

DEAD ENDS



That's where our energy use is leading us!

Every year, Sarasota County spends nearly \$12 million in energy costs. Office equipment eats up to 16 percent of office energy use. Help amp that cost down by reducing the number of personal appliances — like microwaves, mini-fridges and coffeemakers — in your office area. Turn out the lights when you leave a non-public room. Turn off computers, printers and scanners, and unplug chargers when not in use. And report any malfunctioning equipment immediately to a facility manager.

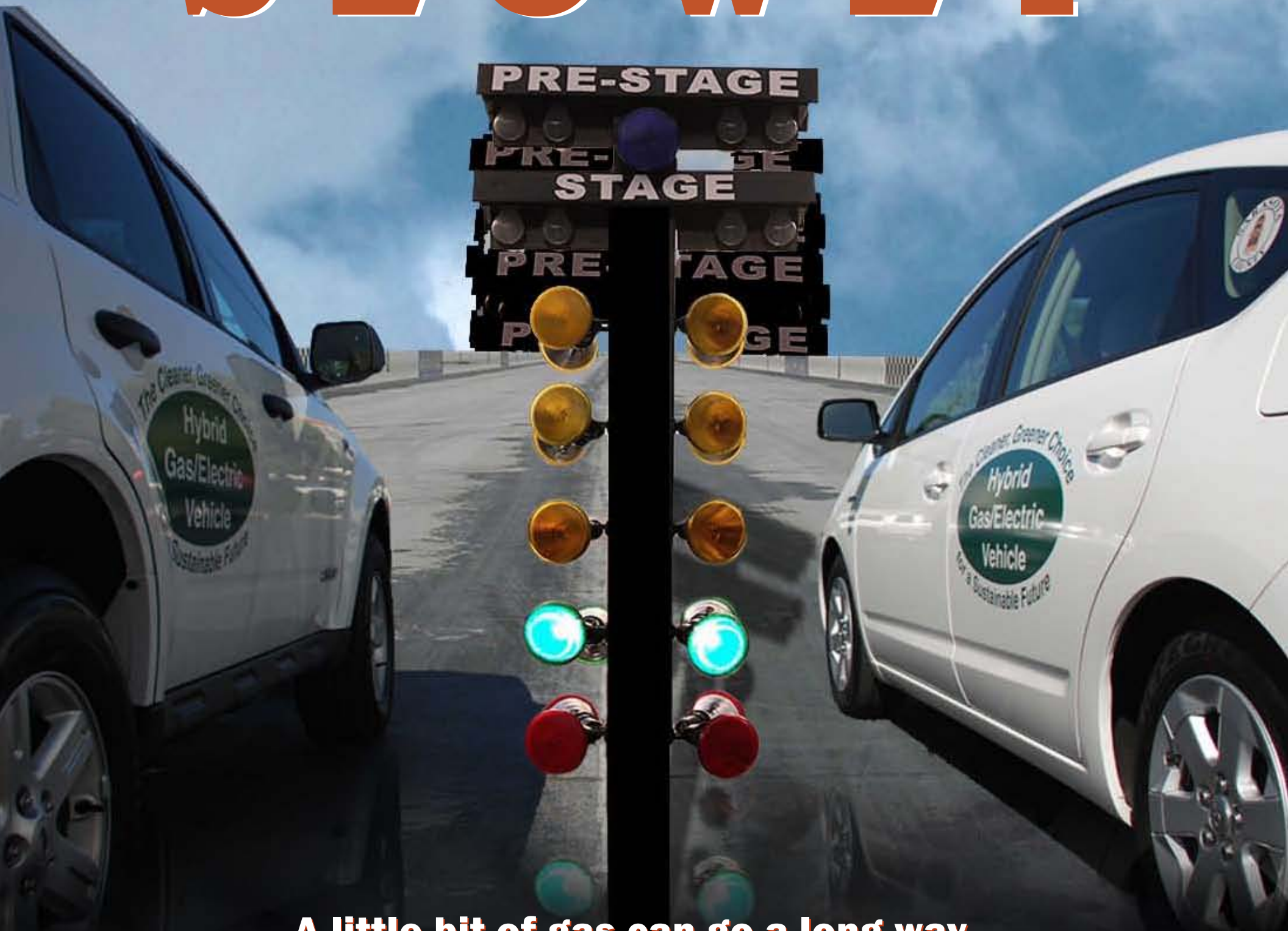


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The amount of energy we waste every day is shocking.


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DRIVERS, START YOUR ENGINES SLOWLY



A little bit of gas can go a long way.

When you're doing county business, think about how you use fuel. Start slowly to conserve gas. Don't idle unnecessarily. Plan your schedule to limit your number of trips. Use video or phone conferencing for meetings when possible. If not, combine meetings in one location. Share rides, use mass transit, walk or bike. When you must use a car, choose the most efficient vehicle, like a sedan or a hybrid instead of a large truck. And remember, county staff ride SCAT for free with an ID, and routes include most county facilities.



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Drive with energy in mind.


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LIQUID ASSETS

Why water is causing energy to dry up.

Between 7-8 percent of U.S. energy consumption can be traced to moving or treating water. Thirty-nine percent of the country's fresh water is used for agricultural irrigation. Thirty-eight percent goes to power plants. Every 1 million gallons of water used requires the expenditure of 1 million kilowatt hours of electricity and the emission of 5,360 pounds of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

Conserve the water you use. It's more than just a drop in the bucket.



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Stop draining our energy resources.


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BREATHE EASIER

Let's clear the air.

You'd never dream of breathing in what comes out of your tailpipe – but you are. Emissions from burning fossil fuels in cars, trucks and buses are raising levels of asthma and other respiratory illnesses, infectious diseases, heat stress and preventative heart disease. They're also poisoning rainwater and making you sneeze from allergies...a lot. Do what you can to lower emissions. Use public transportation. Drive less. Conserve electricity. Plant a tree.



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Our energy use could take your breath away.