



SUSTAINABLE DC NEWSLETTER

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Be a Lifelong Learner

As kids head back to school this month, all DC residents now have a new opportunity to learn new skills. On August 16, DOEE partnered with Eastern Market Main Street to hold DC's first Fix-it Clinic.



Fix-It Clinics are community events dedicated to changing the “throw-it-away” mentality. Visitors bring their broken items to the Fix-It Clinic where volunteer Fix-It coaches provide guidance in troubleshooting how to repair each item.

Repairing and reusing things, rather than throwing them away, helps reduce the amount of raw materials and energy used to manufacture new products. It also minimizes how much stuff goes into the landfill. Transitioning from a make-use-dispose approach to one that focuses on repair and reuse is an important part of meeting the Mayor Bowser’s goals to achieve Zero Waste by 2032 and to become a carbon neutral city by 2050.

The next FixIt Clinic will be held at the Southwest BID’s “Out to Lunch” series September 18 from 11 am to 1 pm at Hancock Park, located at the corner of 7th Street SW and C Street SW.

Are you handy? Do you have repair skills you’d like to share? Do you know how to fix jewelry, small appliances, bicycles, etc.?

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DC?

DCPS RECYCLES!



Schools have a huge role to play in helping us reach our Zero Waste goals. The Department of General Services and DC Public Schools have been leading the way in ensuring that schools are healthy and safe places to learn. These include programs on recycling and composting, energy reduction, drinking water testing, indoor air quality, and integrated pest management. Read up on the DCPS Recycles! program and get inspired.

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BREAK OUT THOSE #2 PENCILS!



REUSE OLD SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A great way to start the school year and be environmentally friendly is reusing old school supplies. Items such as pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, and binders can be re-used. You can even turn an old notebook into a new scratch pad for taking notes in class! Learn more tips to reuse, reduce, and recycle.

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IN PETWORTH



As the new school year starts, be sure to recycle your old electronics. Through DOEE's growing Product Stewardship program, Samsung Electronics America, with support from Wisetek, will collect used electronic equipment on Saturday August 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Petworth Library, 4200 Kansas Avenue NW.

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OPPORTUNITIES

JOBS

Green Fellows – Department of Energy and Environment

DOEE offers several highly competitive, paid fellowships for graduate students attending local higher education institutions and DC residents enrolled in area graduate programs. Applications close September 13. [Learn more here.](#)

Stay up to date with all upcoming DOEE employment opportunities on our Green Pathways one-stop webpage: doee.dc.gov/greenpathways.

Sustainability Specialist - Cushman and Wakefield

The responsibilities of a Sustainability Project Specialist will focus on supporting the further growth and development of Cushman & Wakefield's national Sustainability Consulting Platform. [Learn more here.](#)

Solutions Fellow - Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Center for Climate and Energy Solution seeks a highly qualified person to focus on clean energy activity in the U.S., including state and regional climate policy, key industrial sectors and technologies essential for addressing climate change. [Learn more here.](#)

VOLUNTEER

DC State Fair

September 8, 11 am – 7 pm
2700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20032

The DC State Fair showcases the District's agricultural and creative talents, celebrating all things homegrown. The daylong festival features contests, music, crafts vendors, food trucks, and opportunities to connect with a wide variety of local nonprofits and community organizations. The DC State Fair is free and open to the public. Interested in volunteering? [Learn more here.](#)

EVENTS

Step Afrika Kingman Island

August 31, 4pm
3047 Benning Road NE

Step Fest at Kingman Island is almost here! Join the outdoor festival that features some of the best talent from the District! [Learn more here.](#)

Celebration of Textiles

September 14, 10 am – 4 pm
701 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052

The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum celebrates its 40th annual free community festival with a unique look at carpets, curtains, cushions, and other textiles for the home. [Learn more here.](#)

Unveiling Fashion: Textiles, Design and the New Circular Economy

September 28, 8 am – 8 pm 500 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006



Building on last year's conversation around sustainability, this second annual one-day conference will examine fashion's broken make-buy-throw model and explore new successful models that value both human and natural resources. [Learn more here.](#)








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