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Announcements

* **What can you do about Climate Change?**
  + Start climate conversations. Talk with others about climate risks and how you use energy and natural resources. Tell family and friends that energy efficiency is good for their homes and good for the environment because it lowers greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. Tell five people and together we can help our homes help us all.
  + Heating and cooling accounts for almost half your energy bill--about $1,000 a year! There is a lot you can do to drive down this cost. Simple steps like changing air filters regularly, properly using a programmable thermostat, and having your heating and cooling equipment maintained annually by a licensed contractor can save energy and increase comfort, while helping to protect the environment. Depending on where you live, you can cut your annual energy bill by more than $200 by replacing your old heating and cooling equipment with ENERGY STAR-qualified equipment.
* **Recycling Resources for your Classroom**
  + If your team is collecting holiday lights as a project and you are looking for the nearest drop off site, check out this [CERTS link](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/ryh?mc_cid=a348d4662c&mc_eid=edc72a8188). Remember to weigh your lights before or during the drop off so we can acknowledge the hard work of your team.

Grants and Opportunities

* Check out this list of easy ways to both [stay warm and save money](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/blog/tips-help-you-stay-warm-and-save-money-winter?mc_cid=f341903235&mc_eid=8a5a1f10bf) this winter from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS).
* Take your energy efficiency efforts at home one step farther and watch this video produced by Twin Cities Public Television and the Minnesota Building Performance Association called [*Improving your Home’s Performance*](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/blog/video-improving-your-homes-performance?mc_cid=f341903235&mc_eid=8a5a1f10bf)*.*
* If you need to recycle your Christmas tree, [check this list](http://www.pickyourownchristmastree.org/MinnesotaTreeRecyclingDisposal.php) for what to do in your area of Minnesota. If your city isn’t on the list, contact your local trash collection agency for more information!

Coach Tips

* Look for the final list of winter workshops after the New Year. Please contact your coordinator now if you haven’t made your preferences known!
* The YES! Coach Weekly Update will be taking a holiday break and will return Friday, January 8th. Enjoy the break!

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