

Save money driving your car

Keep your tires up to pressure

You can save up to 3 cents on every dollars worth of fuel by keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure. Properly inflated tires are safer because they offer better steering control, traction and will last longer.

Car pools reduce gas expense

and travel monotony - all riders chip in to help pay expenses. Pooling also reduces traffic congestion, gives the driver easier maneuverability and greater "steady speed" economy. For best results, distribute passenger weight evenly throughout car.

Don't drive 5 over the speed limit

Most vehicles reach peak fuel economy at speeds below 60. Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph will add significantly to your fuel bill.

Also, smooth driving can save you as much as 30-40%! Accelerating slowly and stopping gradually save fuel and wear and tear on your car.

Don't drive every place

If you can avoid driving you'll save gas, right? Take the bus, carpool, and consolidate your shopping trips. Walking or biking is good for your wallet and your health. And before you get in your car, always ask yourself: "Is this trip really necessary?"

Recycle your Christmas tree FREE!

Through the end of January, you can bring your Christmas tree (cleaned of all ornaments and tinsel) to the Cross Country Running Course in Pasco (North of Pasco Golf Land on Road 36). Just throw it over the fence.



Trees will be chipped free of charge. The wood chips will then be spread on the running path to improve the surface.

Questions?
Call Franklin County
Solid Waste Division
545-3551

Good websites for recycling and living green

www.planetgreen.discovery.com/recycling
<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~rectcke/Factoids.htm>

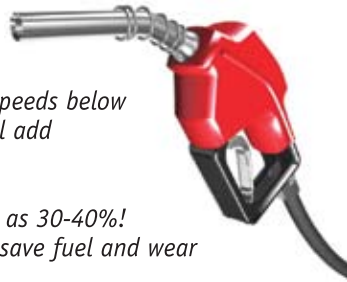


Recycled building material artisan and home builder

Dan Phillips in Huntsville, Texas is a recycled building material artisan and home building benefactor who has been building houses from recycled material for years. The ceiling in the photo is made from many different picture frame samples. His houses are affordable well beyond the government's definition.

While many people have gone down to the local Habitat for Humanity Restore to buy an item or two for a renovation project, Dan has made an art of taking discarded materials and turning them into whole houses. His houses aren't just simple structures either; they are works of practical art.

See Dan's work at these sites:
www.phoenixcommotion.com/index2.html
www.nytimes.com/2009/09/03/garden/03recycle.html
www.hollywoodframegallery.com/danphillipsproject.html



After Christmas recycling

After the holidays, houses are littered with piles of crumpled wrapping paper and bows, dozens of holiday cards, pine needles on the carpet, and boxes of pesky foam packaging "peanuts." The UPS Store® offers the following recycling tips to simplify post-holiday cleanup so you can start the new year with a clean house (and a clean conscience):

- Recycle packaging peanuts. Participating UPS Store locations accept clean foam packaging peanuts of all sizes, shapes, and colors for reuse. For additional information: www.loosefillpackaging.com.
- Reuse wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, tissue paper, etc. Also save gift bags and boxes and reuse them throughout the year or recycle them.
- Recycle greeting cards. Save cards and cut them up to use as gift tags next year. They also make a great resource for children's art projects.
- Recycle your tree. (see article on this page)
- Donate old toys, clothes or unwanted gifts. Start the new year with a clean slate. Take this time each year to donate to local charities any unwanted gifts along with last year's toys, clothes, or electronics that are still in good shape.



Favorite Recycling Factoids

- About 80% of what Americans throw away is recyclable. We only recycle 28%.
- In the state of Washington our rate of recycling is 44%.
- Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to operate a TV for 3 hours.
- If we recycled all of the newspapers printed in the US on a typical Sunday, we would save about 26 million trees per year.
- If every household in the U.S. replaced just one roll of 1,000 sheet virgin fiber bathroom tissues with 100% recycled ones, we could save: 373,000 trees and 155 million gallons of water.
- The U.S. is 5% of the world's population but uses 25% of its natural resources.
- Enough aluminum is thrown away to rebuild our commercial air fleet 4 times every year.
- One person uses approximately two trees' worth of paper products each year.



- Tires are recycled by turning them into ground rubber "crumbs" that are then added to asphalt for paving roads, running tracks, runways, and playgrounds. The result: pavement life is increased four to five times.

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~recycle/Factoids.htm>

Recycling for the birds

When peeling apples for an apple pie, instead of throwing the cores and skins in the trash, set them out for the birds and squirrels. They love them!



Hazardous Waste... what we shouldn't do.

1. **Don't throw it in the garbage!**
Most landfills are not designed for hazardous household wastes. Hazardous waste can leak into water supplies and also can cause air pollution.

2. **Don't pour it down the drain!**
When you pour hazardous household products down the sink or flush them down the toilet the hazardous materials enter either a septic system or sewer system.

Toxic materials in your septic system can kill helpful bacteria and your system may not work properly. They can also contaminate ground or surface water.

After treatment by your municipal sewage system, the wastewater is discharged into area rivers, lakes and streams. Some waste can pass through the system unchanged and pollute the water downstream.

3. **Don't pour it in ditches, storm drains or gutters! Don't dump it or bury it!**
It can poison plants and wildlife, contaminate soil, and be harmful to anyone who comes in contact with it.

4. **Don't burn it!**
You will risk producing poisonous fumes that contribute to air pollution and can cause an explosion.

Franklin County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Residents of Franklin County can bring their household hazardous waste and have it safely disposed of FREE (up to 5 gal. per household) at the Collection Facility on Dietrich Road in Pasco.

They accept: paint (oil base & latex), wood preservative & stain, adhesives & glues, cleaning agents, transmission & brake fluid, pesticides, polishes, aerosols, batteries - car & household, & pool chemicals

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Hours:
Monday- Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm
Call 547-2088 for more information.

Local Recycling Centers

There are many convenient **Neighborhood Recycling Centers** around your community for glass, mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans.

Pasco

- E. Lewis & California St.
- Grange Hall / Rd. 64 & Court St.
- Riverview Plaza / Court St. & Rd. 32
- Senior Citizen Center W. Brown & N. 5th St.
- Soccer Field / Court St. & Rd. 48
- Memorial Park 14th & Shoshone St.
- Grigg's Department Store Columbia & 9th St.
- McLoughlin Middle School Argent & Rd. 84
- Ochoa Middle School 1801 E. Sheppard
- Maya Angelou Elementary 6001 Rd. 84
- Community U.U. Church 2819 W. Sylvester St.

Merrill's Corner

- Glade & Eltopia West Rds.

City of Mesa

- Main St. across from grocery

Prosser

- Prosser Food Depot 1309 Meade Ave.
- 1006 Dudly St. across from Court House



Basin Recycling Winter Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

BDI Transfer Winter Hours

Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm
Saturday 9am-4:30pm
Closed Sundays

Please notice there are openings on both sides to drop your recyclables in.

