

CITY OF WEST HAVEN

ENERGY MATTERS

Energy Matters kicks off the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day and West Haven's ongoing commitment to energy conservation throughout the City. This interactive site provides information about *energy matters* and encourages the City, West Haven residents and visitors to communicate about better ways to conserve energy. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reminds us that environmental responsibility is everyone's responsibility and thanks to the Earth Day Celebration, they will have over 300 million Americans as environmental partners making environmentally protective choices.

BRIGHT IDEAS

e-Waste

Spring...we've turned the clocks ahead and marvel at the arrival of the colorful crocuses, daffodils and smell of lilacs. For many of us, Spring is also a traditional time to de-clutter. According to the EPA, over 2.5 million tons of e-waste ended up in our landfills in 2007. Toxic chemicals used in electronic equipment can leach into the land over time or be released in the atmosphere adversely impacting nearby communities and the environment. If you have old printers, scanners, faxes, phones, keyboards etc, take them to a nearby recycling center. Check out e-Cycle to find out the best places to recycle electronic equipment in this area.

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserves/materials/ecycling/donate.htm>

<http://www.ecyclingcentral.com/why.php>

Help reduce the carbon footprint and remember the 3Rs of Green Living: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Today's "Bright Idea" is compliments of the EPA & West Haven Energy Commission

***We welcome questions, suggestions and your Bright Ideas for energy conservation.
contact us at EnergyMatters@cityofwesthaven.gov???***

Energy Commission Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month in City Hall. (EnergyMatters email address)

West Haven's Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) can be viewed at (link to Energy Commission Downloads)