US Department of Energy Promotes Special Earth Week Feature on Energy.gov

WASHINGTON, DC – During Earth Week, visitors to the U.S. Department of Energy website -- <u>energy.gov</u> -- will be immediately directed to a special web feature giving them key energy saving tips and user-friendly information about the critical emerging technologies and initiatives underway to move the nation toward a clean energy economy.



Simple Steps Will Help Consumers Save Money -- and the Planet

The webpage is intended to help people enjoy a more green lifestyle by making simple adjustments. It details steps consumers can take to make informed energy decisions, save money on monthly bills, become more energy efficient, and protect the environment. These money saving tips include monitoring energy usage in homes, purchasing fuel efficient hybrid and plug –in hybrid cars, insulating homes, using Lighting Emitting Diodes (LED) and Compact Florescent Light (CFL) bulbs and using power strips to fully shut off multiple appliances and electronics at once when not in use.

"Earth Week is a fitting time for all of us to reevaluate our personal energy habits," Secretary Chu said. "By taking simple steps to reduce our energy use, all Americans can strike a blow for energy independence, while saving money on energy bills and moving America toward a clean energy future."

In addition, the site illustrates the Obama administration's commitment to investing in America's green economy, creating new American jobs, providing relief from high energy bills to American families, and ending our dependence on foreign oil.

The work of consumers making smart energy choices together with the Department of Energy 's work to provide cleaner, more diverse energy supplies will bring the United States closer to energy independence.

The Department's regular website will still be available to users by closing the special web feature.

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