



# Blue Bin News

## St. Louis City Residential Recycling Newsletter

### Multi-Cultural Community Resources

According to the International Institute of St. Louis, newcomers from more than 40 countries have been settling in St. Louis for more than 90 years. While cultural diversity has contributed to the unique character of St. Louis, communication between residents within our city has been a vital part of the success of our community. To assist us with continuing to create a cohesive community, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has released two publications specifically designed to educate residents while simultaneously increasing environmental awareness among multilingual communities.

“Teach English, Teach about the Environment” is a curriculum designed to help teach adult students English, while introducing basic concepts about the environment and individual environmental responsibility. The concepts introduced in the curriculum can help immigrants understand their role in contributing towards cleaner and healthier communities by reducing, reusing and recycling.

The second publication, “Working Together for a Healthy Environment - A Guide for Multi-Cultural Community Groups,” is designed to help community-based organizations plan and execute community events that promote reducing, reusing, and recycling. It has a brief introductory paragraph on the inside cover in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean.

#### Publications:

“Teach English, Teach about the Environment” - [www.epa.gov/epaoswer/education/pdfs/tesol.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/education/pdfs/tesol.pdf)  
 “Working Together for a Healthy Environment - A Guide for Multi-Cultural Community Groups” - [www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/docs/cbo-guide.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/docs/cbo-guide.pdf)

### Buy Reused and Recycled

Tire Rubber Tote Buckets & Sprinkler Hoses  
 Bowood Farms  
[www.bowoodfarms.com](http://www.bowoodfarms.com)  
 4605 Olive Street, St. Louis 63108  
 314.454.6868



Check out this month's featured products at  
<http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/buyreusedrecycled.htm>

### City of St. Louis Refuse Division's Recycling Program

Website: <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle>  
 Email: [recycle@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:recycle@stlouis.missouri.org)  
 Phone: 353.7176 (direct) or 353.8877 (switchboard)

### Upcoming Events

#### March 13, 2008

Native Plant Propagation from Seed Class  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 For details, visit [www.shawnature.org](http://www.shawnature.org)

#### March 27, 2008

Home Composting Made Easy Class  
 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm  
 Landscape & Garden with Native Plants Class  
 7:00 pm - 7:50 pm  
 Both classes will be held at the  
 Bevo-Long Middle Community Education Center  
 To sign up, call 314.353.1034

#### March 27, 2008

Native Landscape Planning, Planting, Maintenance  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 For details, visit [www.shawnature.org](http://www.shawnature.org)

Answer Key:  
 Across 1. commingle 4. paper 5. reuse  
 Down 1. compost 2. refuse 3. reduce

## Flushing Our Forests Down the Toilet

Every day the world's forests are being cut down to manufacture products that we use on a daily basis, such as facial and bath tissues, as well as paper towels and napkins. After just one use, those paper products are tossed into the trash or flushed down the toilet. This is especially disturbing because trees are an essential part of our environment. Without trees, we cannot survive. They are home to plants and animals that provide us with food and medicine. Forests also supply us with shade and oxygen and absorb the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. Sadly, more than 80% of the Earth's original forests have been destroyed or significantly degraded and the remaining 20% are in danger of the same fate.



The good news is that we can make simple choices that will help preserve our trees. First, we can reduce our need for those products in the first place by purchasing reusables instead of disposables. If we must buy disposables, we can lessen the degradation of our forests by choosing bath and kitchen paper products made with the highest percent of **post-consumer** recycled material. Driving the market for recycled paper products will encourage manufacturers to implement or increase their use of recycled materials. If we choose not to buy recycled products, there will continue to be a market for products made from virgin paper and our forests will continue to fall. At [www.nrdc.org/land/forests/tissueguide/walletcard.pdf](http://www.nrdc.org/land/forests/tissueguide/walletcard.pdf) you will find a handy guide to help you learn which products contain recycled material and which do not.

## Excited To Take Out Your B.O.A.T. This Spring?

I'm talking about your automotive batteries, motor oil, appliances, and tires (B.O.A.T.), not your speed boat. It may not be as fun as floating on the river, but cleaning out your house or garage this spring will lighten your mood. This summer's water sports will be more enjoyable if those items don't end up in our waterways.

City residents can unclutter by recycling B.O.A.T. items once per month in the alley or at the curb. Residents must place the items behind their property or at the curb (not on, in, or next to the dumpster or rollcart) by 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the regularly scheduled collection week. Residents can determine their regular Bulky/B.O.A.T. collection week by checking the sticker on their dumpster or rollcart.



Once per month, City residents, with identification, may also drop off B.O.A.T. items at the North Transfer Station (201 North Humboldt) or South Transfer Station (4100 South First Street) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except for holidays).

## Where To Recycle Keys



Do you have a drawer full of old keys that no longer have a use, or you're not sure what they unlock? Donate them to the Refuse Division for reuse in school art projects or drop them off at Clements Lock and Key Company who will recycle them for you.

### City of St. Louis - Refuse Division

Recycling Program

314.353.7176

4100 S. First Street, St. Louis 63118

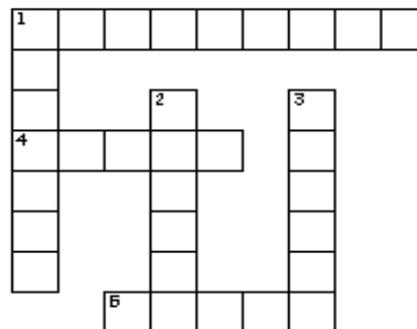
### Clements Lock and Key Company

314.865.2242

3009 Arsenal Street, St. Louis 63118

## Recycling Cross Word

Answers on page 1.



Across

1. mix together

4. fiber sheet

5. use again

Down

1. decomposing vegetation

2. waste

3. to lessen