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Join Us for the 2021 NIH Green Labs Fair

The NIH Green Labs Fair is back in 2021 with a virtual format! Join us on **September 22**, **2021 from 12pm to 2pm EST** to meet with vendors and learn about their green products. The 2021 Green Labs Fair is open to all NIH staff, regardless of campus or location. This event is an excellent opportunity to learn about green products from the vendors that know them best! How can you improve your lab's sustainability?

Green lab products from a wide variety of uses and applications will be featured at the 2021 Green Labs Fair. A few examples of product areas include energy efficient appliances, less toxic chemical alternatives, reduced plastic items and/or packaging, items made from recycled materials, items with reduced impact at end-of-life, digital imaging alternatives, and many more! The Green Labs Fair will also highlight many environmental programs and initiatives that are available to NIH labs. For example, visit the Green Labs Fair page to learn about the NIH Green Labs Program, the NIH Freezer Challenge, the NIH Surplus Chemical Redistribution Program and many more!



Virtual Vendor Show Wed, Sept 22 | 12pm-2pm

Go to: nems.nih.gov

To join the Green Labs Fair, please visit the <u>event page on the NEMS websites</u>. Each vendor will have their own space to showcase their green products. Information from the vendors is already live on the <u>Green Labs Fair site</u> and will continue to be added up to the week of the event, so please stop by at your leisure and check back regularly for updates! Each vendor will also have a meeting (available through a link on the <u>GLF page</u>) that you can join from 12-2pm on September 22 to speak with their representatives directly and discuss their green products. We hope everyone joins us for this opportunity to increase the green products used at the NIH!

Please send any questions about the 2021 NIH Green Labs Fair to the Green NIH email account.

SPOTLIGHT



Green Product Highlights!

Green product alternatives exist for many uses in the biomedical lab. These green products can help remedy one of the largest environmental issues facing labs: waste generation. Read the full article to learn about products that can reduce your reliance on single-use plastics, cut back on your hazardous waste generation, and more!

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TAKE ACTION



Participate in the 2021 Car Free Day

Car Free Day is an annual event on September 22 that challenges each of us to go the entire day without using a car (more specifically, driving alone in a personal vehicle). Read the full article to learn about the benefits of mass transit and the ways you can participate in Car Free Day or join the D.C. area event.

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NEMS TRAINING

Did you know? Green products include items that reduce exposure to hazardous chemicals, use less water, feature pieces that can be reused at end-of-life, utilize less or recyclable packaging materials and many other unexpected topics. To learn more about green products at the NIH, please visit the NEMS Training webpage to view a short (20 minute) NIH environmental awareness training video.

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