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Wayne Community Housing Development Corp ~

Do you have questions about renting?



Wayne Community Housing Development Corporation and Bencoter Development, in partnership with the City of Wayne, are holding a Nebraska RentWise class on September 10 and 11, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the City Auditorium.

Are you interested in a better relationship with your landlord and increasing your housing stability?

Are you looking for safe, adequate, affordable housing?

Would you like to improve your ability to resolve problems with your landlord

and neighbors?

Nebraska RentWise is a six module course that provides information and resources that are valuable for any tenant. You will learn about your rights and responsibilities as tenants. The course includes steps to improve your credit to reach your housing goals, navigating the rental process, and a detailed explanation of a lease and its terms. Find out what repairs or maintenance you may be responsible for, as well as how to communicate with your landlord and the process of giving notice and moving out.

The Rentwise course is only \$5.00 per person, which in-

cludes the course manual and all of the associated worksheets and materials. Incentives may be available to course certificate holders.

Make certain that you are a knowledgeable tenant.

Be RentWise!

For more information, contact Kari Wren at Wayne Community Housing Development Corporation 108 W. 3rd Street, Wayne, Nebraska 68787 Telephone 402-375-5266 Email wchdc@waynetworks.org

WISE WORDS

“Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don’t.”

~Pete Seeger

Did you know that:

If you drink your daily recommended 8 glasses of water per day from the tap, it will cost you about 50 cents per year. If you choose to drink it from water bottles, it can cost you up to \$1,400 dollars!!



Household Hazardous Waste Collection ~

Got old paint, batteries or compact fluorescent light bulbs sitting around home? You can bring them to the Wayne Transfer Station for a

Household Hazardous Waste collection event on Friday, September 13, from 9 - 11 a.m. -- There's a \$10/vehicle donation requested. See the flyer for details on the City of

Wayne Facebook page, and thank you for doing the right thing with these hazardous items instead of throwing them into the trash.



Green is Cool at School ~



How can kids and grownups be green at school this fall?

Start by greening up your lunches. If you pack a lunch for school (or work), avoid buying food in disposable containers. Not only does this plastic packaging go to waste, but it usually

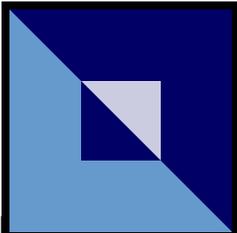
costs more than if you bought the items separately, like cheese and crackers, and just packed them yourself. Also, skip the plastic baggies and rely on reusable containers instead. Last, if you buy your lunch, then order only what you'll eat, or take your leftovers home. Throwing

food away is like throwing money out the door!

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/green team.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 2nd IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY





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Energy-Wise Tip - Coffee Makers ~



If you are not one, you surely know at least someone who is among the 54 percent of Americans that drink coffee on a daily basis. In fact, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers estimates about four-in-five American homes own at least one coffee maker. Greater than two-thirds of these homes make coffee at least once a day. In all, more than \$40 billion is spent on coffee in the U.S. each year. What does each and every cup have in common? It took energy to brew them!

While you may not have contemplated coffee makers as an opportunity for energy savings, you should. On average, it only takes about a quarter-of-one-penny's worth of electricity to brew one 9-ounce cup, and most methods of brewing require about the same amount of energy to brew on a per cup basis. Simple math may have you thinking a couple of cups every day is less than \$20 per year. However, when you study the "convenience" we expect with coffee, you can begin to see opportunities.

First off, 60 percent of households with drip coffee makers report their units are plugged into the electrical outlet all of the time.

Many units have a clock that allows coffee drinkers to preset a brewing time so a fresh, hot cup awaits them when they awake in the morning. Though the most efficient of these clocks are electronic and consume a miserly 1/2-watt per hour, some analog clocks use up to 9 watts per hour and cost nearly \$8 to run annually.

Next, to provide a full pot of coffee in less than five minutes, many automatic drip coffee makers utilize a heating reservoir that holds a pot's worth of water at around 200°F. Though the reservoir heater only operates about 15 percent of the time, many units of this type will consume more than 200 kilowatt-hours annually and cost more than \$20 for the convenience.

Another consideration is how long coffee is left on the warming plate before the unit is switched off. The California Energy Commission found that an average multi-cup coffee maker uses about 60 watt-hours to maintain brewed coffee at serving temperature. Even though coffee connoisseurs advise against any additional warming to preserve coffee's best flavor, many leave their pots on the warming plate for two hours or

more. The built-in warmer might not use as much power as the brewing process, but it could often be avoided if instead you hold hot coffee in an insulated carafe before serving.

Finally, notice if you are dumping any coffee down the drain. Often, people opt to throw out cold or stale coffee as opposed to microwaving a cup to revive it. It is much more energy efficient to make smaller amounts as needed than to make a larger amount and keep it hot. Ask yourself how much will realistically be drunk in the next hour or two and brew accordingly.

The City of Wayne wants to help you make the most of the energy they provide you. That includes saving the most while brewing your next cup of coffee! For ideas on how you can be EnergyWiseSM, contact your local utility or visit www.nppd.com.

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