

White Bear Lake Area, St. Paul

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Organization

The White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit dedicated to the prosperity of their 400 member businesses in the Northeast Metro with efforts in advocacy, networking, and education.

Intern Project

Recommend and promote the adoption of safer products to replace hazardous cleaning and degreasing products in local automotive shops.

Incentives to Change

Safer products can improve worker safety and overall air quality for the entire community by reducing hazardous compounds that are detrimental to the air and people's health.

Solutions

Community Outreach

Connected with 40 businesses in four communities in the White Bear Lake Area.

Evaluate Automotive Products

Assessed the safety of 75 products used at 20 automotive shops.

Sample Safer Products

Delivered safer alternatives that contain fewer hazardous ingredients, chemicals of concern, and generate less ozone.

Education

Provided information on the benefits of switching to safer products and on automotive paint alternatives.

