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E Green Journal

Human nature never ceases to amaze me. The journal I am referencing was started in 1994 at the University of Idaho. That means that for 14 years someone in the academic setting in Idaho was attempting to publish information we should all have been looking for, reading, understanding and embracing.

Yet, here we are ending 2008 and still have those that say global warming is cyclical, there is no need to panic, "I don't like Al Gore", etc, etc., etc. Well it really is not a matter of who likes who. This GREEN movement just makes sense.

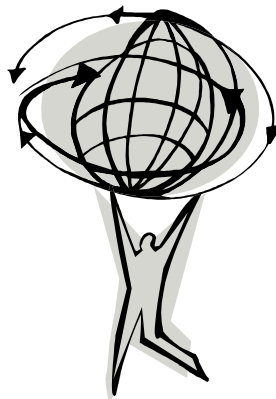
Again, we have 330 million people in the United States and 6.7 billion in the world. If just the US population throws away 100 pounds of waste a year. Well you do the math with me, that's 33,000 million pounds of waste or 15 tons!!

To me it is not a matter of liking a former political person it is a matter of common sense. Opps that common sense quality that is not common. Ok, ok, I'll get off my soap box but just where does all that paper and plastic end up?

One estimate was that only 10 percent of recycled waste ends up being recycled. Boy, I hope that figure is incorrect.

But this started out about electronic waste. The good news is more and more companies are joining the bandwagon allowing consumers to bring in the old, the tired, the broken, the out dated tools and toys.

It is up to us to ask...we must be vigilant about our social responsibility, so ask at the grocery, the office supply, the home supply. Ask at every store if they accept products to be recycled.



Tires are ending up as women handbags. In get this; colors!!

If tires can be yellow handbags no telling what that glass perfume

bottle could become.

Seriously, just ask and thanks!!

Smart Living Tips

Here's the list for this month and no it isn't an original. Most of the information comes off the web. I look to the smart guys who have the tools to



do the research. Ready?

Use energy calculators to see how you can reduce consumption.

Unplug when not in use and charge cell phones in the car.

Don't print unless necessary, use both sides of the paper when you do print.

Telecommute when possible.

Allow electronics to breathe. That's why there are vents on the sides.

Clean electronics too. Please be careful when doing so. LCD, use alcohol for cleaning.

Turn off the DVD when not in use.

Look for Energy Star when replacing appliances and electronics.

Older electronics can also be donated to a non-profit organization in your area.

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Did You Know?

Little known facts about personal hygiene:

Women wear and wash off 4lbs, 6 oz of makeup in a year.

Some red lipstick contains lead.

Lead accumulates over time and can cause brain damage. Many people know this but some of us need to be reminded.

420,000 trees are used to make toilet paper in a year. Hint: Look for paper made from recycled paper.

Believing we have an unlimited supplies of water is not true.

Composting toilets cost is \$4000.
If a home has 3 bathrooms that is \$12, 000 just for the toilets.

Sorry, no pictures this month. But I do want to leave readers with a thought. Just as many corporations are limiting holiday celebrations this year think about this idea;

Limit gift wrapping to newspaper and common twine then contribute your savings to your favorite charity. It may only feed one person but it will save the earth from all the waste of paper after the gift giving is through. Even \$20 dollars may make a difference in someone having a meal on Christmas day. Oh, and on the gift wrap, do this only if you read newspapers that is!

Happy Holidays!



We have the whole world in our hands. We can make a difference, one earth friendly act at a time.