

## Green Team Tools “Bettie’s Bag of Tricks”

### Green Team

What is it? Who leads it? Who are the members?

### Ecology or Environmental Committee

Green teams range from a simple recycling and waste reduction effort to facility wide initiative. Go to [www.h2e-online.org](http://www.h2e-online.org) for a comprehensive description of a variety of Environmental Programs

**Key point: All Environmental teams should be multi disciplinary comprised of representatives from:**

- Environmental Services
- Facilities,
- Safety
- Nursing
- Medical staff
- Materials management
- Radiology
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- *Representation from direct care clinicians is crucial to the success of a program*

Set goals. Write a mission statement. The mission statement will be dynamic and change as your program grows. Get started. Have fun.

### Tips and Tricks for success:

#### Be visible

- Newsletter Communication is a great way to be known
  - Regular posting from your green team.
  - This is a good way to educate staff
- Name your group. Initials can become a name. (In one facility the official name is Environmental Impact Committee or the EIC. The nickname became EICKY committee)
- Have regular events. These can be centered on a theme such as Earth Day, Commute Another Way Day, America Recycles Day (November 15). Nurses Day, OR Nurses Week.

## Contests help learning:

### Trash Trivia Test

Employees were sent regular facts on recycling and our program for six to eight weeks through our newsletter. An event with display by the Café was held to celebrate America Recycles Day. At this event each participant took a Trash Trivia Test based on the fact that had been posted previously. The results were positive. Some participants passed with flying colors and some failed miserably. But all learned and had fun. Prizes were awarded to all participants.

### Commute Another Way Day

Our approach to CAWD for our rural region with limited to no public transportation was to focus on fuel efficiency and better driving habits. Participants were asked to pledge to actively focus on driving habits. The pledge card was entered in a drawing for tire pressure gauges, compact fluorescent lights and the grand prize a trip to Boston on the DownEaster,

Example of pledge card

## COMMUTE ANOTHER WAY

Please check one option of what you can do for our environment:

### I commit to becoming more fuel efficient:

Check my tires regularly for proper inflation\_\_\_\_

Cool car by opening windows

Bike /walk to work when I can\_\_\_\_

to Reduce use of a/c

Car pool with a friend at least once weekly \_\_\_\_

Avoid idling engine if waiting  
more than one minute\_\_

Drive at the speed limit\_\_\_\_

I have an alternative fuel vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Dept:

Extension:

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### Earth Day Fair

Community event held at the hospital one day near Earth Day

Local Vendors who support environmental efforts had tables

Area communities had representatives and information on their programs

Games were available for children