

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:TrashtoTreasure@UTenvironment.org) or check out [http://utenvironment.org/!](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!