

Rez Recycler

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Division of Planning and Environmental Protection



Backyard Burning is BAD

(Information from U.S. EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/municipal/backyard/>)

Backyard burning refers to the burning of household trash by residents on their own property. Trash typically burned can include paper, cardboard, wood scraps, plastics, and yard trimmings-essentially any materials that would otherwise be recycled or sent to a landfill. Burning usually occurs in a burn barrel, homemade burn box, wood stove, outdoor boiler, or open pit. Air emissions from backyard burning are released directly to the atmosphere without being treated or filtered.



Why People Burn their Trash

ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING:

The PBPN still provides free dumpster service to all Reservation residents. In addition, we will soon offer curbside disposal service to all Reservation residents for a low monthly cost. Please call to inquire.

Backyard burning is common in many areas of the country. People burn trash for various reasons-either because it is easier than hauling it to the local disposal site or to avoid paying for regular waste collection service. In the past, backyard burning may have been the only way that many rural Americans could get rid of their waste. Today, however, almost everyone can obtain reasonably priced waste collection or take their waste to a conveniently located drop-off center as alternatives to backyard burning.

It's a Health Hazard

Most people who burn their waste do not realize how harmful this practice is to their health and to the environment. Current research indicates that backyard burning is far more harmful to our health than previously thought. It can increase the risk of heart disease, aggravate respiratory ailments such as asthma and emphysema, and cause rashes, nausea, or headaches. Backyard burning also produce harmful quantities of dioxins, a group of highly toxic chemicals that settle on crops and in our waterways where they eventually wind up in our food and affect our health.

REMINDER TO CUSTOMERS

The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection would like to remind all waste disposal and curbside recycling customers of the following:

1. Extra waste = Extra fees. If you have extra bags of waste outside of your trash bin, you will be charged an extra \$15.00 for that month
2. Do Your Part-RECYCLE It's so, so easy! You don't have to sort and separate - Just make sure its all in a bag.
3. 8 a.m. Please make sure your bins are at curb by 8 a.m. on recycling and trash day.

**IT'S SO
EASY!**
Recycling will
help keep
your
disposal fees
down.
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13th Annual Community Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 17, 2011

Prairie People's Park

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. with events beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Events Include: Raffle, Tree Give-Away, 3-Mile Fun Run, 3-mile Predictor's Walk, 3-Mile Bike Ride (ages 7+), Bike Rodeo (ages 6 & Under) DPP "Crazy Legs" Relay, Informational Booths

Bring your bikes, lawn chairs, pedometers, WATER BOTTLES, and walking shoes for a day of celebrating the earth and all of it's beauty!

Food and Craft vendors wanted! Waste Reduction techniques must be utilized in all vendor stands.

For more information or to register as vendor call: 785-966-2946

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Environmental Heroes—PBPN Elder's Center

The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection would like to recognize the PBPN Elder's Center Staff for their recycling and composting efforts. Not only do they collect many different types of recyclables, but they maintain accessible and organized stations that encourage use by staff, visitors, and customers. They are experienced recyclers, and their materials are always neat and clean. They even donate used containers for reuse at Tribal



Kitchen Staff—Lead Heroes: Cosette Wahwassuck, Gubba Hale, and Michelle Wabaunsee

ceremonial functions. In addition to their recycling endeavors, the Elder's Center staff members recently initiated a composting project. They compost food scraps, shredded paper and yard waste in their compost tumbler. The friendly staff members truly demonstrate great enthusiasm in their



Elder's Center compost project

efforts to make our community a better place!

The PBPN Elder's Center staff members are our Environmental Heroes!

According to the Farmer's Almanac...

This information was taken from the 2011 edition of "The Old Farmer's Almanac" published by Yankee Publishing, Inc.

APRIL:

Plant rosebushes. They often do best if planted before growth starts and buds swell. And if you want to increase their fragrance, surround them with parsley.

Plant blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, and fruit trees.

To determine whether your garden soil is ready for seeds, grab a good handful of it. If you can form it into a ball, the soil is too wet. If it crumbles through your fingers and reminds you of chocolate cake, it's ready for planting.

MAY:

Scatter crushed eggshells in a thick ring around roses to deter slugs.

Prune suckers from fruit trees now before they become established.

Plant aboveground crops in the light of the moon.

Don't cut the leaves off spent spring-flowering bulbs. Dying and yellowing foliage may look unsightly, but leave it in place (and don't tie it up) to help the bulbs ripen for next year's show.

CROP	START IN GROUND
Beans	April 22-May 5
Beets	April 1-May 13
Broccoli	April 1-8
Brussels Sprouts	April 22
Cabbage	April 15-29
Carrots	March 18-April 1
Cauliflower	April 15-29
Celery	April 22
Corn	May 6-13
Cucumbers	April 29-May 6
Lettuce	April 15-May 6
Melons	May 6-13
Onion Sets	March 25-April 1
Parsnips	April 1-22
Peas	March 10-25
Peppers	April 22
Potato Tubers	April 22-May 6
Pumpkins	April 29-May 6
Radishes	April 15-29
Spinach	March 10-25
Squash, Summer	April 29-May 6
Squash, Winter	April 29-May 6
Tomatoes	April 22

"The best fertilizer is the gardener's shadow"

Author Unknown

Best days to destroy pests & weeds:

April 2, 3, 4 & 30

May 1, 27, 28

Best fishing days:

April 3-17

May 3-17





Test Your Water Sense!

When is the best time of day to water your lawn?

- A. Early morning or late evening
- B. In the afternoon
- C. All day long

True or False: It isn't important to save water because there is so much of it on Earth.

- True
- False

True or False: Keeping the water running when you brush your teeth wastes a lot of water.

- True
- False

How much water does a family of four (mom, dad, sister and brother) use every day?

- 50 gallons
- 100 gallons
- 250 gallons
- 400 gallons

How much water could you save by washing your car with a bucket and sponge rather than letting the hose run?

- 1 gallon a minute
- 3 gallons a minute
- 4 gallons a minute
- 5 gallons a minute

Which of the following uses less water?

- Taking a 5 minute shower
- Taking a bath

True or False: It's okay to flush some trash down the toilet like cotton balls and tissue.

- True
- False

- Answer: A
- Answer: B
- Answer: D
- Answer: B
- Answer: A
- Answer: A
- Answer: B

Spring Energy-Saving Tips:

When dust and pet hair build up on your refrigerator's condenser coils, the motor works harder and uses more electricity. As part of your spring-cleaning routine, make sure the coils are cleaned and air can circulate freely.

In preparing for the hot weather, consider investing in some insulated, thermal-backed drapes for your windows.



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