

Label Lingo Translated

When you see a recycled paper label, most people believe their paper napkins are made completely from the newspapers they lug to the curb or recycler each week. But what it really means is this: Most recycled paper products contain only 10-30 per cent recycled goods. The rest? Virgin pulp and scraps from the paper-making process.

The bottom line, however is this: Don't sweat the numbers. "It would have a greater impact on the environment if many people switched over to 30 per cent recycled content than for a few to buy 100 percent recycled," says Gerard Gleason of the environmental group Conservatree. Look for: "made from post-consumer waste."

Hazardous Material Collection 5/14

Many automotive products, most paints, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners are toxic. None of these products are trash & should never be buried at our landfill.

Friday, May 14th is R.U.'s spring collection event. Bring any of these items. Charge: 50 cents per pound.

Ontario adopts Europe's Solution to the High Cost of Trash

A concept used in Europe that requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the disposal of all waste from product inception to consumer use has arrived in North America.

"Extended producer responsibility" is the term used to describe this principle. This concept is the standard for doing business in the European Union.

The province of Ontario, Canada has just passed legislation requiring packaged goods manufacturers to pay for the weight of their packaging. Environment minister Leona Dombrowsky: "We are taking positive action to help municipalities divert more waste from landfills to clean up our environment and improve the quality of life for Ontarionians."

The program was implemented to help cover the cost of curbside recycling programs. The province's goal to increase recycling rates from the current 45% to 60% by 2008. They have bigger plans too—they plan to phase in a ban on organic waste in landfills because "organic waste is a resource, not garbage."

A Maryland based company that watches U.S. and international recycling laws has this to say: "Approval of this plan does set a new precedent in the area of producer responsibility legislation worldwide. There is some concern from industry that the idea will spread to other governments." We can only hope that it does.

Recycle Utah Personals

Energetic, worthy non-profit looking for **Smart, Motivated** individuals who like to get **plenty of fresh air**. Seeking community-minded people who are not afraid to **burn loads of calories**, who love **meeting their neighbors**, and who relish the chance to **run large crushing machines**.

While there is no pay, there are **many perks** like the **self-gratification** that comes with keeping **your community clean**. If this sounds like **YOU**, call Recycle Utah @ 649-9698.

Feed the Earth... Compost

Free Public Workshop every Wed. @ 9:00 am at R.U.

Learn how to make compost in your backyard...the easy way. Composting helps reduce landfill waste and gives you "gold."

Learn how to... get started... what to do with yard/garden waste...troubleshooting tips... compost bins—pros and cons... using compost to enrich the garden...gardening for water quality. Participants will receive a free "Presto Hoop" compost bin and/or a 10% discount on a "Home Composter."

Native Plant Sale

Get your water-wise, native plants at our spring sale on Sat. **June 12, 9:00 am to noon**. Get educated by the Utah Native Plant Society folks and PC Garden Club members. Chose from 5-gal. bushes, 1-gal containers of perennials and seeds.

2nd Annual Healthy Garden Tour in July

Last year's garden tour was educational and fun. This year's tour will be held on two consecutive **Saturdays July 10 and 17 from 10 until 2pm**. Last year's tour showcased 25 local gardens and was hosted by knowledgeable gardeners and garden designers. Gardens on the tour will have: hardscapes, grasses & natives, tons of mulch and compost, groundcover, drought tolerant plants, minimal grass areas, drip irrigation and lots of colorful flowers. Learn how to change gardens to fit the location.