



News you can use and re-use from your local non-profit recycling center

RU Website Teaches the World

People from as far away as Indonesia, Thailand, and the Czech Republic have accessed Recycle Utah's website, according to a recent system report. The statistics show that 46 different countries and many categories of users have looked up recycling information on our site including soldiers overseas (the US Military) European countries, Japan and the Philippines. All told for the year Sept. '03 to Aug, '04 we had 143,166 visits. The most popular pages: *What We Take at the Center*, the *Newsletter*, the *Green-Book*, *How to: Plastic*, and *How to: Composting*.

Fall Native Plant Sale

Recycle Utah will hold its Fall Native Plant Sale on **Saturday, Sept. 11th** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Center.

A wide variety of native shrubs from **Wildlands Nursery** in Southern Utah will be available including one- and five-gallon size chokecherry, golden currant, Apache plume, fernbush, oakleaf sumac, and native hawthorne.

Perennial native plants available include Rocky Mountain penstemon, brilliant penstemon, hyssops, golden columbine, and creeping Oregon grape. Members of the Utah Native Plant Society will give advice on what to buy for which location.

Hazmat Collection Friday, Oct 8

Recycle Utah will hold its Fall Hazardous Materials Collection Day on **Friday, Oct. 8th** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Center. Proper disposal is only 50 cents per pound.

Paints, automotive products, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners will be accepted.

This event is supported by volunteers from Triumph Gear Systems and the Snyderville Basin Water Reclamation District.

Green Building Seminar

Recycle Utah will hold a Green Building Seminar on **Friday, Nov. 19th at Deer Valley Resort**. This is not about straw bale building or adobe huts. This seminar is how you can build and decorate with green products in your home. The seminar will be offered in conjunction with the Park City Home Builders Association and the Sustainable Community Group, a task force under the auspices of Park City Municipal. See the related article on page 6.



July Fourth Float — Story & pictures page 3.

Big News from Albertson's

Now it's easier than ever before to use your Community Partners Card at Albertson's to raise money for Recycle Utah. Just show your card ONCE to the cashier the next time you check out groceries. Your card will be linked to your Albertson's Preferred Card. Then every time you shop a portion of your purchase comes back to Recycle Utah. Automatically! This really works! So far we've received \$1,203 this year from Albertson's. That's almost enough to pay the freight for nine glass bins!

Raise \$\$ for RU — Use eScrip

If you sign up your credit cards, grocery cards & ATM/debit cards with **eScrip**, a percentage of each purchase you make with the cards at participating merchants comes to RU.

Here are just a handful of the thousands of eScrip Merchants: **Eddie Bauer, Office Max, Budget Rent a Car, Carl's Junior, Coldwater Creek, Mary Kay Cosmetics (online or by phone) Payless ShoeSource, Spiegel, Terminix.**

Sign up your Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, or American Express at Recycle Utah or by phone 1-800-559-8913. Or go to www.escrip.com. Click on sign-up and follow the instructions.

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Well-Deserved Thank Yous

Our July 4th Parade float could not have been possible without the help of many people. Heartfelt thanks to **Tom Barber** and **Pete Larsen** for carpentry work in constructing the float.

Thanks to **Zafod Beatlebrox & The Music Taxi** for providing us with the trailer and hauling the float. Decoration could not have been done without the joyous help of artists **Lezlee Amoss, Paul Jakubowski, Dori Pratt, and Whitney Wallace.**

Thank you to **Pat Drew Sanger, Becky Larsen** and **Karen Jensen** for administrative help. And thanks to all the **Artskids children** who decorated the float and rode in the parade: Bryan, Shannon Chady, Anthony Felipe, Ryan Hess, Brook MacIntyre, Tali Peters, Elida Sanchez, Daniel & Savannah Sohoon, Sadie Weeks, Allison Williams, and Candice Wilson.

Thanks to **Park City Municipal** for donating 460 chairs from the Santy Auditorium. We acted as go-between to channel a piece of history to the many residents who wanted Santy chairs, and we are truly grateful for their support.

Many thanks to all the **RU members** who use their Albertson's Partners Cards when they check out at the grocery store. We have collected \$1,203 from this program so far this year!

Gerry Gebel did a nice job bordering our front garden with railroad ties. For his service in gardens and fixing our errant computers, we are truly grateful.

Thanks to **The Park Record** for their excellent coverage of the acquisition of our new baler "Big Blue" and allowing us to reprint their story.

Did You Know? . . .

û Every glass bottle recycled saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours.

û Every ton of newspaper recycled saves 4100 kwh or enough energy to power a TV for 31 hours.

Candidate Bonham on the Bottle Bill

"Recycling **saves money, natural resources, and creates jobs.** Voluntary recycling has made only a small impact on the amount of waste we discard. Meanwhile, our landfills are filling up with trash that could easily be recycled. Too few of us participate in this important activity. That is why I support the creation of a bottle bill.

"We pay a small deposit on each plastic or glass bottle and aluminum can. When we return them, the deposit is refunded or applied to the next purchase. Bottle Bills in other states have eliminated a huge volume of trash from landfills and help to keep our sidewalks, streets, and highways free of ugly litter. It is far less expensive to recycle these items than it is to manufacture new ones."

- Statement of **Laura Bonham, Democratic Candidate for State Legislature, District 53** www.Laura04.com

Read your newsletter online (with color photos!) at <http://www.recycleutah.org/Newsletter/newsletter.htm>

"Dear Rusty"

Our mascot Rusty is a dear deer who got left at RU one day. E-mail all your recycle questions to Rusty in care of director@recycleutah.com.

Dear Rusty: What should I put in my compost bin?

-- Composting in Deer Valley



Dear Composting: Put raw fruits & vegetables, peelings in your compost bin. Crushed egg shells add calcium; tea bags reduce mold. Coffee grounds also increase the rate of decomposition. Don't be afraid to put all your yard clippings and dead flowers in. **Don't** use meat, dairy or oils such as salad with dressing or stir fry in olive oil -- you'll attract pests, create smells, and inhibit decomposition.

Dear Rusty: I know you take peanuts and bubble wrap at the Center, but why don't you take Styrofoam? — Peeved in Peoa

Dear Peeved: We'd like to take Styrofoam but we don't have the right machine to handle it. To be re-marketed, Styrofoam must be crushed into bricks by a machine that can turn acres of the stuff into just a few bricks. Perhaps someday we'll have enough storage space to invest in this type of machine. We'd like to keep it out of the landfill because Styrofoam doesn't biodegrade or disintegrate, and it's highly toxic when burned. For now, take your Styrofoam to **Marko Foam on Director's Row (1100 South) 2940 West in Salt Lake City, 801 972 1354.** Remember, it must be clean & free of tape.

Free Wood Chipping for PC Residents

The Park City Fire Dep't. is offering a free chipping service to residents. They'll chip trees (less than 8 inches diameter) branches and brush in your yard. Call Casey Woods 649 6706 ext 149 to set up a chipping day. Tell him whether you wish to keep the mulch or have it removed. Remove branches and stack on the roadside with the cut ends facing downhill. Make sure there are no construction materials, nails, wire, or cord in the pile.

Recommended Book

Trash Talk: An inspirational guide to saving time and money through better waste and resource management by Dave & Lillian Brummet. www.PublishAmerica.com
ISBN 1-4137-2518-x

Live Creatively: Honor Earth & Country

Recycle Utah partnered with the Good Wood Project. The children decorated the float from the Good Wood Project. An old mop furnished the hair signs donated by the Board of for recycling facts. Leftover project made a banner with the theme "Live Creatively: Honor Earth & Country." "The partnership between the Recycle Utah was a 'natural.' We all



the Music Taxi & Arts-Kids to July Parade. float with recycled materials for Uncle Sam. Old "For Sale" Realtors made great posters Tyvek from a construction the children painted with the Earth & Country." Music Taxi, Artskids, & Recy- have to be creative to do our



jobs," said Insa Riepen. Below Pat Sanger of Arts-Kids enjoys the parade with Lola Beatlebrox of Recycle Utah and Zafod Beatlebrox of the Music Taxi.



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Recycle Utah Re-Seats the Wasatch Back

Recycle Utah played a key role in helping the Santy Auditorium chairs find new homes this summer. The auditorium on the second floor of the Park City Library building got a facelift this summer when the City installed new chairs. Recycle Utah helped hundreds of residents get a piece of Park City history by coordinating publicity, reservations, and pick-up for the 460 chairs.

It appears residents have long had a love-hate relationship with the old chairs. Designed for teenage bodies when the Santy was a high school auditorium, the seats have long made Park City Film goers ache during the popular two-hour movies.

But the complaints stopped when Recycle Utah announced their availability as had a waiting list right away and all the Santy homes within a week," said Insa Riepen. "Patrons were very generous with their donations, and we managed to generate over \$1000 for the Center. We are grateful to everyone who helped."



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The Santy chairs found many clever ways to please their new owners. Five chairs are now installed in a home entertainment room in Deer Valley. You can sit in another set when you try on shoes at a local store.

One new owner of the chairs joked, "I'm going to kidnap Frank Normile [Director of the Park City Film Series] and tie him in a different chair for each night he made me suffer!" But kudos are really due to Frank Normile for campaigning for new chairs and making a lot of Parkites happy with their ownership of the old chairs.



“Has Society’s Trend Toward Impatience Crept Into the Garden?”*

“Patience seems to be a quality our society is losing,” wrote Jerry Goodspeed, a horticulturalist with the Utah Stated University Education Service. “We want fast food, quick updates, and speedy delivery.. . We want instant landscape: trees that mature and bloom overnight, perennials that bloom the day they are planted and green perfect grass.” *Standard-Examiner news column, 7/17/04.* But gardens take time to mature and patient gardeners will reap the benefits, especially if they plant wisely.

Interplant some with weedy fast-
“The types that shoot for the short run and impatient “I want it now” far as to suggest that removed in 5-6 years can take over. Why? trees resist disease



slower, longer lasting trees growing ones, says Jerry. up quickly provide shade will help satisfy your impa- desires.” He even goes so the fast growing ones be so the slower growing ones Because slower growing and insect damage.

During Recycle Utah’s Healthy Garden Tour this year, the brochure showed the age in years of each garden entry. One could see the levels of growth each year brings by comparing year 1 gardens with years 2, 3 and so on. By planting trees, shrubs and perennials of different varieties and growing speeds, a gardener can design in quality over succeeding years.

“Another benefit from planting different trees [and other plants] in the same area,” says Jerry Goodspeed, “is that it creates a diversified landscape. This is an advantage when a disease or insect invades the neighborhood. If only one kind has been planted, you’ll have to start all over.”

Q & A: Tankless Gas Water Heaters

Q: Why have tankless water heaters become popular?

A: Their success is attributed to the fact that they deliver endless hot water while saving space. Their efficient, low-energy design can save more than 25% on utility bills.

Q: Aren’t they only good for small cabins?

A: Tankless technology can be used in cabins, homes and large buildings. Units can be used alone or linked together to create a major system. Some models are ideal for condos where storage is limited. Care must be taken to prevent temperature fluctuation when several users are running water at the same time. Up to 20 units can be linked by a single control system to produce hot water for large homes or commercial structures.

Q: What other uses are there?

A: Tankless heaters can be used with hydronic systems under walkways to melt snow. Hydronic systems also provide residential space heating by running hot water through plastic tubes embedded in a cement floor.

Q: What about installation?

Only one person is needed to install the units and if one unit breaks down, the second unit will keep working while the other waits to be repaired or replaced.

For more info, search the internet on “tankless water heater.” Adapted from “Tankless Technology,” Salt Lake Living, p. 35.

Order Catalog Companies To Recycle

Catalog companies use 3.6 million tons of paper every year. That’s more than the magazine industry. So it’s time for the people who order goods from catalog companies to get vocal

If you order from catalog companies, write them. Demand that they:

1. Use recycled paper
2. Publish the amount of recycled paper they are using
3. Stop ordering paper made with wood from endangered forests
4. Develop plans for recycling used catalogs

A group called ForestEthics is “going after the big boys” on these issues, reports Waste News. They are targeting six catalogs – Land’s End, LL Bean, Pottery Barn, Victoria’s Secret, and JC Penney. These companies use little or no recycled content and have links to using paper from endangered forests, Waste News reports.

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Get Vocal**

that to change,” mas Paul of For- group plans to brand names

with “some pretty horrific on-the-ground-activities” and have financial pressure come from socially responsible investment groups and shareholder resolutions. For more information, go to forestethics.org.



Recycle Utah's Tenacious Ten

We recommend 10 native plants for their drought tolerance & beauty:

1. Saskatoon Serviceberry (Amelanchier alnifolia)
2. Apache Plume (Fallugia paradox)
3. Western Sand Cherry (Prunus besseyi)
4. Yarrow (Achillea species)
5. Catmint (Nepeta x faassenii)
6. Primroses (Oenothera missouriensis)
7. Penstemon species (Penstemon)
8. Any Sedum & Ice plants
9. Woolly Thyme (Thymus pseudolaniginosus)
10. Fernbush (Chamaebatiaria millefolium)

Healthy Garden Tour Draws 100 Visitors

Water conservation at its best!

More than 100 people attended this year's Healthy Garden Tour of beautiful, waterwise gardens in Park City & Snyderville Basin on July 10 & 17.

Visitors toured 20 gardens, including the garden in Park Meadows, pictured here.

This garden was the highest, windiest and driest garden at 7,000+ feet. It is forever changing, evolving and thrives with little care, but carefully chosen plant material.

Flower beds thrive without irrigation. There are drought tolerant natives galore.

A healthy garden uses native plants and features to be both beautiful and low maintenance, so that the owner herself can maintain this garden.

Her healthy garden helps conserve water, no pesticides and

tribute to a healthy planet by using only organic fertilizer.

Mulching

Mulching around flowers, vegetable healthy plant growth. Shredded yard materials are recycled as for watering and weeding in this ture, increases the yield of vegetable diseases.



tables, trees & bushes supports leaves, grass clippings, and other mulch. Mulching reduces the need garden, stabilizes soil temperatures, and helps control insects &



Paving & steps reduce water needs.



By

Big Blue Baler Makes Work Easier at Recycle Utah

Monika Guender, Excerpted from The Park Record & reprinted with permission

As the largest investment Recycle Utah has ever made, "Big Blue" promises to make plastics recycle easier, more efficient, less energy-wasting and more financially sound.

Big Blue as Riepen dubbed the Marathon Gemini Extreme Multi-Material Horizontal Baler, will be able to crush the four categories of recycled plastics into larger, tighter & heavier bales, as well as handle corrugated cardboard and other materials. For now, however, plastics will be the main material used in the baler, with corrugated cardboard to be added in the future.

Big Blue can save the non-profit with a more efficient process. Because the crushing movement is horizontal rather than vertical, the baler will be able to create tighter bales, an important feature when compressing PETE — the main plastic used to bottle water, said Riepen. PETE's elasticity



Shannon Beglin, left, Insa Riepen, and Board members Diane Murphy, A. Flint Decker, Micheal O'Hara & Mark Estabrook load Big Blue. Park Record Photo by Grayson West

What Big Blue Can Do

After you drop your #2 plastic into a 55-gallon bag at the Center, the baler crushes 25 of those huge bags into ONE bale!

Grocery bags are no problem for Big Blue: 24 huge bags make ONE bale of grocery bags!

allows it to expand after compression, so a stronger baler must be used to exert more pressure on that form of plastic. But even through the horizontal baler has the potential to bring in more money for the center, it is not expected to pay for itself, said Executive Director Insa Riepen.

Most of the plastics the baler will crush and form into cubes do not have a market value that makes the bales a money-maker, said Riepen. A 40-inch bale of No. 1 plastic, PETE only garners about \$10 a bale. That did not even cover the cost of the two employees operating the old baler, Riepen said.

If Think Green . . For Your Office . . Your Home . RU Building Seminar

you "Think Green," you can come up with lots of products & services that contribute to sustainable living — green products for your office, your home, and your town.

That's the focus of Recycle Utah's Green Building Seminar to be held Friday, **November 19th at Deer Valley Resort.** Until then, here are some ideas for greening your life:

Office

Look for the Energy Star — office equipment with the EPA's "Energy Star" label has been found to use less energy than standard models.

Change your lighting—Purchase compact fluorescent bulbs that use 66% less energy than light bulbs.

Power Down — Turn off your computer & office equipment. According to the Energy Star program, activating sleep settings on just one computer can prevent about 300 pounds of CO2 emissions yearly.

Green your business travel — telecommute. Ride a bike to work once a week.

Buy recycled paper & put separate bins under desks and in the copier room for trash, newspapers and white office paper.

Home

There's a new resource in Salt Lake for green-minded people. It's called The Green Building Center. Located at 1952 E. 2700 S., this retail outlet specializes in green alternatives to conventional products for home building and decoration.

They include non-toxic paints, recycled glass tiles, WheatBoard cabinets, cotton insulation, clay plasters, organic cotton bedding & towels, compostable upholstery, solar electric systems, recycled roof shakes and solar ovens.

The staff of this emporium have graduated from Solar Energy International's program for sustainable building and re-

We need your help. Choose to volunteer. The Center's a fun place to work. Call us at 649-9698.

what?

RU works with and educates the community to conserve natural resources, especially water, energy & landfill space.

9 RU collects an average of 35 tons of glass per month! RU has collected over 45,000 lbs of hazardous materials.

9 RU accepts any kind of paper, cardboard, paperboard, aluminum, cans, metal, and all plastics. We also recycle batteries, moving boxes, Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, cellular phones, mercury thermometers, and any plastic bags.

why?

Mission Recycle Utah's Mission is to provide leadership and education to promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling, backyard composting and water conservation in Summit and Wasatch Counties, UT. **Vision** Recycle Utah's Vision is the creation of a Zero Waste Plan in order to eliminate waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage and recycling of materials.

wow!

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.

Recycle Utah Members

162 members paid in 2004

THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY: RECYCLE UTAH MEMBERS DO

Individual

- Laura Alleman
- Jess Barber
- Kent & Rebecca Bowen
- Patrick Brennan
- Barbara Carey
- Wendy Cryan
- Joey Dhaenens
- Cristi Fitzgerald
- Jill R. Fletcher
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- Wendy Van Reyper
- Tevy Vetter
- Gaye Worthen
- Laura Bonham
- Sheila McEntee
- The Nature Conservancy

Family

- Adams Family
- Brian & Peg Anderson

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 Name _____
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- 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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- Ram-Big Horn Investments, LLC.
- Raymond Family Foundation
- Smith's — Heber
- Stein Eriksen Lodge & Glitretind
- The Summit Institute
- Wal-Mart

Look What's Happening

Computer Component Collection: Ongoing. \$5 per monitor, CPUs & everything that plugs into them — free. Drop off during business hours only.

Free Composting Workshops: Wed. & Sats. Call first!
Wind Power Week: Sept. 6-11. See insert.

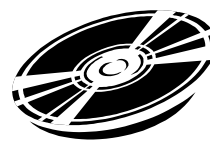
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Hazardous Material Collection: Fri., Oct 8, 9 a.m. -12 noon

Green Building Seminar: Fri. Nov. 19, Deer Valley Resort.

Annual Meeting: Thurs. Nov. 11, 6 pm Prudential Utah Real Estate, Building B, Park Avenue

All dates are tentative until they're not



Got CDs? RU now takes any CDs in a bin located in front of the office.

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