



# Merit Matters

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## Go Green for Spring with the PBJC Green Team

Earth Day is April 22 and the Personnel Board's Green Team is celebrating by sharing Green tips and information.

### Recycle? Alternative fuels? Turning off lights?

Yes, these are all examples of things YOU can do to Recycle, Reuse and Reduce!! There are thousands of Merit System employees and small efforts from each of us can make a BIG difference. Did you know recycling one aluminum can saves the energy it takes to watch TV for three hours? And a used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf in as little as 60 days.



The Green Team is a group of motivated and enthusiastic employees who are taking social responsibility seriously by participating in eco-friendly initiatives that support PBJC, local and/or regional projects. The Green Team has made a commitment to establishing itself as a forum that helps promote awareness and participation in Green initiatives that save the Earth's resources by reducing, reusing, and recycling. Please contact the Green Team Leader, Tonya Dawson, at 279-3574 if you would like to join the Green Team.

### Job Openings: Coming Soon

PAYROLL SPEACIALIST

SAP PROJECT MANAGER

WATER UTILITY SERVICE WORKER (BESSEMER)

### Registers Released

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FIREFIGHTER

FIRE LIEUTENANT

TRAFFIC PLANNING TECHNICIAN

TRAFFIC SYSTEMS ENGINEER

SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER

REVENUE INTEGRITY COORDINATOR

## GREEN INTO GREEN

Going green can also put a little green back into your pocket. Here are a few green into green tips for the upcoming summer months.

- Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to save money on your electricity bill. If you have children in the house, this is also a safety measure.
- Install ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulbs in your most-used fixtures and lamps. Fluorescent bulbs put out less heat, plus you'll save \$30 to \$40 in energy costs over the life of each bulb.
- Postpone laundry and dishwashing until nighttime to avoid generating extra heat in your home. Also, consider taking advantage of the warmer air and dry your laundry outside.



### Green Tip for the Month:

Think before your print. We often print and then immediately file the paper into a drawer. Why not organize your electronic space as a filing system? Create directories that match your paper files and save the documents electronically instead. And if you must print something try to use both sides of the paper.

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