

# SPLASH INTO EXTENSION

## Save Water, Save Energy

Save water and save the energy required to pump, process, heat, transport, and treat it. January 10 was National Cut Your Energy Costs Day designed to help reduce the impact of energy expenditures, both financially and environmentally.

– Lower the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to reduce the energy required to heat water.

– Turn the ice maker in your freezer off to reduce freezer energy usage by about 20%.

– Check and fix leaks in toilets, faucets, and other appliances that use water.

– Upgrade to Water Sense and Energy Star appliances that use water and energy more efficiently.

## Nebraska Chemigation

Chemigation is the practice of applying agrichemicals to cropland using an irrigation system to distribute both the water and chemical.

**Nebraska Chemigation Act** - The goal of the Nebraska Chemigation Act is to protect the groundwater and surface waters of Nebraska from contamination by fertilizers or pesticides. To accomplish this goal, the Act provided the legal requirements for the future use of chemigation as a means of nutrient or pesticide application.

The Nebraska Department of Environment Energy (NDEE) developed and implemented the rules and regulations necessary for irrigators to utilize the practice. Under the NDEE rules, Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts were given the responsibility to manage the chemigation permit component that ensures that proper safety equipment is present and functioning properly.

The chemigation certification program is responsible for training Nebraska producers about the Nebraska Chemigation Act and the Rules and Regulations as developed by the NDEE. Certification applicants are required to attend a training program and pass an exam. The Act allowed the NDEE to contract with the University of Nebraska to deliver the training program.

A chemigation applicator certification card will be issued to successful applicants by the NDEE. The certification expires on January 1, 4 years after it is issued.

## 2020 Chemigation Training

more dates at <https://edmedia.wufoo.com/reports/2020-chemigation-training-dates/>

Madison	Thursday, February 27, 2020	9:00 AM	Norfolk, Madison County Extension Office
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Holt	Tuesday, March 3, 2020	1:30 PM	O'Neill, Holt County Courthouse Annex
Antelope	Thursday, March 5, 2020	9:00 AM	Neligh, Courthouse Basement Meeting Room
Holt	Thursday, March 12, 2020	1:30 PM	O'Neill, Holt County Courthouse Annex
Madison	Thursday, March 19, 2020	9:00 AM	Norfolk, Madison County Extension Office
Holt	Tuesday, April 14, 2020	9:30 AM	O'Neill, Holt County Courthouse Annex