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Are you funding climate change denial?

If you take a look in your bathroom or your kitchen and find paper products produced by Georgia-Pacific, then you may be inadvertently contributing to the fight against climate change.

April 22, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

Happy Earth Day, everyone! I hope you've had a chance to participate in some of the great Earth Week events recently. If not, it's not too late - there are still some great Earth Day events coming up, including Earthfest and educational talks be sure to check them out (see [Earth Day Events](#) section below).

Also, Easter Sunday is this weekend so if you're planning on celebrating it, we've found some great tips on [how to make your Easter baskets greener](#) and [how to make a homemade, plant-based organic dye](#) for coloring eggs.

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: Tufts students enjoy the beautiful spring weather out on the quad. Photo by [Kelvin Ma](#).

These products include: Quilted Northern, Soft 'n Gentle, Angel Soft, Brawny, and Dixie.

Georgia-Pacific is a subsidiary of Koch Industries, an oil and synthetics conglomerate that is also a huge contributor to climate change dissent, giving millions each year to anti-environmental campaigns. To find out more on Koch Industries and Georgia-Pacific, check out [this article on Climate Counts](#).

Power Shift 2011: Bill McKibben's Passionate Address

Check out this fiery speech that Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org gave last weekend at Power Shift in D.C.



Bill McKibben Speaking at Power Shift 2011

A number of Tufts students traveled to D.C. for this year's Power Shift, and participated in the environmental action.

The Grab Bag

Check out this really awesome overview of agriculture in New York City.

In The News

Tufts named in Princeton Review's "Guide to 311 Green Colleges"

Princeton Review has published the second annual edition of its free, downloadable book, "The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition" and Tufts is among the 22 schools chosen from Massachusetts.

Published in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the free, comprehensive guide focuses solely on colleges that have demonstrated a notable commitment to sustainability. Out of 703 schools tallied, the 311 schools in the guide received scores in the 80th or higher percentile.

An excerpt from the Tufts profile:

*"Tufts has successfully reduced its greenhouse gas emissions to below 1998 levels on its Medford campus, and an impressive 53 percent of the school's energy needs are derived from renewable sources. Thanks to retrofitting buildings with more efficient heating and cooling systems, restricted parking on campus, and a heavily promoted car share program, **Tufts has a smaller carbon footprint than many schools.**"*



[Download the guide](#) or check out [the full list of schools by state](#).

6th Annual Tufts Energy Conference a Success



New York Farm City

Job Opportunities

[Graduate Research Intern](#), The Carrot Project, Somerville, MA

[Summer Intern](#), M.J. Bradley & Associates, Washington D.C.

[Intern](#), Cambridge Energy Alliance, Cambridge, MA

[International Communication Officer](#), Environment Division, Mekong River Commission, Vientiane, Lao PDR

[Intern and Grad Assistant Positions](#), Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts

[Research Associate](#), NMR Group Inc., Somerville, MA

[Summer Sustainability Fellow](#), Yale U

[Instructor](#), Environmental Conservation, Finger Lakes CC

[Executive Director](#), Graduation Pledge Alliance, Bentley U

[Energy Manager](#), Hollins U, VT

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

Last weekend, the Tufts Community joined clean energy experts from around the globe for the sixth annual Tufts Energy Conference. The theme of this year's event, "Energy's Great Debates: Moving Past Posturing to Arrive at Achievable Energy Solution," was addressed by a series of prominent keynote speakers as well as a series of panels. Additionally, this year featured the first ever Tufts Energy Challenge, a student competition centered around energy solutions.

Speakers included Suede Kelly, Former Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Michael Eckhart, President of the American Council on Renewable Energy. Talks centered around methods to incentivize clean energy.

Read more about the Conference in this [Tufts Daily article](#).

Wondering what you can do for Earth Day?

Get your home energy checked with a free audit, and then follow up on the recommendations you receive. These assessments, which are free to customers of the large utilities (NStar, National Grid, Western Mass Electric, Unitil, etc) are a great way to identify improvements for your home -- many of which can be rebated through the MassSave program -- to save yourself money and reduce Massachusetts' reliance on foreign and dirty energy sources.

If you live in a town covered by one of the state-regulated electric or gas utilities, and if you haven't had an audit within the past few years, sign up for a no-cost audit today. There is an easy sign-up form (HomeEnergyCheck.org) where you can enter your info, and someone will get back to you shortly to schedule an assessment.

On-Campus Events

Earth Day Events:

Earthfest 2011: DIY



Interesting Links:

Educational:

- [The Office of Sustainability](#)
- [Tufts Institute for the Environment](#)
- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
- [The UEP School](#)

Blogs:

- [Tufts Bikes](#)
- [The Veg Table](#)
- [Girly Green Girl](#)

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April 22nd, 12pm-4pm The Academic Quad, Medford Campus



The Eco-Reps and the Tufts Sustainability Collective are hosting Earthfest 2011 this year on the Academic Quad in front of West Hall. This year's Earthfest is Do-It-Yourself themed, and will consist of an array of tables featuring instructions for various fun and interesting things.

Bring your **bikes** for free bike tune-up instruction, bring **water bottles** to decorate, and **clothing** for the Clothing Swap. Among the groups with tables at the event are:

- Tom Thumb's Student Garden
- Students for a Just and Stable Future (SJSF)
- Medford green
- Fletcher Green
- Eco-Reps

There will be live music and free food! Come hang out, eat some food, and learn some really fun and awesome stuff you can do everyday to be more sustainable!



"A Coal-Free Commonwealth" with State Representative Lori Ehrlich

**April 22, 2pm
Medford Campus, Mugar 235**



Interested in energy policy? Interested in climate change policy? Interested in public health and environmental issues? Come to a presentation and Q&A with Massachusetts Representative Lori Ehrlich, who has sponsored a bill in the state legislature that would end the use of coal combustion, which causes both climate change impacts and local air quality and public health impacts, to generate electricity in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Previously Mentioned:

Research Day on Sustainability

May 3, 2011 RSVP by TODAY
Medford Campus, TBA

The Office of the Vice Provost at Tufts University is hosting a series of Research Days to showcase current work on Tufts' three campuses and at its affiliated hospitals. The next event, "Research Day on Sustainability," will feature four panel discussions on Sustainable Technology, Sustainable Development, Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Policy, as well as poster presentations. Please RSVP by TODAY, April 22. Updates will continue to be posted as more details of the event become available. Visit <http://www.tufts.edu/central/research/researchdays/> for more information.

Off-Campus events

Previously Mentioned:

Three Great Violinists Come Together to beat Climate Change

April 22, 7:00 pm
Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

Enjoy an evening of dazzling virtuosity, daring improvisation and exquisite melody as three great violinists from different world traditions join together to celebrate Earth Day while drawing attention to the global climate crisis. Featured artists include: the great South Indian violinist **Tara Bangalore**, Eastern European and Middle-Eastern perspectives from **Beth Bahia Cohen** and her ensemble, and the vibrant jazz-rock of the [Mimi Rabson](#) quartet. The music begins at 7:00 pm, at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston, MA. Tickets are \$20; \$15 students/seniors. All proceeds will go to the environmental organization www.350.org. For information, please call 781-396-0734 or go to the [event website](#).

[MIT Sustainability Summit](#)

April 22, 2011

Microsoft NERD Center, MIT, Cambridge

[Do Something REEL Film Festival](#)

Throughout April

Coolidge Corner Theatre, Cambridge

[5th Annual SomerGreen Festival](#)

April 30, 2011, 12pm-2pm

Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, Somerville, MA

[Deep Energy Retrofit Open House](#)

May 7, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

61 Hampstead Street, Jamaica Plain, MA

May 21, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

2 Bromfield Street, Quincy, MA

[The 22nd SBN Conference on Sustainable Business](#)

May 7, 2011, 8am-4pm

UMass, Boston

[2011 Student Sustainability Film Festival: Now Accepting Submissions](#)

May 14, 2011

Educational Opportunities

New: (Click the links for more information)

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[SunShot Initiative Fellowships](#)

The *SunShot Fellows* will have a key leadership role in

guiding the implementation of energy policies to help achieve the goal of cost competitive installed solar by 2020. Selected applicants will be assigned to participate in policy-related projects at DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Washington, D.C. Applications will be accepted year-round.

For more information and application materials, visit [this link](#).

Wild Gift fellowship

Wild Gift is a fellowship available to young, energetic and talented leaders aged 21-30 who are working to promote the stewardship of wild nature and the development of sustainable communities. Go to www.wildgift.org/apply. The deadline for application is June 1, 2011.

4th Annual Tufts Environmental Literacy Institute

May 23-27, 2011

**Tufts Institute of the Environment, Tufts University
Medford Campus**

Metta Earth Leadership Training: Generation Now

July 11- August 7, 2011

Metta Earth Institute, Lincoln, VT

Seventh Annual Summer Institute for Social Marketing and Health Communications

Week of July 10, 2011

Emerson College, Boston

The Bard Center for Environmental Policy Masters in Environmental Policy or Climate Science and Policy

See you next week!

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