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The Government's Input on Summer Weather Concerns

Ah, summertime! A time for kicking back and relaxing—but hey, what's this gunk on the lake? And this haze in the air? And what about my poor dry lawn? And what's the government doing about it? Help!

Droughts

The governor declared statewide emergency drought conditions in order to allow farmers to access alternative water sources. You can find more information about this declaration and a copy of the Executive Order at this website:

http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?prid=1225

A drought is defined as "a period of abnormally dry weather sufficiently prolonged for the lack of water to cause serious hydrologic imbalance in the affected area." -Glossary of Meteorology (1959). Huh? For a more useful definition, and other facts and information about droughts, visit the Drought Info Center (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) at <http://www.drought.noaa.gov/>

Clean Air Action Days

Clean Air Action Days are called during the summer to help maintain Dane County's air quality. A Clean Air Action Day will be called for the following day when the air quality data and weather conditions indicate that ozone is predicted to reach a high level in Dane County. For more information, visit the website of the Dane County Clean Air Coalition: <http://www.cleanairdane.org/>

Dane County Lakes (and their Gunk)



Dane County has a Water Resources website that offers important information about the lakes and water quality in the area. Go to <http://www.countyofdane.com/waters/> for more information.

There, you'll find a link to the DNR's fact sheet and FAQ's about blue-green algae, currently plaguing area lakes.

In addition, the City of Madison has information about blue-green algae and a visual listing of which beaches are closed in the city

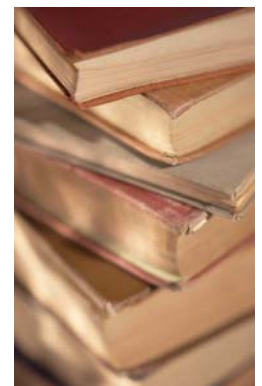
on their "Beaches" website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/beaches/>



August Used Book Sale

Late summer blow-out! **All Hardcover** are 50 cents off in our ongoing used book sale held in the library. New titles arrive each week. Be sure to stop in regularly to view our selection! Cleaning out your home library? Donate your books to DCLRC! We'll accept all books for our monthly book sale: Hardcover, novels, nonfiction, and paperbacks. Drop off your donations in room 315 any time we're open.

We also serve as a drop off location for softcover books and magazines that are donated to Dane County jail inmates.



News & Upcoming Events

Upcoming Classes

FREE! Legal Research Basics 1

Wed Aug 17 10-11:30 a.m.

*Covers how to find the law, how to make sure it's up to date, and how laws are made and changed

FREE! Legal Research Basics 2

Wed Aug 24 10:30-Noon

*Covers the three branches of government and their main publications and a tour of the WI State Law Library

FREE! Legal Research Basics 3

Wed Aug 31 10-11:30 a.m.

*Covers court procedures and rules, locating local government resources, and a brief tour of the Courthouse

NOTE: *Classes are limited to 10 participants *Reserve a space by calling 266-6316

*Class will be cancelled if less than three people sign up

*No legal advice will be given *All classes held at DCLRC (Rm. 315 City-County Building)

“Law and...” Series: August Topic

The topic for June is *“Law and...the Environment”* and features information and statistics about how the law protects and is shaped by concerns about the environment. The handout features print resources and websites on the topic. The “Law and...” series are library displays that highlight the role of law/lawyers in various subjects. Pictures of the displays and handouts listing relevant web links or a bibliography are [online](#).



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August Legal Research Quiz

Answers will be published in next month's newsletter.

1. What is the citation for the United States' National Drought Policy?
2. On May 18, 2004, Pres. Bush signed an Executive Order to create a task force to coordinate restoration of what “international treasure”?
3. According to the 2003 Wis. stats. ch. 3, how many congressional districts are there in the state?
4. What 1997 Wisconsin Act enacted the “truth in sentencing” law?

Answers to July's Quiz:

1. \$10; the driver
2. Wis. Stats. §§ [806.30 to 806.44](#)
3. Frank W. Cyr (1900-1995); National School Bus Chrome or National School Bus Yellow; April 1939; Wis. Stats. § [347.44](#)
Painting requirements for school buses; restrictions as to painting of other vehicles.
4. Ronald Reagan



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