

1. YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMER PROGRAM

- The Summer Program will kick-off again this summer during the month of June. The program affords hundreds of student's summer employment.
 - Applications will be available May 4th. Limited one per household on a first come, first serve basis.
- For more information contact:
- St. Croix: Emmeline Simmonds: 778-7657
 - St. Thomas: Cordell Jacobs: 777-3073

2. THE GREENHOUSE PROGRAM

- You can schedule to visit the VIWMA Rain Garden Demonstration at the VIWMA Greenhouse Program.
 - The Greenhouse Program continues to donate organic fruits and vegetables to local senior citizen homes and homeless shelters.
- For more information contact:
- Rain Garden: Dee Osinski: 778-7657
 - Greenhouse Program: Emmeline Simmonds: 778-7657

3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

- The VIWMA will sponsor the 16th Annual Eco-Fair to be held on April 22nd and April 23rd at the St. Georges Botanical Garden.
 - The VIWMA will kick-off the 2nd Annual Litter Stomp on April 22nd along the Centerline Road leading up to the St. George Botanical Garden. Various schools and staff participate in the Litter Stomp with the mission to stomp out litter from our environment.
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4. CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- EPA Earth Day Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009 at the University of the Virgin Islands Great Hall from 8:00am to 4:30pm.
 - Limited seating available. Must pre-register at <http://www.netionline.com>
 - Contact Jim Casey to register at 340-714-2333

- The VIWMA will co-host the 18th Annual Caribbean Water & Wastewater Association (CWWA) Conference on St. Thomas, October 4 - 10, 2009.
 - For more information e-mail cwwa2009@gmail.com
 - We are seeking sponsors, advertisers, exhibitors and technical papers to be presented

5. RECYCLING GUIDES: ST. CROIX, ST. THOMAS & ST. JOHN

- The VIWMA has run the first series of ads informing the community about the various locations where they can pick-up the Recycling Guide.
 - The guide is being disseminated throughout the territory.
 - Entities interested in assisting with the dissemination of the guide can receive up to 50 guides at a time. The guide is updated regularly. Feel free to give suggestions on how we can improve the guide.
 - **To date:** 1,889 units have been printed, 1,366 units have been distributed to; VIWMA Offices, Recycling Fair, Refill Plus, VIRC&D, DPW, Schools, Managed Freight, VI Housing Finance Authority, Jump-up, Ag-Fair, Sustainable Solutions, Inc., Innovative and at public events.
 - An ad will run in the Green Pages (St. Croix Avis) and Green Islands Supplement (Daily News) on Earth Day April 22nd.
 - The Recycling Guide has been recently updated and will be updated via the website to cut back on paper use.
- For more information contact:
- Charmin L. Springer: 712-4961 or 712-4962

6. PARTNERSHIPS

- The VIRC&D is seeking to boost membership. A committee has been formed to attract new volunteers and support. Visit the <http://www.usvircd.org> for more information about VIRC&D and membership.
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- Membership & Volunteers: Charmin L. Springer: 712-4961 or 712-4962
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 - Greenhouse Program: Emmeline Simmonds: 778-7657

**Flyers & announcements will be forwarded to RAVI members via the VIRC&D Coordinator
 Also look for announcements via various media outlets
 For more information regarding this VIWMA Activity Update
 feel free to contact
 Charmin L. Springer at 340-712-4961 or 340-332-4744 (emergencies only)**