



Business Environmental Program NEVADA

If you have questions, we still have answers.

The Nevada Business Environmental Program ([BEP](#)) at the University of Nevada, Reno remains open and staffed with a statewide team to provide free and confidential business advisory services to Nevada businesses.

If you have any environmental or energy questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch with us. While the COVID-19 emergency may have us primarily working remotely we are staffed as always from 8am - 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Our toll-free hotline is still taking calls and we are promptly answering all emails. We are also available to communicate via calls, photos, and online video meetings.

Hotline: (800) 882-3233 Email: help@unrbep.org

[Visit our BEP website.](#)

News & Updates



SHOP SMALL NEVADA

**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS
SHOP SMALL
EVERY SATURDAY!**

- Join us by challenging five people or organizations to "shop small" on social media by tagging [@ShopSmallNevadaEverySaturday](#) starting September 5th through November 28th
- Highlight your favorite small businesses each week to help spread the word
- Share on social media and tag [#ShopSmallNevada](#) and [#ShopNVSaturday](#)

In support of Shop Small Nevada on Small Business Saturday (November 28, 2020) this is a collaborative effort of the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

The Nevada Department of Business & Industry and many business resource partners inspired by the Shop Small Every Saturday initiative started in Henderson, NV.

<https://shopsmalleverysaturday.com/>

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Small Business Saturday November 28, 2020

Small Business Saturday is still on, even as businesses grapple with how the pandemic is impacting their operations. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn some tips about how to prepare your business for Small Business Saturday in the time of COVID-19.

And remember, [Shop Small Saturday](#) in Nevada is not just a single day event! It is a reminder for everyone to support local merchants and businesses every Saturday. Download the [flyer](#).

Governor's Office Launches a Study to Assist Workforce Development Efforts to Assist with COVID-19 Impacts

With funding made available through the CARES Act, the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) is [launching](#) a [Labor Supply Certification Study](#) to assist workforce development efforts to help people displaced by COVID-19. GOED will work with state agencies and local stakeholders to then develop policies and strategies for job creation and rapid reemployment of those displaced by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The survey effort requires input from all parts of Nevada's workforce, both employed and unemployed. [CLICK HERE](#) to participate in the Nevada Labor Survey.

Upcoming Webinars and Trainings

Reminder: Register for Hazardous Waste Training

Coming soon to a computer near you!

Our popular Hazardous Waste refresher trainings are going virtual!

Please plan to join us on either November 19th or December 8th. There is no fee to attend but registration is required.

Register for **one** of the virtual trainings today to reserve your spot:

- **November 19th at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** ([REGISTER](#))
- **December 8th at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** ([REGISTER](#))

The three hour training will cover hazardous waste management and present information to maintain compliance in Nevada. We will also be going over Nevada's updated hazardous waste regulations. You

will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the BEP team to obtain hazardous waste knowledge for your organization.

Registration is open! Have questions about the training? Email Liz Futch at efutch@unr.edu.

Upcoming Nevada SBDC Webinars on November 19th

Online Marketing and Start Smart Virtual Workshops

Build a Smart Online Marketing Strategy in a Virtual World

Date: November 19th
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PST)
Fee: No Fee
Format: Webinar
Registration: [Sign Up](#)

Are you marketing your business online? Do you want to know how to get the most out of your placement in Shop Nevada, if you are using that platform? Speakers will cover how to market your business online in a way that will help you meet new leads, nurture them, and guide them straight into your sales funnel. In this session, we will explore the relationship between websites, Shop Nevada, blogs, social media, newsletters, and lead magnets and how to use them to drive traffic and convert more sales for your business. At this time when we are all living in a virtual world, using e-commerce wisely will bring resilience to your business.

Presented by Melissa Forziat. Melissa is a Seattle-based marketing speaker, consultant, and author. She works with small businesses to develop and execute strategic marketing plans and with business organizations to train their trainers.

Start Smart with Nevada SBDC!

Date: November 19th
Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (PST)
Fee: No Fee
Format: Webinar
Registration: [Sign Up](#)

The pandemic has many people thinking about starting their own business. With all the factors to consider when building a business, knowing where to start your planning isn't always obvious. It can be tempting to take a leap of faith and launch before vetting your business idea properly. To save yourself time and money, we encourage you to Start Smart by attending this webinar on evaluating the potential of your idea before jumping into business.

Anyone who is looking to start a business or has opened one recently is invited to attend this 90-minute virtual class on how to start your business off on the right foot. Attendees will learn about the critical first steps in starting a business and gain the knowledge they need to be successful business owners.

Presented by: Jake Carrico, Business Advisor, Small Business Development Center and Tamera Brown, Business Advisor, Small Business Development Center

Environmental News

Proposed Amendments to Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Emission Standards

Comments are due January 8, 2020

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is [proposing amendments](#) to the 2012 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and Copolymers Production. The 2012 rules established emission limits and work practices for process vents, process wastewater, stripped resins, equipment leaks, storage vessels and heat exchange systems located at PVC production facilities. The PVC category includes facilities that manufacture PVC resins used to make numerous commercial and industrial products at other manufacturing facilities.

The [proposed amendments](#) include:

- Revisions to the process vent subcategory definitions and emission limits.
- Amendments to the major source vinyl chloride wastewater emission limits and removal of the total non-vinyl chloride organic HAP emission limits.
- Addition of an alternative standard after the resin stripper for major and area sources.
- Clarification of pressure vessel leak requirements and addition of vapor balancing as a method to control emissions from storage vessels.

Comments on the proposed rule are being accepted and must be received on or before January 8, 2021.

For more information, visit EPA's [PVC webpage](#) or download the [Fact Sheet](#).

EPA Seeks Small Businesses to Participate on HBCD Panel

Panel will discuss developing rules to regulate the cyclic aliphatic bromide cluster (HBCD)

The U.S. EPA is inviting small businesses, governments and not-for-profits to participate as a Small Entity Representative (SER) to provide advice and recommendations to a Small Business Advocacy Review ([SBAR](#)) Panel for the cyclic aliphatic bromide cluster (HBCD). The panel will focus on the agency's development of a proposed rule to address unreasonable risks identified in EPA's recently completed [final risk evaluation](#) for [HBCD](#).

EPA found the import, processing, recycling, commercial use, consumer use, and disposal of HBCD present unreasonable risks to the environment and the use of HBCD in building and construction materials and exposure through demolition present an unreasonable risk to workers and occupational non-users.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and nominate your business to the HBCD SBAR Panel.

BEP Sustainability Spotlight: Davidson's Organics

[Davidson's Organics](#), headquartered in Sparks, NV, provides organic, fair trade teas, herbs, cocoa, and spices sourced and produced by adhering to environmentally and socially sustainable methods. A global company, Davidson's oversees all aspects of farming, sourcing, and producing products in an eco-friendly manner while taking responsibility to ensure its community of farmers and producers have a higher quality of life. The "direct-from-garden" teas are sourced from over 5,000 small tea producers and their families worldwide. Blending and packaging of the final product takes place in Nevada.

To become more environmentally sustainable at its Nevada facility, Davidson's has installed motion sensor LED lights; increased use of recycled packaging and biodegradable packaging; expanded composting food (tea) waste; and uses reusable 4x4 plastic pallets.

"After spending over \$500k in infrastructure costs during our 2018 warehouse relocation, we made it our priority to engage in eco-friendly and sustainable manufacturing," stated Kunall Patel, CEO of

Davidson's. Such efforts have been noticed with Davidson's recently recognized with awards including the [NCET Manufacturing Company of the Year](#) and a [Golden Pinecone Sustainability Award](#). "We are truly appreciative of being recognized as a pioneer in our industry to set the standard and hope to inspire others to follow suit in pursuing green initiatives in their manufacturing environments," said Patel.

We at BEP congratulate Davidson's Organics for the hard work and dedication to sustainability. Whether an organization produces a physical product or provides a service, there are lessons we can all learn by following Davidson's lead of environmentally smart practices.

[Contact BEP](#) to learn how your company can develop an environmental sustainability strategy and benefit from implementing sustainable best practices.

Funding Opportunities

\$400 Wood Stove Rebates Still Available for Homeowners in Nevada's Tahoe Basin

If you live in the Tahoe Basin portion of Douglas County or Washoe County, you may be eligible to receive a rebate of \$400 to change-out your old pre-1992 wood stove for a new wood stove, pellet stove, or gas stove. New stoves are cleaner burning, which helps our local air quality. New stoves are also more efficient and use less wood so you can save money each winter on heating your house.

Act quickly! Only a few rebates remain and they are available on a first come, first served basis until funds run out.

To learn more about the program and participating wood stove retailers, [CLICK HERE](#).

Free & Confidential Environmental Assistance **We look forward to hearing from you.**



Stay Safe to Stay Open Nevada ***Wear a Mask!***

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