



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This year the week of October 9th thru the 15th has been designated **Fire Prevention Week**. This is the time of year to review your building's Emergency Action Plan. This plan is available through the building Facility Operations Manager (FOM) and is used to facilitate and organize employee actions during workplace emergencies.

Do you know who your building's fire warden and floor wardens are? What about your marshalling area, do you know where you should go if an alarm rings in your building? These emergency actions are all stated in your building's Emergency Action Plan. Knowing what to do if a fire occurs is important, but the first step in avoiding a fire is prevention.. Listed are a few tips to follow to aid in preventing fires:

Electrical:

Electrical circuits and equipment: Power strips should never be linked together this causes an overloading of the circuits which may lead to fire. All equipment in your offices should be UL listed. Electrical outlets and switches should be properly covered.

Exits

Exit doors should be unobstructed for a clear path of egress out of the building
Halls/stairs should be free of combustibles and nothing should be stored behind building stairways

Fire Extinguishers and sprinklers

Extinguishers should be mounted and properly charged. The fire department inspects all extinguishers on site on a monthly basis.

Nothing should be stored around building sprinkler heads (18" clear space beneath the heads) is required.
Fire doors (if they have a self-closer on the door) should not be held open with a wedge or other device. These doors should be kept closed as designed.

General Housekeeping of Office Areas

Keeping an office neat and free of clutter will eliminate fuel for a fire.

For more information on fire prevention month please go to the following website www.firepreventionweek.org.

New Ambulance for Wallops

In the next few weeks you will be seeing a new vehicle around Wallops driven by the WFF Fire Department. NASA has recently purchased a new Ambulance which will be housed at building B-129 Fire Station 1. This new ambulance will be equipped with state of the art equipment to better serve the employees of Wallops Flight Facility.



**Got a Safety Question?
Open any browser and type the word Safety into the URL box, and hit enter.**

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Results of the Environmental Functional Review

The Environmental Functional Review was held on September 19 -23, 2011. During the review, NASA Headquarters reviewed WFF's compliance with environmental regulations and conformance of the Environmental Management system. Overall we did very well, scoring **green** in all but three environmental areas. Best of all, three of Wallops finest were recognized as Stars of the EFR!



Melissa Simpson (left), VT Griffin ,
Exceptional Hazardous Materials
Management
Shari Silbert, URS,
Outstanding Environmental Planning



Ernie Cornwell, Orbital Sciences
Corporation, Exceptional Explosive
Materials Management



Green Purchasing

Sustainable Acquisition

What's That?



Green Procurement is the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services. The Green Procurement Program (GPP) is intended to increase green purchasing by Federal agencies. Products made with recycled materials were the first to be included, and the program was known as "affirmative procurement" (AP). In 2004 the program was expanded to include several other procurement preference programs, also known as "GPP program elements." The AP program was renamed "Green Procurement Program" to reflect the broader emphasis on all types of green products.

THE GPP INCLUDES THESE MANDATORY COMPONENTS:

- Recycled content products, also known as Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) Items
- Energy Star and energy-efficient products; energy efficient standby power devices
- Alternative fuel vehicles/alternative fuels, and fuel efficient vehicles
- Biopreferred products (products with agricultural content)
- Non-ozone depleting substances
- EPA Priority Chemicals (reduce use of cadmium, lead, PCBs, mercury, and naphthalene)

How does Wallops Collect Purchasing Information?

Wallops needs your help. If you or anyone in your organization requested or purchased (credit card, purchase request initiator, etc.) any of the types of items listed above in fiscal year 2011, use the spreadsheet found at http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/documents.html#affirmative_procurement , to report your information to the Environmental Office by **November 15**. Items purchased and requested through the store stock system or AMMS system are reported automatically and do not require additional reporting

Where can I find training and more information?

- Sign up for one of 2 webinars - From Awareness to Action: The BioPreferred Federal Procurement Preference Program (Nov 1) or Biobased Products in Operations, Maintenance, and Cleaning (Dec 6)
http://www.energyworkshops.org/BioPreferred_Awareness_to_Action/
- Visit NASA Recycling and Sustainable Acquisition website:
<http://nasarecycles.nasa.gov/affirmprocure.htm>

**Reminder: Green
Purchasing Information
Due 11.15.2011**

America Recycles Day
11.15.11



Wallops Beach Cleanup

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, 12 volunteers braved the rain and chilly temperatures to support the International Coastal Cleanup, and pick up trash along Wallops Island shore line. High tides from Hurricane Irene had deposited most of the trash far into the dune grass area. A total of 710 pounds of trash were collected.

