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### **DAKOTA VALLEY RECYCLING OFFERS GREEN WORKSHOP SEPT. 13**

*Local Businesses To Talk on Green Initiatives*

Many local businesses in every sector are trying to go green – recycling, reducing energy use, reusing materials and more. But green isn't one size fits all. Businesses need the tools that work for *their* organization, and increase the bottom line.

Dakota Valley Recycling, the shared recycling department for the cities of Burnsville, Eagan and Apple Valley, will be holding its 2011 **Green Business Workshop on Sept. 13** to give businesses just that. A part of the business recognition program ARROW, this workshop is free and open to all business owners, managers and employees of businesses located in Eagan, Burnsville and Apple Valley.

This year's workshop will feature a panel of local businesses that have implemented energy- and waste-reducing initiatives:

- Tom Trutna, **President of Big Ink Display Graphics in Eagan**, on forming an employee green team to reduce his company's waste-disposal and materials costs,
- JD Greenwalt, **Facilities Manager of Pepsi Bottling Group in Burnsville**, on how energy efficiency efforts in 2009 save his organization over \$14,000 a year,
- Jennifer Mercil, **General Manager of Sam's Club in Eagan**, on how retail is going green by recycling, reducing and reusing.

In addition, businesses will find out about employee "Green Teams" and how having one can lead to office efficiency, cost savings and increased morale. Attendees will get the most up-to-date information on green initiatives available to businesses, such as energy-saving equipment group-buys, environmentally-preferable purchasing, and sustainability best practices. Connect with utility representatives and sustainability experts over coffee and rolls about free and low-cost programs, grants, loans and technical assistance.

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**Green Business Workshop**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011**  
**8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Eagan Community Center, 1501 Central Parkway**

*This workshop is **free to attend** and open to all business owners and employees in Eagan, Apple Valley and Burnsville. Pre-registration is required. Register online at [www.dakotavalleyrecycling.org/ARROW](http://www.dakotavalleyrecycling.org/ARROW) by September 6. If online registration is not an option, please call 952-895-4511 to register by phone.*

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