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March is a Good Month to Think GREEN (Information from Waste Management)



When something is recycled properly, it replaces the use of natural resources to make new consumer goods. But if done incorrectly it does more harm than good. We can make a big difference when we choose to recycle right.

At least 30 percent of all the waste we produce is recyclable: metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs, glass jars, clean paper and cardboard. Focus on getting these items, clean and dry, into your bin. Each material goes through its own recycling process to become a manufacturing feedstock. Plastic bottles can become a new shirt and aluminum cans are turned into new cans.

Here are some tips to help you recycle right and make a difference at home:

- Recycle plastic by their shape. Recycle empty bottles and jugs. The recycling symbol (chasing arrows) doesn't guarantee recyclability. Empty all food or liquids before recycling the container.
- Recycle all your clean paper and cardboard. This includes newspaper, office paper, and magazines. Flatten cardboard boxes to leave more room in your recycling bin and make the sorting process easier.
- Do NOT bag recyclables. Empty them loose in the cart or bin. Plastic bags get tangled in sorting equipment at the recycling facility and can bring operations to a halt. Take clean plastic bags back to your local retailer for recycling.

For more information about how to recycle, check out www.wm.com/recyclerright.

Did you know?

- Every ton of paper recycled save more than 7,000 gallons of water.
- Recycling a steel can saves 75% of the energy used to produce it from raw materials.
- Recycling ten plastic bottles is enough to make a T-shirt.

Hey Storage Renters!

An audit of storage spaces is coming up. Please make sure your items display current registration and you've gotten a copy of that registration to our office. There should be nothing sitting on the ground. Make sure you are well within the boundaries of your space as delineated by the pink whiskers.

Healthy Landscapes

Pine weevil, poplar borer, aphids, mites, and other leaf feeding insects are serious problems in our area of Colorado, but doesn't have to be the kiss of death for your tree if treated properly. Spring is the best time for treatment application. An arborist can be well worth the money for their expertise.

Watering, aerating, fertilizing, and treating pests in your lawn properly can make all the difference in the appearance of your property. Good information is available on the following website:

<https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/>

Missing Information?

Need to reference past information from the HOA or need some reading materials to treat insomnia? Check out our website:

www.bluelakehoa.com



Community Garage Sale

Mark your calendars and get a jump-start on cleaning out those closets. The Blue Lake neighborhood garage sale will be advertised for May 16-17 this year. Another sale will be advertised on Saturday September 12.

Design Control Reminder

As the weather starts to draw us back outdoors and has us thinking about home improvement projects, remember that any exterior changes on your lot need approval from the Design Control Committee. The process is simple and painless but necessary.