



Blue Bin News

St. Louis City Residential Recycling Newsletter

Halloween Tips

This fall holiday season, reduce the amount of waste you send to the landfill by utilizing items lying around the house, in your recycling bin, or at the second hand store.

Decorate your haunted dwelling with glowing objects to lure in the ghoulish spirits of Halloween. But, instead of slaying numerous innocent pumpkins, make a "can-o-lantern" with items you already have around the house. Simply draw a design on an empty steel can with a permanent marker. Fill the can with water and place in the freezer. Once the water is frozen, use a hammer and nail to punch holes in the can, using your drawing as a guide. Allow the ice to melt and place a candle in the can to watch your creation glow.



If you must execute a pumpkin, save its seeds from the trash by roasting them for yourself and your family to enjoy. First, wash the pumpkin seeds and place in a saucepan of boiling salt water for about 10 minutes. Remove them from the heat and drain the water. Spread the seeds out over a roasting pan and drizzle with olive oil. Bake the seeds at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until they begin to brown. Remove from the oven, allow to cool, and enjoy!

Once the candy looting is over, save your holiday accessories for next year, donate them to family or friends, or place the recyclable materials back into your recycling bin. Give back to the soil by composting your pumpkin remains.

Mark Your Calendar for America Recycles Day

Join us on Thursday, November 15, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., as we celebrate America Recycles Day with our Third Annual Expo in the City Hall Rotunda. Open to the general public (free-of-charge), the Expo will feature businesses and organizations that manufacture or sell reused and recycled content products; collect and process recyclable materials; and offer educational programs related to reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling resources. For more information visit <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/ARD.html>.



Buy Reused and Recycled

Home Eco

www.home-eco.com

They sell reused and recycled products for the home and garden. Prepare for autumn with their compost bins made from reused food barrels or recycled plastic.



Check out this month's featured products and more at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/buyreusedrecycled.htm>

Upcoming Events

Home Composting and Native Plants Class

October 18th, 2007

For more information, contact the Bevo-Long Middle Community Education Center at 314.353.1034

Arch Fair

October 28th, 2007

Celebrate "Make a Difference Day" at the Gateway Arch

City of St. Louis Refuse Division's Recycling Program

Website: <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle>

Email: recycle@stlouis.missouri.org

Phone: 353.7176 (direct dial) or 353.8877 (switchboard)

Change a Light, Change the World



For the fifth year, AmerenUE is sponsoring the residential lighting initiative, "Change a Light, Change the World." Through the program, AmerenUE Missouri customers can get a \$2 instant rebate on the purchase of up to six ENERGY STAR® compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), which brings the price per bulb down to \$0.99. Customers can purchase the bulbs at participating ACE Hardware and Home Depot stores while supplies last.

ENERGY STAR®-qualified CFLs provide the same amount of light as standard incandescent bulbs, but have lower wattage ratings. So, a 100-watt incandescent bulb, which typically lasts about 1,000 hours, can now be replaced by a 25-watt CFL, lasting 10,000 hours. This means the CFL uses up to 75 percent less energy than a standard incandescent bulb and last up to 10 times longer. Additionally, replacing one incandescent bulb with a CFL will prevent the disposal of 10 incandescent bulbs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 400 pounds, and conserve nearly 200 pounds of coal over its lifetime.

The 2007 "Change a Light, Change the World" program will run from October 1st through December 31st. For more information about the program and participating stores, visit http://www.ameren.com/Residential/ADC_RS_LightBulbRebate.asp.

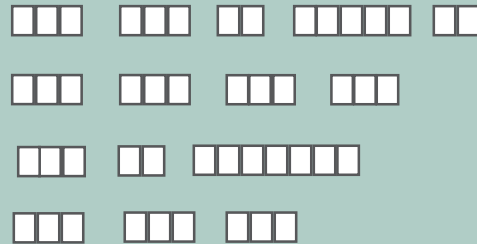
October 2007

2

Issue #2

How Many St. Louisans Does It Take To Change A Light Bulb?

BOTTLES	E C T W O O N E T O S C L R E
CANS	W N A I N T H E C N D E L W O
CARDBOARD	N E V R A N R U D R O N I E T
CURBSIDE	O R R I D E R E O C R Y F C L
DROPOFF	E T E H R B E P S E E O D S L
ENERGY	D O N F S O O C P O E W N N Q
ENVIRONMENT	R V G I U F N A U E U B A A C
LANDFILL	P D D N F S P M R D U R L C E
PAPER	J E H W E I E B E D E E C N L
POLLUTION	N O I T U L L O P N S R E E X
RECYCLE	F S Y K Y F C V L U T R Y G S
REDUCE	U C X X N D G Y E O G N F Y A
REFUSE	X C L K N H Z R C Y M I X E C
RESOURCES	D Q O W K F D E K E U T G Q C
REUSE	L U B O T T L E S J R C W M T



Once you've found all the words listed, fill in the blank boxes with the remaining letters starting from the top left corner.

We Challenge You to Buy Infinitely Recyclable Products

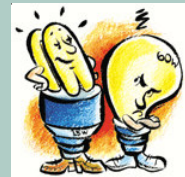


When making purchasing decisions, give preference to items packaged in or made from materials that can be recycled over and over without losing any quality. Infinitely recyclable

materials include aluminum, glass, and steel. In addition to being able to recycle them forever, most aluminum, glass, and steel also contain recycled material, bringing the recycling loop full circle. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Buy Recycled.

Where to Recycle Light Bulbs:

As you begin to replace incandescent lightbulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), you may wonder what to do with all those old bulbs. Or, you may have heard that CFLs contain small amounts of mercury and you are curious about what you should do with them once they finally burn out. You can recycle them at:



Lens Masters

Phone: 314.427.1660

Address: 11309 Midland Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63114

* For a small fee, residents can drop-off fluorescent lamps, ballasts, U-tubes, compacts, incandescents, and signage lamps.