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DID YOU KNOW?

Q: I am a firm believer in turning lights, computers and other electric guzzlers off when they are not in use, but my family and friends disagree. They say I am using more electricity by turning things off and back on than I would if I just left them on all day. Who is right?

A: The energy and money you save by turning lights, computers and similarly-used appliances off when they are not in use depends on how long these items are turned off before they are turned back on. The longer they are off, the more you'll save in energy and money.

As you know, though, certain items use more electricity in the start-up phase than others. Starting up a computer, for instance, is going to use more electricity than turning on a light. It is recommended that

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Time To Clean Up The Coast!

Cigarette butts, tires, balloons, ice skates, shopping carts and plastic bottles. What do they have in common? They are all items, among many other trash items, that volunteers hauled from our coastline in last year's 19th annual Coastal Cleanup.

Approximately 2,500 volunteers removed more than 34,000 pounds of debris from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey beaches and riverbanks. The types and quantities of trash were itemized. The data was then used to pinpoint the source of rubbish, as well as target ways to reduce or eliminate waste.

Each year Delmarva Power partners with several environmental, civic and business organizations in sponsoring Coastal Cleanup, both a cleanup effort as well as a good lesson on the dangers of pollution and the benefits of recycling. The effort is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by The Ocean Conservancy, a non-profit group that works to protect the world's oceans.

This year, please consider joining Delmarva Power and the many other groups of volunteers whose goal it is to clean up our beaches and riverbanks by participating in the 2006 Coastal Cleanup.

Approximately 75 locations will



get cleaned up this year with most scheduled for Saturday, September 16th.

For cleanup information, such as site locations and times, call:

- Delaware: 302-739-9064
- Maryland: 410-629-1538
- Virginia: 434-395-2602
- Cumberland County, New Jersey: 609-861-0600
- Atlantic and Cape May counties, New Jersey: 732-872-0111

If you've never participated in Coastal Cleanup, Delmarva Power encourages you to do so. In addition to the fulfillment that comes with helping clean our coastline, each participant also gets a T-shirt, courtesy of Delmarva Power, the primary sponsor of Coastal Cleanup for 16 consecutive years.



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