



Spokane's Recycling
 Newsletter for Elementary Schools
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Back to School... Try Recycling 101

Recycling 101 - The Basics, The Benefits

Why Recycle? ... maybe it's obvious ... maybe you already know ... but - It All Comes Back to You!

And thanks to you, there is more recycling, and thousands upon thousands of recycled products are being made from materials that would otherwise pile up in our trash! It makes a huge difference to our environment, quality of life, and future.

Why It's Important

Recycling helps protect our resources, our environment, our quality of life.

How It Works

There are three parts to the recycling cycle - collection, manufacturing, closing the loop. We are critical to the collection - get the right items in the your blue bin - and closing the loop - buy items with recycled content in them.

Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

It isn't rocket science, but there are guidelines to follow that can give recycling a boost. Call the Recycling Hotline - 625-6800 - for the most up to date information.

Interesting End Products

You can make what out of what? Now that's amazing!

Learn More about these topics at www.americarecyclesday.org. There is even a suggested reading list for the bookworm!



AMERICA
 RECYCLES
 2007

It All Comes Back To You.

The official
 America
 Recycles Day is
 November 15
 - but let's
 recycle every day!

Local Activities Planned

Poster Contest Announced -- The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System will sponsor its 8th annual poster contest. Contest rules are on the back and entry information is included with the mailing of this newsletter. Thirty winners will receive local recognition at the November 27th meeting of the Spokane County Commissioners. Over 15 posters will be selected to appear in the Spokane Recycles 2008 Calendar.

Poster Display - Winning posters will be displayed at River Park Square (2nd level, Rotunda) – October 29 – November 15.

Activities @ MOBIUS Kids - Special museum activities - Monday, November 12 (12 p.m.-3 p.m.)

Activities Nationwide and in Washington State
Check it out at: www.americarecyclesday.org
 Find ideas for activities and enter the national drawing for adult and youth prizes.

Contest Rules - Spokane Recycles Calendar

1. Posters must be 8 1/2" x 11" and drawn horizontally on the page. May use marker, crayon, colored pencil; no 3-D collages please.
2. The student's name must NOT appear on the front of the poster.
3. Entrants must be in grades K-8 and complete a signed release form that is attached to the back of the poster (form is with newsletter mailing, by calling 625-6535, or on the website: www.solidwaste.org/New.htm).
4. Primary considerations for judging in priority:
 - o Use of the theme – **"America Recycles - It All Comes Back to You"**
 - o Originality
 - o Artistic – attractive, grade appropriate, and ability to be reproduced.
5. Students may enter individually or with class.
6. **Deadline:** Posters must be received by 5 pm, October 25, 2007, at the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System office - 7th floor of Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane WA 99201.



"Reuse-a-Shoe" Collection

Collect old athletic shoes as a class project -- then bring them to a Collection Event (listed below). Shoes will be recycled by Nike.



All brands athletic shoes OK
NO metal (eyelets/grommets)
NO cleats or dress shoes
DO NOT tie shoes together



Valleyfest - Mirabeau Park Meadows, Spokane Valley, September 22 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

* Take your shoes to the Solid Waste System's booth (Visit our worms while you are there!).



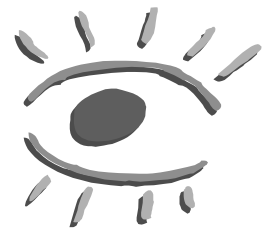
America Recycles Day Activities @ MOBIUS Kids, River Park Square, November 12 (12 p.m. to 3 p.m.)



Remember -- Regional Solid Waste System offers tours of the Waste to Energy Plant -- Find out just where the garbage goes! Tour reservation includes classroom material and then a video and walking tour at the plant. Call Tia at 625-6580 to reserve your spot.

Looking ahead

More activities...



~ October 4- *One Man's Trash...* in *Spokesman Review & The Inlander*.

~ October 6 & 7 (11 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Chipping and Composting Day
@ Valleyford

~ October 20 (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) – **Compost Fair** @ Finch Arboretum. Learn more about Nature's Recycling – composting in your own backyard. Spokane County residents with ID can take home a compost bin.



Call **Recycling Hotline**,
625-6800, with questions.

**Get Involved! Make An Effort
To Make A Difference**

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