

The KCCB Greenzine

News you can reuse.

Top 10 Ways to Have a Green Holiday Season

- 1. BYOB (Bring your own Bag)** - Bringing your own bag to the Grocery Store can make a huge impact, plus the handles aren't as likely to break with the heavier items!
- 2. Use rechargeable batteries for kid's toys** - Replace those alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Buy two sets so the fun doesn't end while the batteries are charging.
- 3. Use LED lights** - LED lights use 80% less energy than traditional incandescent lights, can last up to 10 times longer, and are ENERGY STAR qualified. They are also more durable and shock resistant than other lights because they do not have moving parts, filaments or glass.
- 4. Recycle Christmas Cards** - Give those holiday sentiments a year-round life, drop the cards and the envelopes in your recycling bin.
- 5. Use alternative wrapping** - Four million tons of wrapping paper are tossed out each year during the holidays. Yes, shiny packages wrapped with lovely, colorful ribbons are nice, but there's a reason that Julie Andrews sings about how "brown paper packages tied up with string" is one of her favorite things. Use reuseable ribbon with craft paper or packing paper or purchase recyclable wrapping paper.
- 6. Buy local** - Buy locally grown food for your meals and baked goods. Buying local means you're supporting local farmers and that your produce, meat, and other items didn't have to travel across the country to the store shelf.
- 7. Use real plates, not paper or plastic** - It's tempting to use paper and plastic plates and utensils during the holidays. No one likes to spend time cleaning up! If your goal is to have a greener season, however, then there's no time like the holidays to pull out your nice dishes and silverware and show them off. Besides, using your dishwasher to clean dishes is easier on the environment than washing by hand, since dishwashers use less water to clean.
- 8. Recycle gift packaging** - Most of the plastic packaging is not accepted at our recycling centers, however, the cardboard is. While opening gifts, have two bags, one for the trash and one for your recyclable items.
- 9. Use Natural Decorations** - leaves, birdseed, twigs, logs, and branches can all be used in lots of ways this holiday season. Use them to make natural tree ornaments, beautiful centerpieces, adornments to wrapped gifts, decorate wreaths... the possibilities are endless!
- 10. Recycle your live Christmas Tree** - KCCB will hold their annual Bring One for the Chipper on January 4th at the Evans Home Depot from 9am-2pm.



CSRA Used Cooking Oil Recycling Event

Friday December 6
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday December 7
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

2 Days, 2 Locations!
FREE used cooking oil disposal!

Columbia County
Water Utility Central Lab
4325 Evans to Lock Road
Contact: Scott Daniel
Office (706) 863-6928
sdaniel@columbiacountyga.gov

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Augusta-Richmond County
Augusta Utilities Department
1820 Doug Barnard Pkwy.
Contact: Leroy Anderson
Office (706) 312-4145
landerson@augustaga.gov or
FOG @augustaga.gov

The following types of cooking oils can be recycled:

Animal fat grease	Corn oil	Peanut oil	Sunflower oil
(such as bacon grease)	Lard	Sesame oil	Vegetable oil
Canola oil	Olive oil	Soybean oil	

*Cooking oil should be free of water, soap suds and food scraps, and should be transported in a clean, non-breakable, leak-proof container with a tight lid.

Government Center Recycling Area to Close

After careful consideration, the Board of Commissioners have approved closure of the recycling drop off location behind the Government Center in Evans. The final day of operation at this site will be Thursday, December 12, 2013. We fully understand the inconvenience this will cause some of our customers, but please know this decision was not made lightly. We hope you will make the short drive to our full service Riverside Park facility at 3 Dolphin Way where our friendly staff will be happy to assist you with your recycling needs. For our hours of operation and a list of items accepted at our Recycling Facilities, please visit the Columbia County website, www.columbiacountyga.gov or call 706-868-3352.

The Recycling Center
and KCCB Staff
wish you and yours a very
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!



12TH ANNUAL BRING ONE FOR THE CHIPPER

Evans Home Depot
520 North Belair Road

Saturday January 4, 2014
9am-2pm

Early drop off begins December 26th

Please remove stands, wire, lights,
ornaments and any other decorations
prior to drop off.

Free tree mulch will be available
at Home Depot, while supplies last.

For more information call 706-312-7195.



#1 roll-off service in the CSRA!

Adopt A Mile Spotlight

Group:
Citizens
of Georgia Power

Adopted Mile:
Evans-To-Locks Road
(Between Columbia Industrial
Boulevard and Mims Road)



March 2013 Volunteers

The Adopt A Mile Program is a volunteer program open to businesses, families, civic, youth and non-profit organizations to adopt one mile of County Maintained Roadway for litter control. We are putting the spotlight on one of our Adoptee groups and giving them well deserved praise for their commitment to taking one mile and making one huge difference!

108 bags of trash since November 2011!

When you are travelling along Evans to Locks Road between Columbia Industrial Boulevard and Furys Ferry Road, notice how clean this section of mile is. This is made possible by the Citizens of Georgia Power.

The Citizens of Georgia Power is an employee led organization that has 48 chapters across the state of Georgia. The Augusta Chapter has a membership of 113 employees who, with their spouses and

families, volunteer their time for 29 projects across the CSRA. The group has full autonomy when selecting the organizations and initiatives they will support and this year's initiatives include fundraisers and awareness for Cancer Patients, the Elderly and Environmental Awareness. Jeff Butterworth, 2013 Chapter President states their group

should have 4600 volunteers under their belt this year alone.

The Citizens of Georgia Power adopted their stretch of mile along Evans to Locks Road in November, 2011. Their average pickup takes about 2 hours with 5-10 volunteers and results in 12 bags per event, in addition to large items such as pieces of plywood, signs, automobile mats and boxes. Since



A sample from their 11-16-13 cleanup.

November, 2011 they have picked up a total of 108 bags of trash. Each bag is 80-90% full, imagine that much trash being on the road side at once! They have even paid it forward and cleaned another road when their mile was cleaned a week earlier by the Inmate Litter Detail. The Citizens of Georgia Power definitely live up to their motto, "Being a citizen wherever we serve".

To sign up for the Adopt A Mile Program, please call Keep Columbia County Beautiful at (706) 312-7195.

Bragging Rights!

River Ridge Elementary School has been selected as the November Atlanta Falcons Rise Up & Recycle Winners! Congratulations to River Ridge & teacher Courtney Owen. River Ridge has won a \$500 grant, and will also receive a commemorative gift along with the other monthly winners. Their submission can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4DJMf66XxE>



Congratulations to River Ridge Elementary on your award and thank you for all of your recycling efforts!

Do you have a "green" bragging right, an article idea, or have a question about our newsletter?
Email us at: kccb@columbiacountyga.gov

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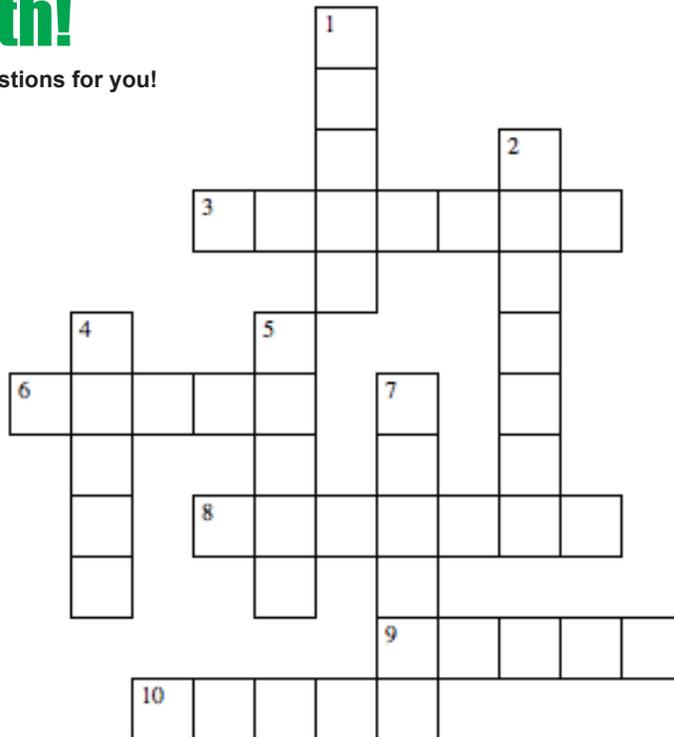
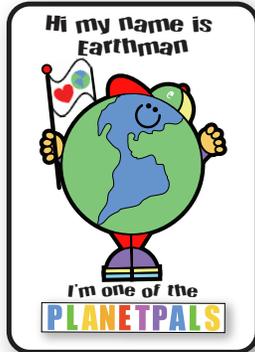
2014 sponsorships are available, call 706-312-7195 for details.

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Crossword Puzzle

We Love Earth!

Earthman has some tricky questions for you!
See if you can get them all.
The solution is below.

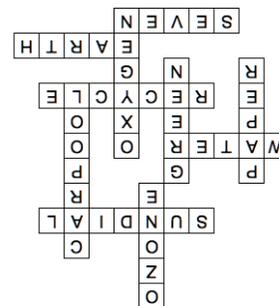


ACROSS

- 3 We can use this to tell time when we do not have a clock
- 6 What is another name for h2O?
- 8 This symbol has three arrows that point to each other. What is it called?
- 9 What we call the planet we live on
- 10 The number of days in a week

DOWN

- 1 What is the layer above earth which forms a thin shield high up in the sky
- 2 The term we use that is one of the ways to get places (such as work or school) with friends when and save on gas
- 4 One of the items you can recycle easily
- 5 What is Planetpals favorite color
- 7 We get this from plants



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Test Your Recycling Knowledge!

1. When recycled items are disposed of in a landfill, they:
 - A. turn to compost.
 - B. get recycled.
 - C. sit there forever as a wasted resource.
 - d. break down very quickly.
2. Old computer monitors should be:
 - a. thrown in the trash.
 - b. recycled.
 - c. thrown on the roadside.
 - d. put in the compost pile.
3. How many times can an aluminum can be recycled?
 - a. one
 - b. five
 - c. a thousand
 - d. infinitely
4. Plastic bottles can be recycled into
 - a. toys.
 - b. clothes.
 - c. carpet.
 - d. all the above.