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Eco-Cycle Turns 30 and Introduces a New Mission

by Marti Matsch



Communities around the world are looking to the organization and the community that brought them a model for recycling three decades ago to step up and create a model for Zero Waste. To meet the challenge, we have re-steered Eco-Cycle's mission from "Community-Based Recycling" to "Working to Build Zero Waste Communities," and we are once again turning to our community partners who helped us 30 years ago—businesses, schools, local organizations and municipalities—to join us in demonstrating this much-needed solution.

That Was Then.

Thirty years ago this July, Eco-Cycle rolled out a fleet of old school buses onto Boulder streets to collect recyclable material from local residents. It was the dawning of recycling in America and a new way to manage resources, one that established our community as a pioneer in resource conservation.

Back then, businesses, local organizations, school groups, municipalities and many dedicated volunteers partnered to make our community one of the first twenty in the United States to implement a curbside recycling program. Working together, we created a recycling model for the rest of the nation and, ultimately, the world, as a means to protect our dwindling natural resources, our own health and the health of future generations.



This is Now.

Thirty years later, recycling is a household word and there are more than 9,000 curbside recycling programs throughout the nation. Despite the dramatic rise in recycling, however, the need for society to drastically change the way it uses resources is more important than ever. Natural systems continue to decline, the health impacts of pollution continue to rise, and the threats of global climate change continue to materialize. Simply recycling is not enough because the primary damage done to our environment is caused before we ever see a product. We need to go to the headwaters of resource use—to the design process—and insist that products be designed for minimal resource use, be less or non-toxic, and finally be reused, recycled, or composted. That's Zero Waste, and that's the new revolution in resource conservation that's necessary to propel our community closer to sustainability.

Who's Part of Making Our Community a Model for Zero Waste? Look for the Signs.

Building a Zero Waste community takes... well, the community. All sectors have a role to play to help make ours a model for Zero Waste. Many partners throughout the community have joined us in our new mission, and we've created a program to help you know who they are and what they're doing to support the goal with a Zero Waste Community Partners decal. The more committed the Partner, the more "stripes" they will earn for recycling, composting, recycling "hard to recycle" materials, or using Zero Waste purchasing practices. Look for these window decals:

- at more than 800 area businesses, some of whom are "going all the way" with our full Zero Waste Services including recycling, composting and buying for Zero Waste;
- at the homes, desks, and car windows of nearly 800 volunteers throughout Boulder and Broomfield counties who serve as ambassadors for Zero Waste in their neighborhoods, workplaces and community groups;
- on the office doors of local governments that are working their way toward Zero Waste;
- in the hallways of schools implementing Zero Waste practices through our Green Star Schools program, which teaches kids to recycle, buy recycled and compost;
- in the windows of our Partners for Responsible Recycling, the businesses who have helped us with the most important part of Zero Waste—taking responsibility for the products they create by financially supporting the infrastructure to recycle them.



Eco-Cycle has re-steered its mission from "Community-Based Recycling" to "Working to Build Zero Waste Communities." Look for this sign at participating businesses, schools, municipalities and in the homes of our volunteers to know who is helping us create a Zero Waste model for the rest of the world.

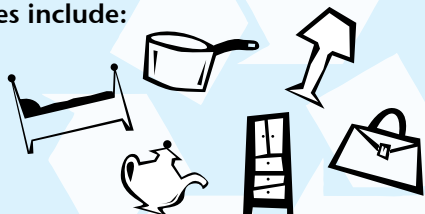
Our Zero Waste community is growing! You can view our progress and find information about who's on board as community partners and what they're doing to get to Zero Waste on our website at www.ecocycle.org. Stop by and tell the businesses, volunteers, schools, local governments, and Partners for Responsible Recycling that you support the Zero Waste vision and their participation. Better yet, contact us to become a partner, too! Just as thirty years ago we pulled together as a community to put Boulder on the map for recycling and resource conservation, we need to once again pull together as partners to create a model for Zero Waste. ♻️

New! Eco-Cycle Exchange

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Think of it as a free "online garage sale" you can visit any time! It's easy. Go to www.ecocycle.org and click on Eco-Cycle Exchange. Browse for goodies or post your FREE items. You control how you want to be contacted, via email or phone, and you can remove your posting any time you like. Eco-Cycle Exchange features include:

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- posting or searching for garage and yard sales
- posting pictures of your free item
- getting info on other free exchange services and thrift stores.



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How are we doing with our goal to become a model Zero Waste community?

Check out www.ecocycle.org to learn

- which businesses are on board and what they're doing to get to Zero Waste
- which municipalities are creating Zero Waste systems
- what's happening in the schools
- how to sign up as a volunteer Eco-Leader
- how to sign up your business for Zero Waste Services
- how to get the tools and resources you need to make Zero Waste a part of your daily life
- how to sign up for valuable and informative online newsletters.

Director's Corner



Eric Lombardi
Executive Director

We recently found ourselves contemplating a tough choice about how to do business within our Composting Program, and, in the decision-making process, we realized that our deliberations have larger implications for how all businesses in the 21st century need to discuss financial gains and long-term environmental sustainability.

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Tough Choices for Businesses in the 21st Century

In business there are, of course, ethical and unethical ways to make money, clean ways and dirty ways, and a lot of gray area in the middle. The choices a business makes along those lines define the company and its principles. We at Eco-Cycle recently found ourselves contemplating a tough choice about how to do business within our Composting Program, and, in the decision-making process, we realized that our deliberations have larger implications for how all businesses in the 21st century need to discuss financial gains and long-term environmental sustainability.

The basic elements of this short tale are pretty simple to understand—the world is full of disposable paper products and packaging that are coated with a thin layer of plastic. Items such as milk cartons have a plastic coating that is so thin as to be imperceptible, but its presence is very important to the strength and moisture-resistance of the material. The recycling market value of this material is usually so low that Eco-Cycle subsidizes the costs to handle it; hence, Boulder County is one of the few areas in the nation that recycles this material because keeping it out of the landfill is important for both conserving resources and for preventing the groundwater pollution and greenhouse gas emissions that occur when these products are landfilled.

I was very excited to learn a couple years ago that people were successfully composting plastic-coated disposable paper products in with food scraps and yard clippings. This new handling option was less costly than recycling and much more environmentally-preferable than throwing away the disposables—a win-win, I was beginning to think. Trade magazines and facility operators were claiming the plastic coating completely broke down and disappeared... it just sort of went away.

Out of Sight, But Not Out of Mind.

That sounded good, and I was eager to get this program rolling until our two science professionals on staff at Eco-Cycle reminded me that just because the plastic coating remnants couldn't be seen after the composting process, that didn't mean they didn't persist at microscopic levels. Plastic is well known to be non-biodegradable, but the grinding, mixing, and high temperatures involved in a commercial compost process can turn the already thin film into very small particles. Common sense, which often takes a vacation when money issues are discussed, suggests that those particles, ever so small, are still there and potentially

now better able to disperse throughout our soil and water.

Over the last year, Cyndra Dietz, our resident scientist and manager of the Schools Recycling Program, and Dan Matsch, our resident organic farmer and manager of our new Composting Program, spearheaded a small research project to investigate what happens to that plastic coating after composting. It turns out that this is such a new issue only a little science exists on the topic, and the available information suggests that indeed there may be a problem with microscopic particles remaining in the soil and harming the creatures that live there (such as worms), and that these particles may be washing out of the soil to damage the living organisms in nearby aquatic environments.

Last January, the three of us wrote and presented an "Issue Brief" for discussion at the national composting conference in Albuquerque. Our goal was to seek new information and feedback from the leaders in the industry. Despite grumblings from the largest for-profit composters in the meeting, the group appreciated our sound research and expressed similar concerns about the dangers of microscopic plastic infiltration. The meeting ended with a request for Eco-Cycle to initiate new research and present again next year.

Our Stance: Precautionary Principle

Despite the attractive financials of composting these materials versus recycling them, we decided to take a stand: plastic-coated papers should not be composted until it is proven safe. This approach to business centers around a new idea taking hold in Europe called the Precautionary Principle (PP). This important new social innovation says industry must first prove that its actions or products are safe, as opposed to the traditional approach where the public is forced to prove afterward that industry's actions were dangerous. Decades of Superfund clean-ups, holes in the ozone layer, and increasing levels of toxic chemicals accumulating in our bodies have governments and businesses around the globe coming around to the notion that prevention is simpler, safer and less expensive than treatment. Eco-Cycle strongly supports the PP as a key to environmental sustainability, and our recent experience with plastic-coated papers was an opportunity to "walk our talk." As we continue our research on this topic, we'll keep you informed. Until then, please join us in taking the precautionary approach to keeping plastic waste out of our soils and waterways. ♻️

Goodbye to Two Dear Friends, Marian Stratton & Ed Green

It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to two beloved Eco-Cyclers, one a volunteer and one a staff member. Marian Stratton, one of our most dedicated volunteers with over 15 years of service in our Longmont program, passed away earlier this year. If you've ever been to a Longmont collection for hard-to-recycle materials, you were no doubt greeted by a cheerful and always helpful Marian. Marian was also a Block Leader, delivering educational materials to her neighbors, and a Region Leader for not one, but two regions. She recruited new volunteers in her area and delivered literature to neighbors on blocks not already served by volunteers. It was for *Eco-Cycle Times* deliveries that she was a real star. She could be counted on to support our staff in delivering bundles of our newsletter throughout Longmont every spring and fall, saving staff days of delivery time. Every time we called her to see if she was available to help, she'd always say, "Of course, when do you want me to come by?" Thank you, Marian, for your many years of joyful help. We will miss you.



Marian Stratton

Eco-Cycle staff members and Longmont volunteers said goodbye earlier this year to our dear friend and co-worker Ed Green. For two years, Ed ran our Longmont program and later worked at our operating facility in Boulder. Longmont citizens knew him as the staffer who would jump to spend his personal time making events around town Zero Waste or as that dynamic, friendly man who was so quick to help with questions or materials at the drop-off center. He was a proud Longmont resident who was always happy, gung-ho, charming, and dedicated to making his community a better place to live. Eco-Cyclers remember him as one of the most enthusiastic personalities on the staff. You knew the instant Ed came into the building because he was so full of laughter and quick-witted jokes. A personality as big and a light as bright as Ed's can never be gone; he is with us always. ♻️



Ed Green

Accolades for the Zero Waste Farmers' Market and for Eco-Cycle's Compost Program



We've won two new awards! The Zero Waste Farmers' Market received its second honor in as many years and our compost collection program for businesses earned recognition at the state level.

On Earth Day, Steve Tuber from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) presented Eco-Cycle and the Boulder Farmers' Market with the EPA Region 8 Environmental Achievement Award for our Zero Waste Farmers' Market. The award recognizes significant achievements in the protection of public health or the environment in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and 27 sovereign tribal nations.

"The EPA Region 8 Awards' Board was very impressed with the scope and environmental results of the Zero Waste Farmers' Market," said Marie Zanowick with the EPA. "By reaching over

15,000 visitors each weekend, Eco-Cycle is educating a large number of people on how easy it is to recycle all of their waste."

Eco-Cycle's Zero Waste Services Coordinator Robin Burton accepted an award for Outstanding Organics Program at the Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR) 2006 Summit for Recycling. The award was one of five Recycling Industry Awards presented at the annual statewide conference.

Eco-Cycle received the award for its Zero Waste Services business collection program, of which compostables collection is a strong component. In 2005, Eco-Cycle collected 635 tons of compostable materials from businesses. The program currently serves 45 businesses in Boulder, Broomfield and Longmont, and the program has been expanding at a steady pace. We couldn't have received these awards without you—our community of volunteers, supporters and business customers—so *thank you!*

Boulder County Commissioners Announce Zero Waste Policy

The Boulder County Commissioners have taken a historic step forward in the war against waste by adopting Zero Waste as a guiding principle for government decision-making. This move puts Boulder County in good company with other progressive communities, such as San Francisco and nearly all of New Zealand, that are also taking significant action to eliminate the concept of waste management and instead create systems for resource management.

"The idea that waste and its resulting pollution and environmental devastation are necessary evils no longer holds true," said Eric Lombardi, Eco-Cycle's Executive Director and President of the national Zero Waste organization, the GrassRoots Recycling Network (www.grrn.org). "Waste is a result of bad decision-making, and with the right mixture of leadership and incentives those decisions can be changed. The elimination of "waste" isn't a technological problem; it is an economic and political opportunity to change the rules of society such that industry designs everything to be easily reused, recycled or composted. Colorado ranks near the bottom in national recycling rates, but our elected county officials have been working closely with Eco-Cycle and other stakeholders to set a different example of true resource conservation for the state and the rest of the nation."

The County Commissioners are adopting Zero Waste as a guiding principle for all county government operations and for outreach activities and waste reduction strategies within the community. County staff has been directed to develop a Zero Waste Plan that will address both Boulder County "the organization" and Boulder County "the community and geographic area." The Plan will be designed to achieve the initial goal of increasing waste diversion from the landfill for both the Boulder County government and for the county as a whole to 50% or better by 2010. The ultimate goal of Boulder County's Zero Waste Plan is to design systems that eliminate the production of waste and achieve Zero Waste or "darn near" by 2025.

According to Will Toor, the Boulder County Commissioner who is leading the move toward Zero Waste government planning, "As we learn more from Eco-Cycle about Zero Waste planning and what other communities around the world are doing, we realize that the goals of resource conservation and economic efficiency are best served by getting on the path to Zero Waste. Actually getting to 'zero' isn't the point, but what is important is that every decision we make as public servants is aiming for Zero Waste. We need to look at our community regulations and all our actions related to government purchasing and determine whether they're rewarding Zero Waste or encouraging wasting. The marketplace operates within a set of rules, and I'd like to see those rules changed to reflect the aspirations and vision of our local community." ♻️



Eco-Cycle Executive Director Eric Lombardi, Boulder County Commissioners Ben Pearlman and Will Toor, and Eco-Cycle Communications Director Marti Matsch celebrate the county's historic decision to establish a Zero Waste policy.



Going for Zero in the City of Boulder

City of Boulder residents should be proud their town is now on the international list of communities that have declared a Zero Waste resolution. The city of Boulder joined Boulder County in making history when its City Council voted in May to pass a Zero Waste resolution and to approve a Master Plan for Waste Reduction. The vote brought the city once again to the national and international forefront of resource conservation and Zero Waste.

This spring, over 75 Zero Waste enthusiasts came to Council to voice their desire to see Boulder Council go for Zero. A "sea of green" Eco-Cycle volunteers clad in green t-shirts was elated to hear Council vote in favor of a resolution in which the city "hereby encourages the pursuit of Zero Waste as a long-term goal in order to eliminate waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage and recycling of materials." Council members also approved a waste reduction plan to set us on an exciting path toward 85% recycling and composting in the city of Boulder by 2017, up from the current rate of 35% for commercial and residential sectors.

The plan includes efforts such as expanded recycling programs, curbside composting service, commercial food waste collection, construction and demolition debris recycling, future landfill bans for electronic equipment, and possible ordinances like local take-back laws where manufacturers of specific materials, like electronics, are required to either take back their product for recycling at the end of its useful life or support the infrastructure that recycles the material. The purpose of the plan is to create a model of how government leadership can take future generations into consideration by creating new rules and strategies for Zero Waste and for a sustainable economy and ecosystem. Congratulations, Boulder! ♻️



A "sea of green"—Eco-Cycle volunteers in green t-shirts—was elated to hear Boulder City Council vote to pass a Zero Waste Resolution and a waste reduction plan that sets the city on an exciting path toward 85% recycling and composting by 2017 (photo taken pre-elation).

Summertime is Compost Tea Time!

Water your soil with life—with Eco-Cycle's Microbe Brew, that is! Now and throughout the growing season, your garden, houseplants and lawn can benefit tremendously from applications of our tea, which is brewed from nutrient-rich worm castings (a.k.a. worm poop). You guessed right—this tea is not for human consumption. The 100% natural tea is actually full of living microbes and beneficial growth compounds that, when applied to soil or plant leaves, result in hardier, more pest-resistant plants. Compost tea is the best natural soil amendment on the planet for our local soils because they suffer from extremely low levels of microbial activity—this means we've got much more "dirt" than we do "soil."

We're thrilled to announce that City of Boulder water customers can cash in again this year on a 50% discount on compost tea generously offered by the Boulder Water Conservation Office. Because of the tea's ability to hold water in the soil and reduce evaporation, the Water Conservation Office is encouraging its use as a water-saving measure. Simply show a recent Boulder water bill when you purchase the tea to receive your discount. If you are not a Boulder water customer, just clip the coupon on this page!

With Boulder County experiencing drought-like conditions once again this summer, now is an ideal time to apply the tea to bring much-needed moisture to your parched lawn and plants.

Where to Buy Compost Tea

Compost tea is for sale now through the end of August at the following locations:

Boulder Farmers' Market
13th Street between Arapahoe Avenue and Canyon Boulevard
Saturdays, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
*Look for the big yellow and blue Eco-Cycle banner on our tent near the middle of the market.

Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM)
5030 "old" Pearl Street
Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Compost Tea Prices

Quart \$ 2.50
Gallon \$ 6.00
Five-gallon \$25.00
(plus a \$.50 refundable container deposit for quarts and gallons, and \$3 for a five-gallon container) ♻️

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Our Newest Partner for Responsible Recycling: CompUSA Boulder

by Erin English



Americans have a love affair with their electronic gadgets. They love them for a little while, anyway, and then they leave them for better versions—faster, smaller, sleeker models with more bells and whistles. More often than not, older, outdated equipment ends up heaped in the corner of the garage until it eventually makes its way to the landfill along with millions of other monitors, CPUs, and VCRs. Now Eco-Cycle and CompUSA have partnered to revolutionize the way you handle these unwanted products through Eco-Cycle's Partners for Responsible Recycling Program.

While Europe is passing laws to prevent these toxic discards from entering the environment, progress on federal legislation here in the

United States is slow. So, rather than wait for new leadership in Washington, D.C., Eco-Cycle is working with local businesses to design creative, voluntary take-back programs for electronics and other hard-to-recycle items. By becoming an Eco-Cycle Partner for Responsible Recycling, retailers and manufacturers help recycle the products they produce or distribute, which conserves valuable resources and keeps toxic materials out of the environment, while also "greening" their image and improving their bottom line.

Our newest Partner, CompUSA in Boulder, has set a new environmental standard for retailers by working with Eco-Cycle to create a convenient recycling opportunity for their customers. The innovative "Buy One, Recycle One on CompUSA" program was launched last November 15th (America Recycles Day) thanks to the store's forward-thinking warehouse manager, Wade Couch. Couch is passionate about recycling and was eager to set an example for other electronics retailers and CompUSA stores around the country.

"It's a terrible waste and an environmental danger to put electronics in the landfill," Couch said. "Since we sell them, we felt we should take part in helping consumers keep them out of the landfill by paying to recycle them."

"It's an eye-opener for people," McCormick says. "They are amazed that we're doing it...it has that 'Oh really!' factor. Now we are getting people who say they will shop with us rather than a competitor because of it."

Here's how the program works: A customer who purchases a new electronic item at the Boulder CompUSA store may bring in the old piece of equipment to have it recycled (i.e. an old scanner for a new scanner), and CompUSA will cover the cost to recycle it through Eco-Cycle's electronics recycling program. Customers may exchange the old electronic item at the time of purchase or drop it off later with a proof of purchase. Every few weeks, Eco-Cycle collects old equipment from the store for processing at the Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM).

So far, more than 4,500 pounds of equipment have been responsibly recycled through the partnership.

Technical Sales Manager Nick McCormick oversees the program and says it's simple to run, yet makes a lasting impression on customers.

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that we're doing it... it has that 'Oh really!' factor. Now we are getting people who say they will shop with us rather than a competitor because of it."

CompUSA's involvement with Eco-Cycle doesn't end with its pioneering electronics recycling program. The company extended its Partnership for Responsible Recycling by financially supporting our white block foam (a.k.a. "Styrofoam") recycling program at the CHaRM. Again, CompUSA recognized a need to properly deal with the aftermath of a material they distribute a lot of—the white blocky stuff that serves as packaging for most of the larger items they sell.

Eco-Cycle is proud to have CompUSA join local electronics retailer ListenUp and the Daily Camera in voluntarily partnering with us to create recycling solutions for the products they sell, produce or distribute. Contact Anne at 303-444-6634 or anne@ecocycle.org to learn more about how becoming a Partner for Responsible Recycling can benefit both your business and the community. ♻️



Thanks to our Partners for Responsible Recycling for supporting recycling efforts for the products they sell, produce or distribute.

CHaRM's New Material: Fire Extinguishers

by Erin English



Here's some news to get fired up about: We're now accepting fire extinguishers for recycling at the Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM)! We normally announce one new CHaRM material every November—and we still will—but we're also introducing this one mid-year as a special bonus for you, our dedicated recyclers.

Eco-Cycle regularly receives inquiries about fire extinguishers, and in the past we have instructed folks to take their expired goods to a local fire station for recycling. However, the City of Boulder recently allocated funding through the trash tax for the CHaRM to accept fire

extinguishers, and we're now able to accept them from City of Boulder residents at no charge. Because the costs are not covered for those outside of Boulder, there will be a \$4 fee per extinguisher for non-city residents.

With every new material there are guidelines to follow, and the ones for fire extinguishers are pretty simple. Just bring your expired extinguisher to the CHaRM during normal business hours, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and we'll take it off your hands (see map on page D). We'll accept full, partially full and completely empty extinguishers of all shapes and sizes.

What happens to the expired extinguishers? The cylinder—the bulk of the extinguisher—ends up processed as scrap metal. But don't take that to mean you can just throw your empty extinguisher into one of the scrap metal bins at our Boulder or Longmont drop-off centers. The government requires we follow certain procedures in preparing the cylinder for recycling, so it can't be used as an illegal explosive device. The retardant in an expired extinguisher is useless and (unfortunately) ends up in the landfill after being safely discharged by our vendor. Depending on whether the valve at the top is metal or plastic, it is either recycled or landfilled, respectively.

Has our new item for recycling sparked your interest? We hope so! Check out the fire extinguisher(s) in your house and car and make sure they aren't expired. If they are, bring them down to the CHaRM, and keep yourself (and your family) safe by purchasing new ones. ♻️

Stay alert about new recycling opportunities at the CHaRM via email. Visit our website at www.ecocycle.org to sign up to receive these and other informative emails of your choice.

Zero Waste Community Flourishes Again at the Boulder Farmers' Market

by Dan Matsch

A new season is in full swing at the Boulder Farmers' Market and once again, we're going for Zero. Last year, Eco-Cycle and the Boulder Farmers' Market teamed up with the intention of pulling off the first regularly-scheduled Zero Waste event in the country. It worked, so we're doing it again this year!

Here's what happens: We remove the trash cans and replace them with Zero Waste Stations to collect recycling and compostables only. We supply food vendors with compostable serviceware—including cups, utensils, "clamshell" containers, and even straws—to take the place of their polluting plastic counterparts. Additionally, Eco-Cycle volunteers staff every market to educate attendees about our new program. The team effort has been a great success, and the event now serves as a model for event planners across the globe.

With your help, we hope to grow this award-winning program into an even bigger accomplishment in our 2nd season. If you enjoy talking to people about the

Zero Waste revolution underway here in Boulder County, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! We're looking for volunteers to mingle with market customers at both the Saturday (lunchtime) and Wednesday evening (dinnertime) markets to help them understand the Zero Waste concept. Give us an hour, or make it your summer project. Either way, please call us at 303-444-6634 if you're interested.

Even if you don't have time to volunteer, you can still make an impact when you shop at the market. First, thank the vendors and market staff for their efforts in creating a Zero Waste Farmers' Market and then participate in some impromptu educating yourself. Though our signs at the Zero Waste stations explain "what goes where," it's always a challenge to get people to take a few moments to actually read them. So if you see fellow shoppers looking mystified about where to put that cornstarch fork, please tell them... it's compostable! ♻️



Look for Zero Waste stations at the Boulder Farmers' Market.

Pack it In, Pack it Out

When you enter a Zero Waste "zone," there are no trash cans. If you're holding something that isn't recyclable or compostable—like a plastic coffee cup lid or energy bar wrapper—please take those items with you back into the world where trash bins (sadly) still exist.

Boulder & Broomfield County Businesses Honored at Eco-Cycle's 2nd Annual Zero Waste Business Awards

by Erin English



Why did 80 local businesses recently pack a banquet room at the Spice of Life Event Center? To recognize each other's efforts in working toward Zero Waste at Eco-Cycle's 2nd Annual Zero Waste Business Awards luncheon. Eco-Cycle's Executive Director Eric Lombardi detailed promising developments in the Zero Waste arena both locally and worldwide, and Zero Waste Services Coordinator Robin Burton unveiled Eco-Cycle's Zero Waste Community Partner window signs for businesses and their corresponding "stripes." These new window signs help patrons identify local businesses that are working toward Zero Waste, and the stripes—"We Recycle," "We Compost," "We Recycle Hard-to-Recycle Materials," and "We Use Zero Waste Purchasing Practices"—are awarded depending on each business's level of commitment.

Awards were presented in six categories: Outstanding Recycling Program (small, medium and large businesses), Going Beyond Recycling with CHaRM on the Road, Going Beyond Recycling with Composting, and Going for Zero Waste... or darn near! In addition, CompUSA in Boulder was recognized for its participation in Eco-Cycle's Partners for Responsible Recycling program (see sidebar for a full list of nominees and winners in each category).

Boulder's Folsom St. Coffee Co. was the big winner in the "Going for Zero Waste... or darn near!" category, having committed to Zero Waste practices from the first day the business opened its doors in August 2005. Café owners Chris and Rick Warner set up multiple stations for composting and recycling for customers and employees, and purchased cornstarch and other plant-based serviceware for the café rather than disposable plastic products. All of the café's utensils and cold and hot drink cups are specially designed to be fully compostable. The Warners also worked quickly to become certified through the local Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE) pollution prevention program by focusing on water and energy conservation measures, using less toxic cleaning products and ensuring that food waste is composted rather than dumped down the drain. "We simply do it because it's the right thing to do," Chris Warner said. "Fortunately for us, customers and staff have taken a real interest in it."

CompUSA (Boulder) was awarded for joining electronics retailer ListenUp and the Daily Camera as an Eco-Cycle Partner for Responsible Recycling. (See page 4 for more details about Eco-Cycle's partnership with CompUSA.)

"It feels exciting to be a part of the community doing something good," said Nick McCormick, Technical Sales Manager for CompUSA. "This event has also opened my eyes to what other people



Scott Rose accepts an award on behalf of the OUR Center in Longmont, Outstanding Recycling Program for a medium-sized business.

are doing."

Award-winning businesses received certificates displayed in recycled bike tire frames as well as potted pansies planted with compost from A1 Organics, the composting facility where Eco-Cycle hauls all of its organic material from businesses. The certificates displayed a graphic of the Zero Waste business window cling and each "stripe" the business has earned so far on the road to Zero Waste.

Thanks to our event sponsors: The Boulder County Business Report, Weyerhaeuser, Jared Polis Foundation, A1 Organics, Community Shares of Colorado, A Spice of Life Event Centers & Catering Services and McGuckin Hardware.



Chris and Rick Warner, father-son owners of Folsom St. Coffee Co. in Boulder, were the big award winners for "Going for Zero Waste... or darn near!"

Congratulations to Eco-Cycle's Zero Waste Business Award Nominees and Winners

Going for Zero Waste... or darn near!

A Spice of Life Event Centers & Catering Services
Aji Restaurant
Boulder Ice Cream
Boulder Outlook Hotel & Suites
Hast & Co. for service at Twelve
Maples Mixed-Use HOA
Whole Foods Market
Winner: Folsom St. Coffee Co.

Going Beyond Recycling with Composting

Boulder Associates
Boulder Valley School District
Google
National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
Phil's Fresh Foods
The Kitchen
Third Street Chai
University of Colorado
Housing Services
Winner: Corporate Express

Going Beyond Recycling with CHaRM on the Road

Amgen
Left Hand Brewing Company
Red Robin (Boulder)
Spectra Logic
ST Microelectronics
Wall Street On Demand
Winner: McKesson (Louisville)

Outstanding Recycling Program

Small Business
First Presbyterian Church of Boulder
HospiceCare & Share Thrift Shop
Madhava Honey
Pulcinella Ristorante
Shepherd Valley Waldorf School
Ziggy's Coffee Bar
Winner: Nyland Cohousing

Medium Business
Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
Gunbarrel Veterinary Clinic
Meadow Trail Homes
Millennium Harvest House Hotel
People's Clinic
Spruce Confections
Winner: Outreach United Resource (OUR) Center

Large Business
Lockheed Martin
Maxtor
Roche Colorado Corporation
Winner: Longmont United Hospital

Partners for Responsible Recycling
CompUSA (Boulder)

Welcome to our Newest Zero Waste Services Customers

We're proud to promote the efforts of businesses working with us toward Zero Waste. In addition to supplying them with identifying decals, we also publish the names of the new businesses that have made a significant commitment to creating a Zero Waste community by signing up for our full Zero Waste Services program. That means we're providing them with collections for 100% of their materials—recycling, composting, "hard-to-recycle" items like electronics and stretch wrap, and "whatever's left." These businesses are also implementing waste reduction strategies and purchasing for Zero Waste—making sure that whatever they buy is less or non-toxic and recyclable, compostable or reusable.

We also have businesses starting down the road to Zero Waste by signing up for one or more of Eco-Cycle's collection services.

The following list includes both new customers, as well as a few existing customers who have made significant additional strides toward Zero Waste by adding or increasing recycling,

adding composting service, or significantly decreasing the amount of trash they produce. Welcome to all these businesses, especially those leading the way toward Zero Waste.

Zero Waste Businesses—100% Collection and Waste Reduction Strategies

Boulder Ice Cream
Boulder Outlook Hotel & Suites
Door to Door Organics
New Millennium Communications
Phase IV Engineering
Starbucks—University & Broadway, Boulder

Composting & Recycling

Boulder Associates
Boulder Community Hospital
Corporate Express
The Kitchen

Composting

Berry Best Smoothies
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SimAuthor
Spider Tracks Off-Road
Spitfire Group
St. Vrain Valley Credit Union
TLC Animal Hospital
Tolstoy's
Trane
Trap Tek
Village Tavern
Wolfsburg Autowerks
World Savings Bank #295

Visit www.ecocycle.org/zws to learn more about getting your business on the road to Zero Waste and to sign up for a free waste consultation.

Five More Schools Join Green Star Schools Program



Is composting food waste too cool for school? Absolutely not! Five more schools have signed on to work toward Zero Waste through Eco-Cycle's Green Star Schools program, raising the total number of schools involved to nine. Bear Creek Elementary, Creekside Elementary, Foothill Elementary, Mesa Elementary and Nederland Elementary are now in Phase I of the program, which focuses on composting in the cafeteria and classrooms.

Through the Green Star Schools program, which launched in the fall of 2005, local schools focus on waste reduction projects and composting in addition to traditional recycling. Students, teachers and staff at these schools are on the leading edge of resource conservation and are setting an example for their peers across the nation through this unique program.

Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies, High Peaks Elementary, Douglass Elementary and Horizons K-8 were the first schools to partner with Eco-Cycle. During the spring of 2006, these schools progressed to Phase II of the program and began focusing on ways to reduce or eliminate lunch-time waste—known as the “waste-free lunch” concept.

Up to five schools from Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley School Districts will become Green Star Schools in 2006-07; look for these schools in our next edition. ♻️

Eco-Cycle Congratulates Our Local Green Star Schools!

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| Bear Creek Elementary | Foothill Elementary |
| Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies | High Peaks Elementary |
| Creekside Elementary | Horizons K-8 |
| Douglass Elementary | Mesa Elementary |
| | Nederland Elementary |

The students, teachers and staff at these schools have committed to Zero Waste through Eco-Cycle's Green Star Schools program, which emphasizes increased recycling, composting and waste reduction activities. They join local businesses, individual volunteers and government officials in partnering with Eco-Cycle to build a model Zero Waste community.

We commend their groundbreaking efforts and their leadership in setting an example for schools all over the globe. Thanks to our generous Green Star Schools sponsors: Edmund T. and Eleanor Quick Foundation, Red Empress Foundation and Xcel Energy.

14,000 Free Books and Counting

by Erin English

Curling up with a good book is a simple pleasure that many young people are missing out on, simply due to the lack of reading material available to them. But here's some good news: disadvantaged children in Boulder County and beyond are now enjoying authors like Shel Silverstein and immersing themselves in the world of Harry Potter thanks to an Eco-Cycle reuse program called the Children's Reused Book Project. Eco-Cycle has been running the project through its Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM) since January 2004, with the intention of increasing literacy and learning in children and, of course, diverting valuable materials from the landfill. An impressive 14,000 books have been placed in the hands of children since the program started.

The program is made possible through financial support from The Denver Foundation and thanks to the large volume of books dropped off at the CHaRM by dedicated recyclers. The Center accepts books for reuse and recycling from individuals, groups and businesses, and while much of what is dropped off is torn, stained, ripped or outdated manuals or reference books, there are plenty of gems to be found. (For those truly past their prime, the binding is sheared off and the paper inside recycled.) Volunteers and Eco-Cycle staff sort through the piles on a regular basis and distribute children's books that are clean and in good condition to organizations serving low-income, uninsured or otherwise disadvantaged individuals and families. And it's not just children's books that are recovered from the piles—adult fiction and non-fiction books are separated out for reuse as well.

Locally, the St. Vrain Valley School District's Homeless Education Program, Boulder County Head Start, Dental Aid, Salud Family Health Center and Clinica Campesina have benefited from the book program. In addition, last year more than 1,000 books were donated to charities assisting uprooted victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Whether it's flipping through the pages in the waiting room or taking home a new paperback pal, children relish the opportunity to explore new places and make new friends, page by page.

Susan Mitchell from Clinica Campesina sums up the importance of having donated books available for kids to read in their waiting room: “The books stir their imaginations and light their desire to read more.” ♻️

Interested in donating books for the Children's Reused Book Project? Drop them off at the CHaRM! See page D for guidelines and hours. Also don't forget the great book reuse opportunities available through your local used bookstore or library.



Fourteen thousand free books have been placed in the hands of kids through our Children's Reused Book Project.

Eco-Leader Volunteers Leading the Charge to Zero Waste

by Caroline Mitchell



Plain and simple, Eco-Cycle wouldn't be what it is today without its network of volunteers. In the beginning, they were the backbone of our humble little organization, picking up materials for recycling in old yellow school buses and spreading the word about upcoming pick-ups by posting home-made “Eco-Cycle Pickup This Saturday” signs on street corners. They banded together to form a powerful Block Leader Network, with representatives in each neighborhood going door-to-door to deliver the *Eco-Cycle Times* and educate folks about recycling. The Block Leader Network concept has since been replicated all around the country.

Now 30 years later, our volunteers are called Eco-Leaders, and their role is much different from the early days of Eco-Cycle,

but no less essential. Nearly 800 Eco-Leaders make an impact everywhere in the community: they're actively promoting Zero Waste in their neighborhoods and at church, work and PTA groups; at the drop-off centers they're helping folks unload their materials and answering recycling questions; and they are a presence all summer long at Boulder County festivals and fairs. If you've attended the Boulder Farmers' Market or any number of other Zero Waste events around Boulder County, you've probably seen a green-clad Eco-Leader helping visitors to use the Zero Waste stations and understand the concept



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of Zero Waste. When the opportunity comes to help “change the rules” in favor of recycling and Zero Waste, Eco-Leaders turn out in force to City Council meetings and write letters of support. No matter the role, Eco-Leaders are the driving force behind the Zero Waste revolution in our community. Thank you Eco-Leaders for 30 years of passion, dedication and support!

So what are you doing still sitting here reading this? Time to get involved! Want to learn more about becoming an Eco-Leader? Visit www.ecocycle.org/volunteer or call 303-444-6634 and talk to Caroline to find your niche in the Eco-Leader network and the Zero Waste community. ♻️

Eco-Cycle welcomes the following individuals to the Eco-Leader volunteer program. They join over 780 other Eco-Leader volunteers in supporting Eco-Cycle and furthering Zero Waste in our communities.

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Zero Waste Around the World

by Kate Mangione

Germany Shows the Way

Dumping untreated waste into landfills is a losing proposition, and the Germans have called it quits. That's right, quits. Just seven years ago the Bavarian nation landfilled 60% of its residual waste without pre-treatment. Today that number is next to nothing—nothing goes in untreated, and that's the law. This means all "leftover waste" (after recycling and composting) passes through mechanical, biological or thermal treatment to maximize recovery and to achieve what landfills simply can't: safety.

According to the German Federal Environment Minister, "We do not have the right to burden our children and grandchildren with the incalculable risks to soils and to the groundwater and with the exorbitant costs for the rehabilitation of damage to the environment." Simply put, the ecological and economic risks of landfilling outweigh the investment in new systems—the Zero Waste revolution is here to stay in Deutschland! For more information see www.bmu.de/english/waste_management/reports/doc/35870.php.

Adios to Waste in Buenos Aires

In late 2005, Latin America's largest city stepped up its efforts to eradicate waste with an ambitious La Ley Basura Cero, or Zero Waste Law. Buenos Aires is not shy about going for nothing—the Argentinean capital plans to reach Zero Waste by 2020, with an interim goal of 50% recovery by 2010. Expanding its informal network of "cartoneros," or door-to-door recycling collectors, is a key element of the city's Zero Waste strategy. By providing formal training and protective equipment, and encouraging workers to form cooperatives, the city hopes to legitimize this workforce and rapidly raise its 10% recycling rate. The Zero Waste approach will be a win-win for the three million residents of Buenos Aires: cartoneros receive recognition for their vital and valuable service, the city minimizes the inevitable consequences of landfilling, and Buenos Aires emerges as both an urban and Latin American model. For more information, visit www.greenpeace.org/international/news/ZerowastevictoryArgentina.

Four U.S. States Regulate E-Waste

Washington joined the company of California, Maine and Maryland to become the fourth state to regulate electronic waste, launching the most progressive producer responsibility plan to date in the U.S. By 2009, manufacturers must establish and fully fund a collection, processing and recycling system for end-of-life electronic waste without charging users at the point of return. Manufacturers have the choice to create their own program—individually or collectively—or to cover the state's costs for creating and operating a program. The bill even drew the support of heavyweights Hewlett-Packard and RadioShack, although several manufacturers and retailers continue to oppose regulation. However, as things are rapidly becoming more complicated with four different state-level systems and 31 states having discussed electronics recycling legislation in 2005, manufacturers have started to warm up to the benefits of a nationwide plan—will four be the magic number to prompt such action? For more information, check out www.wastenotwashington.org/ewastebill.htm.

Sports Fans are Part of the Solution

Aside from impeccably manicured turf and the Boston Celtics, there's not a whole lot of green in the sports world, but the times they are a changin'. Oakland's McAfee Coliseum, home to the Athletics and Raiders, is the first U.S. stadium to offer biodegradable serviceware so fans can compost the corn-based utensils and cups at the end of the game along with their half-eaten hot dogs. These green efforts are saving the stadium more than \$100,000 per year on its trash bill and helping the coliseum toward its Zero Waste goal.

Switching to the other football, the 2006 World Cup in Germany was a climate-neutral soccer showcase, meaning all their carbon emissions were off-set with renewable energy purchases.

Additionally, its Green Goal initiative aimed to reduce stadium water and energy consumption, trash volumes, and traffic emissions by 20% compared to previous years.

And for the granddaddy of international competitions, London's vision for the 2012 summer games, the "One Planet Olympics," is sure to grab the gold. The city's objectives for holding the first sustainable games include recycling and recovering all waste, minimizing carbon emissions, improving existing wildlife habitat during venue construction and increasing environmental awareness. For more information see www.csrwire.com/article.cgi/4957.html, greengoal.fifaworldcup.yahoo.net/ and www.london2012.org/en/ourvision/greengames/.



A quick glance across the globe reveals promising new commitments to Zero Waste and model programs for our community to emulate.

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- There is no upper limit on the estate tax deductions that can be taken for charitable bequests.
- You can have the satisfaction now of knowing that your bequest will support Eco-Cycle in the way you intended when you are gone.

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