Green Tip Archives 2011

10-31-11: Green Building
With lots of discussion on LEED and sustainable design, here is a short article on the highlights from the Greenbuild 2011 Conference held in early October: Green Building Continues To Go Mainstream

05-02-11: Trash to Treasure and Reduction Action
Time for Spring Cleaning! It’s time to reduce the unwanted clutter in your home by recycling it to CEC so that others can reuse it. So gather your old goodies either this weekend or the next and participate in this great event: Trash to Treasure Donation Drive, Wednesday, May 11th to Tuesday, May 17th. Drop off at FC4.

Trash to Treasure is a huge goods recycling program run by the Campus Environmental Center. CEC collects various household items in a large donation drive and then sell them back to students after summer break! This keeps tons of goods out of the landfill and helps reduce students’ environmental impact. Trash to Treasure provides three-fold benefits: tens of thousands of pounds of stuff is diverted from the waste stream, students can buy cool, cheap goods for their residences, and the money raised supports campus environmental programs, like recycling, litter reduction, and energy conservation. For more information about the program, please contact TrashtoTreasure@UTenvironment.org or check out http://utenvironment.org/!

Reduction Action!!!! For anyone who does not want to receive the Texas Performing Arts paper and plastic brochures, please let Lauren Constant know so she can unsubscribe you. Also, if you do not want your current brochure, drop it off to her and she will return them to PAC for reuse.

04-18-11: Earth Day
According to the Earth Day Network, over one billion people take part in Earth Day, making it “the largest secular civic event” in the world. Make a pledge or check out different articles and the footprint calculator at the Earth Day 2011 web site. Get more ideas for going green from the Environmental Protection Agency Earth Day tips web page.

04-11-11: Sustainable Technology for Cars
There is another emerging sustainable technology for cars on the market. Check out the air car and MDI Enterprises!

03-14-11: Sustainable TV
Check out this link from Francis Bohn about a new sustainable TV technology.

02-21-11: Watch What You Don’t Eat
Today’s tip provided by Ecomii – Watch What You Don’t Eat . . .

What?
Reduce landfill crowding - and global warming - by cutting down on food waste.
How?
Consider all possible uses of food before you pitch it, including freezing it, donating it or making a soup or stew out of it.

Why?
Americans throw away one quarter to one half of their food, creating more than 50 million tons of garbage. (Yikes)

Did You Know?
Methane, which is released by food waste in landfills, is 20 times more effective at trapping heat than carbon dioxide.

Okay, But How Hard Is It?
As easy as putting leftovers in a storage container instead of a trash can.

02-14-11: UT’s Chilling Station
Today I wanted to highlight one of the videos featured on the UT homepage about Utilities’ energy efficiency: Chillin’ like it’s 1977.

02-07-11: Verdiem Surveyor Reduces Phantom Load
Today I want to share something that Neil Crump found out about what TRECS is doing to improve our electricity usage here. They are installing Verdiem Surveyor, which reduces “phantom” power consumption! Don’t forget to keep energy use down by unplugging electronics not being used and turning the lights off when you leave a room.

01-04-11: Throw-away Electronics
Great informative “Story of Stuff” video on our society’s path of not-so-environmentally-friendly perceived obsolescence and dump designing – check it out!