Since ocean dumping was stopped in the United States by environmental groups in the 1980's, because of the dead zones the sludge created in our oceans, disposal options most often used in America include landfill, incineration, and "land application". What is "land application"? Because of measurable amounts of elements like nitrogen and phosphorous, the sludge industry and government bodies overlook the toxins in sludge and market the sewage by–product as fertilizer. Class A sludge is spread in our parks, golf courses, playgrounds, and forests and sold to the gardening public as bagged fertilizer. The amount of sludge that is land applied varies from state to state depending on how strict the laws are.

Class A sludge is marketed, and delivered free of charge, to thousands of farmers in 26 states as a fertilizer option. As the price of fuel and petroleum based fertilizers squeeze farm budgets, and farmers are only told of the benefits of free sludge, the temptation to apply sludge to farmland increases. Food crops may be grown in fields treated with Class A sludge without testing the products for levels of pathogens, heavy metals, or pharmaceuticals in spite of the fact that plants uptake nutrients and toxins

from the soil. Meat and dairy animals may graze in fields treated with Class A sludge without testing the product in spite of the fact that heavy metals, hormone mimickers and chemicals collect in muscle and fat tissue.

In most states, the generator of the sludge is required to obtain a permit to spread sludge on farm fields. Farmers or landowners who use the Class B sludge are required to prepare and implement a Farm Conservation Plan with the appropriate Best Management practices approved by the County Conservation District. All of these terms sound great, but “permitting” toxic waste to be poured on our food and water does nothing to protect our health, safety, food or future. If you can farm it, you can sludge it. Depending on the size of the waste water treatment plant, testing of sludge is required once a month to once a year. Food products must maintain a waiting period between the time of sludging and growing, while non–food products may be grown directly on Class B sludged land. Although easily ignored, the nutrient/toxin uptake in products like hay or cotton should not be underestimated. Hay products are fed to meat animals and livestock or used to grow food products and cotton seed is used to create food quality oil. Again, testing is done to “prove” the nutrient value of sludge for plants, but no substantial scientific studies has been done on the hazards or safety of sludge on human health. While towns and cities struggle to control high levels of toxins, bacteria and hormone mimickers in their municipal water supply and homeowner's private wells come up polluted, suspicions turn to the corporate sludging industries, which shrug shoulders and say, "Prove it!" There is no state or national data collection of health or safety concerns from citizens and communities that are forced to accept sewage sludge.

Plants aren't the only thing growing from sludge. Illnesses and health problems –including nausea, vomiting, burning eyes, congestion, various infections, and respiratory problems – have been recorded and continue to grow in communities throughout the country. Three deaths are linked to land application of sludge. When the sludge is dry, and the dust can be inhaled by any resident or passing commuter, the smell is relatively mild. When the rains come or the sludge is wet the smell, akin to rotting flesh, can gag the sturdiest stomach or instigate asthma attacks in adults and children. Every community surrounded by sludged properties, struggles to protect themselves. Elected officials and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are unwilling to change the laws that allow and promote the relentless flinging of Americas toxic goo on lands that provide our food and water. Sludge is not a farm or environmental issue – sludge is a health and safety issue.

Even those who do not live in farm communities question the safety of our food and water supply. When our meats are tainted, our tomatoes are laced with salmonella, our spinach is rife with E. Coli and milk from one Georgia farmer tested 120 higher than legal limit for thallium – a substance found in rat poison – America is beginning to recognize that something is seriously wrong. Scientific studies and warnings are ignored or changed to support a system that encourages pollution transfer on a massive scale, at the detriment of America's health and democracy. Should we be fighting to prove that we are being poisoned by an obvious pollution source or should we be re–evaluating our sewage sludge disposal options as an alternative energy source? Asking serious questions about responsibilities of our disposal system and its connection to our food and water sources is just the beginning of recognizing our role in what happens next to our health, wealth and happiness. Are you ready to get involved? What is your food and water safety worth? What future will our children inherit?
Smart Guide on Sludge Use and Food Production

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy's comprehensive, approachable and well–referenced overview about the concerns of land application of sewage sludge: What's in sludge? How can contaminants from sludge end up in our food? What's the concern? What is the Government's role and What Can You Do? The best 'one–stop' paper on the concerns of sewage sludge to the health and safety of our food, water and communities. (pdf)

Potential Health Impact of Certain Persistent and Other Chemicals Detected in Sludge

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy chart linking health impacts and the chemically associated with their exposure. (pdf)

Crapshoot: the Gamble with Our Wastes

The National Film Board of Canada has an award–winning 52 minute documentary on sewage and sludge. A hazardous mix of waste is flushed into the sewer every day. The billions of litres of water – combined with unknown quantities of chemicals, solvents, heavy metals, human waste and food – where does it all go? And what does it do to us? The entire film is now available for viewing free on the internet on the NFB website.

The Dirty Work of 'Recycling' America's Sewage Sludge

Cornerstone work by Caroline Snyder, Ph.D., investigating the serious illnesses, including deaths, and adverse environmental impacts linked to land application of sewage sludge. In depth investigation of the link between the US EPA, the wastewater treatment industry and Congress to fund industry–friendly scientists and discouraging independent research, to prevent local governments from restricting land application and to thwart litigation against municipalities and the industry. (pdf)
Sludge Happens

Josh Harkinson of Mother Jones Magazine looks at the issues. In theory, recycling poop is the perfect solution to the one truly unavoidable byproduct of human civilization. But as sludge has spread across the country, so have concerns that it may cause as many environmental problems as it solves. Read article

Crap Happens: A Grist Special Report on How We Dispose of Our Poop – A Grist Special Series

Catherine Price's four–part series on sludge fertilizer. Grab some extra toilet paper and get ready for some straight poop on poop including: "Sludge, farmer's friend or toxic slime?", "Regulating biosolids", "Businesses struggle to profit from sewage sludge", and "For some eco–pioneers, solving the sludge problem means getting their hands dirty." Read articles
Raking through Sludge Exposed a Stink

Jeff Tollefson of Nature News Magazine explores questions that remain about sludge's impact on human and animal health – the program has been the subject of multiple lawsuits for more than a decade – including law suits by an EPA whistleblower and two Georgia dairy farmers who lost their farms. (pdf)
Basic Talking Points

Quick talking points prepared by USFA to get you started and involved. (pdf)
USFA Suggested Reading

Our suggested reading of articles found on our website for an overview of the many concerning challenges of sewage sludge use. (pdf)

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Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Nature Conservancy
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UPS Store (recycling packaging materials)

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Recycling
Web www.theupsstore.com/Pages/index.aspx
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UPS Stores accept CLEAN styrofoam peanuts for recycling.

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www.ToxicRisk.com (INDEX: Find Polluters in Your Area)

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OnLine Resource
Web www.toxicrisk.com
Service Temporary

For poisoning emergencies, contact the Poison Help hotline at 1–800–222–1222

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http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/

Storms and Floods
http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/text_version/locations.php?id=55

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disposing of the billions of gallons of contaminated wastewater the industry???

Each well will produce about 1.2 million gallons of wastewater that can contain chemicals introduced during the drilling process and dredged up from deep within the earth. Using the state's higher estimate, that means the industry will have to find a way to dispose of as much as 3 billion gallons a year, enough to fill 5,000 Olympic–sized swimming pools.

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Water tests have proven many drugs in water.. here is a source of OVER meds
http://www.boston.com/news/health/articles/2010/03/08/antipsychotic_drug_use_for_dementia_patients_is_questioned/

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NEWMOA
The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan interstate association that has a membership composed of the hazardous waste, solid waste, waste site cleanup, and pollution prevention program directors for the environmental agencies in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NEWMOA was established by the Governors of the New England states as an official regional organization to coordinate interstate hazardous and solid waste, pollution prevention, and waste site cleanup activities, and was formally recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1986.

Utility Says They Are 'Fully Committed To A Complete Cleanup'

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EPA makes available numerous databases and tools related to emergency management. These resources are designed to help first responders address emergency situations, assist facilities in complying with emergency management regulations, and give the public an improved understanding of chemicals in their community.

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