

## Watt Watchers of Texas - Saving Energy in Texas Schools...

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### October is Energy Awareness Month

The U. S. Department of Energy's, Federal Energy Management Program's (FEMP's) 2006 Energy Awareness Month theme, **Energy Independence Depends on US-Choose Wisely, Use Wisely**, compels us to consider how energy choices impact our national energy security situation. This message and the accompanying handout materials send a message to remind all of us that each and every individual *must* conserve. Americans are increasingly aware of high energy costs and environmental quality issues, but we need to be more aware of the energy-efficient solutions that are available, and actions we can take to reduce energy use and costs. Each year for Energy Awareness Month (October) FEMP provides materials and ideas to help promote energy-saving practices at federal facilities. Materials include posters, and other promotional materials that carry FEMP's energy awareness message.

### Energy Awareness Month 2006

This year's Energy Awareness Month theme, *Energy Independence Depends on US - Choose Wisely, Use Wisely* continues and reinforces the National Energy Policy, wherein the President directs heads of executive departments and federal agencies to conserve energy use at their facilities "to the maximum extent consistent with the effective discharge of public responsibilities."

Both the private and public sectors need to take more rapid action to become energy efficient. Collectively, all of us—the government, the private sector, and the general public—have the means to help control our energy destiny and move toward energy independence and energy security.

In conjunction with Energy Awareness Month, FEMP plans to kick off the observance on October 5 and 6, by holding our annual [Presidential](#) and [Federal](#) Energy Management awards ceremonies to recognize teams, individuals, groups, and agencies for their outstanding contributions to saving energy at Federal facilities.

This year's promotional materials remind Federal employees to switch off unnecessary lights and equipment; use efficient ENERGY STAR® products; compact fluorescent light bulbs; and energy efficient appliances. Outreach materials with energy saving messages include posters, bookmarks, pens, note pads, key chains, Project and Energy Champion Posters (to selected recipients) that highlight special projects and federal employees taking extraordinary actions to save energy, money, and resources for the future. Federal agencies participating in the *You Have the Power* federal awareness campaign received a supply of the [items](#) under Energy Awareness Month.

Limited supplies of Energy Awareness Month materials are available at the [EERE Information Center](#) at 1-877-337-3463.

Watt Watchers will be sending you emails with a graphic from the FEMP Energy Awareness Month Campaign that you can share with others in your schools throughout the month of October. If you have any questions about the information please let us know.