



## GreenPlumbers on the web: Now with 130% renewable energy!

Visit our website - now greener than ever. **Greenplumbersusa.com** is now run entirely on clean, renewable wind energy, and not only that – with energy credits, we're actually giving back 30% of the energy we use.



- "Meet the Newest GreenPlumber" features profiles of our licensees, with a handy map to help consumers locate services.

[www.greenplumbersusa.com/meet-newest-licensed-greenplumber](http://www.greenplumbersusa.com/meet-newest-licensed-greenplumber)

The GreenPlumbers website is debuting several new features this month:

- "Find a Rebate in Your Area" allows plumbers and consumers to locate rebates and incentives in their locales. [www.greenplumbersusa.com/green-plumber-water-rebates-in-your-area](http://www.greenplumbersusa.com/green-plumber-water-rebates-in-your-area)

Be on the lookout for GreenPlumbers online courses set to debut in December 2008! We hope that through the launch of online courses, plumbers all over the country who have yet to take these courses will have better access and be able to complete accreditation in their own time frame.

## Treehugger.com debuts 'Joe the Green Plumber'

Water conservation is an important topic not just for our planet, but for consumers and the economy too! Popular environmental website Treehugger.com brought attention to the connection between conservation and economic savings recently in a front-page feature called "Joe the Green Plumber." In the article, Treehugger contributor Brian Merchant gives his advice to recent political phenom Joe the Plumber: "With the demand for eco-conscionable services reaching an all time high, Joe could look into getting himself accredited in one of the free GreenPlumber workshops put on by GreenPlumbers USA," Merchant writes. "He could help give a boost to the green economy by joining 'a green army of thousands of plumbers to promote the benefits of water conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.'"

Merchant has obviously gotten the word that GreenPlumbers is educating plumbers in environmental issues, and that's good news for the earth and great news for consumers looking to conserve more water, energy – and the resources in their wallets, too.

To read the whole article on Treehugger.com, visit <http://www.treehugger.com/files/2008/10/joe-the-green-plumber.php>.

## Industry News

### *DWR makes drastic cut in California water supply*

Bay area television channel CBS 5 reported recently that California's Department of Water Resources will cut supplies to water districts by up to 90 percent starting January 1, 2009.

A water district spokesperson confirmed the cut, calling it "pretty serious" in light of the last two extremely dry years California has had. The DWR's Wendy Marin said, "We are looking at going into a third potentially dry year. We have actually drawn down our reservoirs...we are actually having difficulties delivering water this year."

According to CBS 5, the state delivers water for nearly 25 million Californians each year through 29 agencies, all facing cutbacks. California gets its state water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and snowmelt from the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

Some water districts do not use state water, instead relying on their own reservoirs. The CBS 5 article reports that those districts are also seeing possibly dangerous low levels of water.

DWR reports that by 2050, scientists project a permanent loss of at least 25% of the Sierra snow-pack.

## SPOTLIGHT

### John Koeller

Professional engineer,  
Koeller & Company;  
GreenPlumbers instructor



John Koeller is a professional engineer with extensive experience in water-efficient technologies and products. Nationally recognized in the U.S. and Canada as a water efficiency specialist, Mr. Koeller is a consultant to numerous water providers, green building organizations, and private sector firms.

He is a technical advisor to both the California Urban Water Conservation Council as well as the newly formed U.S.-Canadian Alliance for Water Efficiency. He is also co-developer of Maximum Performance (MaP) testing for toilet fixtures, the highly successful initiative dealing with water-efficient product performance.

Mr. Koeller teaches the GreenPlumbers "Caring For Our Water" workshop.

## Las Vegas conference a resounding success

### GreenPlumbers come from more than 30 states

WaterSmart Innovations '08 was held recently in Las Vegas, educating more than 1,000 attendees on water efficiency, new technology and the importance of conserving our precious natural resources.

GreenPlumbers furthered its mission at WaterSmart by holding five free workshops over three days. The workshops encompassed 32 hours of continuing education. More than 450 plumbers and other industry professionals, from upwards of 30 states, attended the workshops and became accredited GreenPlumbers. "We were pleased to build a successful relationship with GreenPlumbers (at the conference)," said Doug Bennett, conservation manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. "It is vital

that the public sector and private sector work collaboratively to accelerate adoption of the best water efficiency technologies for homes and businesses. GreenPlumbersUSA is a vital link in promoting and delivering the best water efficiency technologies and techniques to the end user. This has been an ideal partnership."

Stephanie Thornton, EPA's WaterSense partner outreach coordinator, says plumbers play a vital role in conservation. "Plumbers really are on the front lines of water efficiency, so we're excited to see such an overwhelming level of enthusiasm for the GreenPlumbers workshops."

For more wrap-up information and a preview into the '09 WaterSmart convention, visit [www.watersmartinnovations.com](http://www.watersmartinnovations.com).

## Legacy, TSQ become new licensees

The motto of Legacy Plumbing, in Rocklin, Calif., is "Cutting Edge Technology, Delivered on Time." That focus on new technology, and bringing underused technologies into center stage, is what sets Legacy apart. "We have prided ourselves on being 'on the cutting edge' in our industry, and being the first licensed GreenPlumber in the central valley just confirms it," says Legacy president Tom Bennett. Becoming accredited in green plumbing technology is important, Bennett says, adding, "When you can show your customers you've taken the additional step of becoming licensed, you bring value to your company, and peace of mind to your customers."

Legacy Plumbing does commercial, new residential and service work. The company intends to place its green focus on water conservation, solar hot water and graywater systems.

Tom Quagliarello, owner of TSQ & Son Plumbing & Heating in Havertown, Pennsylvania, admits



to having "almost an obsession" for knowledge in environmental issues. "I found out about the green industry through an architect friend," says Quagliarello. He then attended a training class, which sparked a passion. Studying for his LEED accreditation, he found GreenPlumbers on the internet. "I intend to expand my 'green' knowledge on plumbing as well as building, and hope to expand my business to green construction as well."

TSQ & Son has been in business for 20 years and focuses on service, new residential and commercial work. "Ultimately," Quagliarello says, "the reason I became a GreenPlumber is to contribute in any way I can."



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