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CGE NEWS

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How efficient is your home HVAC system? Find Out at This Evanston Rebuilding Exchange Workshop

Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) accounted for 46% of energy consumed by residential and commercial buildings in 2021. The good news is that new laws and technologies have been designed to bring that number down. Come to this workshop to learn about:

- The impact of new laws on requirements for home HVAC systems
- Timeline for retrofitting your home
- Overview of new technologies/products to consider
- Key environmental considerations when replacing your HVAC, e.g., refrigerant
- What questions to ask when looking for a contractor

[Find out more and register here.](#)

When: Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Evanston Rebuilding Exchange, 1245 Hartrey Ave.

Next Evanston Repair Cafés on Jan. 10 and 24

At [Repair Café's](#) people fix things together. It's a key way to both save you money and keep your stuff out of our limited landfill. What can you get fixed? Anything from small appliances and electronics, to clothing and bicycles CGE is proud to be

Tuesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Where: Robert Crown Library, Room B (Main St.)



Do You Know What's Happening State-Wide with the Environment?

CGE is proud to support the work being done by the [Illinois Environmental Council](#) (IEC). Since 1975, IEC has worked to safeguard Illinois by building power for people and the environment. IEC represents more than 100 environmental organizations. Their top priority for the coming year is protecting and implementing CEJA. They're also focused on Nutrient Loss Reduction strategies for the state's agricultural sites, significant new waste reduction efforts, and a continued push for the Environmental Justice Act, which would change the way Illinois makes land use decisions, making it harder for dirty industry to move into EJ communities. If you don't already know how important IEC is to our local efforts, [find out more about them here.](#)



Evanston (EJE)

[Environmental Justice Evanston](#), a program of CGE, is grateful for the support it has received this past year (and beyond) from the City of Evanston and all Evanstonians who have called on them to help with some of the problems they have experienced living in Evanston. EJE thanks all of *you* for continuing to help them push forward and stand up to environmental injustices in our city. Their work carries on in 2023 with community listening sessions and working with the City on an environmental justice mapping tool and an equity investigation. Stay tuned!



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