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All About Paper

Source Reduction

School has begun! School and office supply purchasing offers an opportunity to make green choices. Recycled-content paper is readily available and typically the prices are competitive. Every ton of paper that is not recycled leads to the use of 17 trees, large amounts of energy and water and nearly 100 square feet of landfill space.

Papers with the lowest impact on the environment are those with high post-consumer content and are totally chlorine free. Post-consumer recycled content is best because it closes a material-use loop that does not rely on fresh-cut trees. The U.S. Government recommends at least 30% post-consumer content paper.

In addition to purchasing wisely, try to use both sides, print only what is needed, maximize margin use and recycle as much as possible. Mixed paper is easily recycled at the Ohio Gulch Recycling Center. For more recycling information, phone 788-0880.

Reducing Emissions

Idling

Exhaust fumes from an idling car or truck include carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, both toxic and concentrated where pedestrians (and children) are most present. An idling vehicle emits 20 times more pollution than a car traveling 30 miles per hour. Car emissions are particularly harmful to smaller bodies; please turn off your vehicle as you drop off and pick up your child from school. Idling your car for more than 10 seconds (except in traffic) is more stressful on your car and costs more in fuel than restarting your engine.



Safety Improvements

Safe Routes to School

Enjoy the season; the City of Hailey is working hard on making the streets pedestrian and rider friendly. Hailey Elementary has a fantastic new sidewalk and pick-up/drop-off area. A Safe Routes 2 School grant received by the City of Hailey earlier this year will add sidewalk along Elm Street between River Street and 1st Avenue.



Encourage your family to use alternative forms of transportation to and from school, work and shopping and enjoy the cleaner air, gas savings and improved strength.

October 3 is National Bike and Walk to School Day; put it on your calendars!

In Development

Virtual Tour of Green Buildings

We are assembling a link on our website of local homes and businesses which are incorporating environmentally friendly and sustainable aspects into their design and function. If you are interested in having your home or building featured on our virtual tour, please email photos and information to Elizabeth Jeffrey at jeffreylonning@att.net.

Recycling News

Electronics Recycling Program

Don't throw away that old computer or printer just yet! The Blaine County Electronics Recycling Program will have its kick-off in October at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station. Stay tuned to www.ercsv.org for more details. If you can't wait until October to dispose of your electronics, please contact the ERC at 726-4333 about alternative options.