



Friday, November 13th 2009

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## The Green Connection

### Education Subcommittee Meeting

Rescheduled to

Wednesday December 2

8:30 am

Planning Library, 3rd Floor, 75 Calhoun Street

### Congratulations

The Charleston Green Plan was adopted by the Charleston Green Committee with minor revisions. Next step - City Council. Stay tuned for ways that you can show your support of the plan to City Council.

The draft Charleston Green Plan, before minor revisions, is available for your review. The plan is online. [Click here.](#) [Or here.](#)

- The plan is 181 pages so if you want to review a hard copy of the plan, there are more options.
- There is a copy at the Planning Department which is located at the third floor at 75 Calhoun Street for reviewing on site.
- Another copy is located at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor of the Charleston County Library at 68 Calhoun Street.



### Products, Packaging, and GHG Emissions

Two new reports on the correlation between waste and greenhouse gases have been released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The first report reveals that 37 percent of U.S. total greenhouse gas emissions result from the provision and use of goods produced within the United States. "Goods" includes all consumer products and packaging, including building materials and vehicles. "Provision and use" includes resource extraction, manufacturing, transport, use, and disposal of these goods. In addition, when emissions from the use of imported products are included, products and packaging account for 44 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), or Product Stewardship, makes brand owners take financial responsibility for their products from production to disposal. This policy helps reduce GHG emissions by giving producers a financial incentive to

design products that are easy to repair, reuse, and recycle. EPR policies require brand-owners to pay for the reuse and recycling of their products. 18 states have already passed EPR laws for electronic products

- EPA Report, *Opportunities to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Through Land and Materials Management*: [http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/ghg\\_land\\_and\\_materials\\_management.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/ghg_land_and_materials_management.pdf)
- PPI White Paper, *Products, Packaging and US Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, <http://www.productpolicy.org/content/climate-change-ep>

For more information, contact Bill Sheehan, executive director of Product Policy Institute, at 706-613-0710 or [bill@productpolicy.org](mailto:bill@productpolicy.org). For more information, visit [www.productpolicy.org](http://www.productpolicy.org)

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## Join the Stingrays Second Annual Green Night!

Join the fight to create a better environment on Saturday, November 14 as the Stingrays battle the Charlotte Checkers at North Charleston Coliseum at 7:05 p.m. Berkley Electric Cooperative is handing out energy efficient CFL light bulbs! The Stingrays are the FIRST ECHL hockey team to host a carbon-neutral game! The Stingrays purchased carbon credits to offset the emissions for the November 14th game. Find out how you and your organization can get involved today! Call (843) 744-2248 to join our Eco Village on the main concourse. Join the fight to create a better environment!

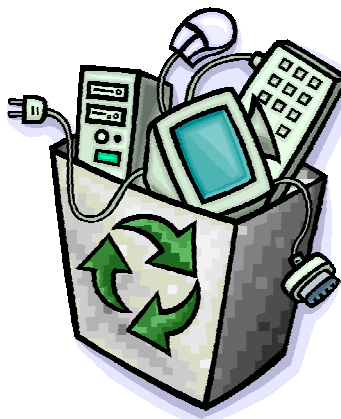


Click here to get your tickets now! <http://www.stingrayshockey.com/tickets/singlegames/>

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## Electronic Recycling Day at Tanger Outlet

Knology, Charleston County, and the Tanger Outlet are hosting the upcoming Electronic Recycling Day this Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held on the Tanger Boulevard side of the Tanger Outlet parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help support and celebrate America Recycles Day by bringing your old and unused electronics to be recycled. Recyclable items range from TVs to computers, copy machines, telephones, calculators, DVD players, microwaves, and many more. This event is for Charleston County residents only, sorry no businesses or contractors.



For more information call 720-7111



