

Recycling: It's Sorting First

Organization is key to creating a recycling system that works for you and your family. A good system makes it easy and pleasant and guarantees you don't have to think twice. Recyclables need to be sorted because unsorted recyclables are just garbage in a different pile!

The easiest way to sort is at the source, usually in the kitchen or somewhere nearby. Consider space under a hallway bench, in a laundry room, in the pantry or decorate your recycling center and have it right out in the open. Use containers that work for you. These can be plastic bins; open, stackable, on rollers—whatever fits in the space you have. But don't limit your imagination to just plastic bins. Consider canvas bags, wooden boxes, old laundry hampers, cardboard boxes, baskets, buckets, an old dresser with removable drawers, whatever! Try different sized containers for each material to match the amount you generate between trips to the recycling center. Just remember to choose reusable—don't use plastic bags since they generally have to be thrown away after one or two uses and you don't want your precious recyclables in a smelly trash bag anyway.



When you choose what goes in each container, continue to think of what makes sorting easiest. Don't put tricky-to-sort items (like plastics) in one bin so that you're stuck out in the sun, or rain, or snow, separating everything when you get to the center. If you must mix things then group easy to distinguish items like cardboard and aluminum cans or different colors of glass. Try matching the collection container to the material—collect paper in a paper bag, plastic bags in a plastic bag, cardboard in a cardboard box and tin in a big tin can. When it comes time to deliver material to the collection center it should be quick and easy to unload. Remove caps and make sure things are clean before they go into the bins and you'll never have to deal with a mess.



Recycling starts the moment you take something off the store shelf. Ask yourself where it's going to fit into your recycling scheme. Is it even recyclable at all and how much effort is it going to take? Once you bring it home, use, enjoy, then have a convenient, easy and appealing way to get it recycled.

Simple Choices for Cleaner Air

It's as easy as A, B, C. Just choose one of the options below:

- Sign up to support wind power at www.utahgreenpower.org or by calling the Utah Wind Power Campaign at 801-673-7156 or by calling Utah Power at 800-842-8458. It's only \$1.95 per 100 KWh block.
- Ride your bike instead of driving your car for the next 1800 miles you have to travel. If you work in Salt Lake that's only five weeks of commuting—you can do it in September when it's not too hot. If you're in Park City you'll probably have to park your car for the entire summer.
- Plant 1/3 of an acre of trees. These trees will, however, take time to grow large enough to provide the same environmental benefit as choosing wind power over fossil fuels, and time is not on our side.

Don't delay. The average household uses 700KWh of power per month. It's easy and inexpensive to start reducing the impact of your electricity use today.

It's a Social Thing

Remember 10 years ago when everywhere you went people were drinking bottled water? Nope, that's because it didn't happen. Then someone had a good idea (drinking water is a good thing), marketing took over and now every soft drink company out there wants you to be seen holding their bottle.

Before you buy that next bottle consider this:

- ◆ There are more standards regulating tap water in the US than are applied to bottled water
- ◆ Every year 1.5 million tons of plastic are used to bottle water
- ◆ Over 22 billion liters of bottled water are consumed each year outside the country of origin (transportation!)
- ◆ Remember all the R's—Reduce and reuse first, then recycle.

Take Your Milk Jug out for a Paddle

Now's your chance to head out on the lake in your old milk jugs. Yet another cool recycled product is being made—Kayaks. The company is called *Walden kayaks* and they are the Winner of the 1997 award for Outstanding Recycling Innovation by the *National Recycling Coalition (NRC)*. Walden manufactures their kayaks with a large percentage of recycled materials. To date they have diverted over 600 tons of plastic from landfills! Walden Sports uses recycled high density polyethylene, #2, (HDPE) which is highly recyclable again, whereas higher recycle numbers, cross linked polyethylene and engineering plastics, (like ABS) are less often actually reused and more likely to go to the dump. So Walden has the loop closed—a good product made from post-consumer recycled, and easily recyclable, material. To see their boats and learn more check out www.waldensports.com.



Greenhouse Gases...

Everybody knows the number one source of air pollution in California. Yes, it's cars and light trucks (SUV's). But what's number 2? Not factories and industry, that's #3, not construction equipment, #4. The #2 generator of hydrocarbons (smog forming compounds) is consumer products. That's right, hairspray, detergents, cosmetics, car-wax and lawn-care products are the second biggest producers of air pollutants. What's alarming is that while emissions from other sources are being cut, emissions from household products are expected to increase by 15% by 2020 and become the biggest source of air pollution.

...And Why They Matter...

The earth is warming. No, the hot summer here in Utah isn't the concern (nor is it even necessarily related), it's the fact that the earth's snowfields and glaciers are melting. Close to home, Montana's Grinnell glacier in Glacier National Park has declined by 90% since its size was first measured and the South Cascade glacier in the pacific northwest is half the volume it was in 1928. The famous snows of Kilimanjaro 'unbelievably white in the sun' have lost more than 80% of their area. Greenland is melting at an incredible rate. Its ice sheets are losing 12 cubic miles of water every year. The earth is warming. Make choices to make a difference starting today. (Sierra, July/August 2003)

...Finally the Good News

We can change for the better. The hole in the ozone layer is mending. It's mending because the world agreed it was a problem worth doing something about, and acted **in time**. Let's not wait too long to do something about global warming.



KNOW

RU provides: educational services, free composting workshops, drop-off centers in Park City, Kimball Junction, Coalville, Kamas and Heber City and Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events. Our "Good Wood" Project (at the Park City center) is the only program of its kind in Utah! Our main source of revenue is the generosity of our members.

CONSERVE

RU works with and educates the community to conserve natural resources, especially water, energy & landfill space.
 * RU collects an average of 35 tons of glass per month!
 * RU has collected over 45,000 lbs of hazardous materials.
 * RU also accepts any kind of paper, cardboard, paperboard, aluminum, tin/steel and all plastics.
 We also recycle batteries, moving boxes, Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, cellular phones, mercury thermometers, and plastic bags.

ENJOY

RU Membership Benefits:
 One year of *Trash Talk*, 10% reduction on RU merchandise, a handy jar opener w/ R.U. logo, Albertson's Community Partners Card, tax write off, and those green fuzzies for having done

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184 members paid in 2003

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Join Recycle Utah!

Recycle Utah provides recycling facilities, offers education and affects legislation while creating an effective waste stream model. Recycle Utah is a 501(c)(3) organization making donations tax deductible.

Membership Benefits

A 10% discount on recycling bins and composters, a yearly subscription to our quarterly newsletter *Trash Talk*, a handy jar opener w/ R.U. logo, Albertson's Community Partners Card, tax write off. You directly help Recycle Utah recycle all the materials that are dropped off, especially any color glass and metals. You'll also get a warm fuzzy feeling by helping your community stay green.

Call us at 649-9698

Recycle Utah Annual Membership and Bin Sponsorship Form

To enable Recycle Utah to meet the many sizeable challenges that lay ahead, I'm pleased to make a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$_____

- Individual Membership, \$20
- Family Membership, \$30
- Corporate Membership, \$100
- Super Membership, \$500
- 1/2 Bin Sponsorship, \$600
- Full Bin Sponsorship, \$1200

Method of Payment

- Check
- In-Kind Trade (Double the cash value)
- Name _____
- Mailing Address _____
- Phone and e-mail address _____

- Yes, Please contact me about Recycle Utah's Educational Services.
- Yes, Please contact me about volunteering.
- Please do not publish my name in "Trash Talk"

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Become a Bin Sponsor at Recycle Utah and make a ton of difference. Actually, if you sponsor the cardboard bin it's about 480 tons, for newspaper it's 780 tons, for brown glass it's 110 tons, for green glass it's 380 tons, for steel it's 40 tons, for aluminum it's 20 tons, for plastics it's ... (sponsorship is not based on tons—all sponsors are equally valuable!)

Look What's Happening at Recycle Utah
Board of Trustees Meeting: 8:30 am @ RU
Composting Workshops: Ongoing, Wed 9am @ RU
Hazardous Material Collection Event: Oct. 3rd, 9-Noon
Ten Thousand Villages 'RU' night: Check back for date.
Annual Meeting: Thursday November 13th

Hurray!  **Send your corks our way!**
 Thanks to the efforts of our super volunteer (Jo), we can now collect corks for reuse. If you're a restaurant, bar or just someone with a lot of reasons to celebrate, save your corks and bring them in to RU.


Special Thanks To:
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 Please contact us at 649-9698 to find out more about our services, publications, and resources.
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