



The Green Schools Project

Schools produce tons of waste—most of which can be prevented or recycled. Many schools don't have the funding for the necessary infrastructure or educational tools an effective recycling program needs, so Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services is here to help!

We would like to introduce The Green Schools Project, a school recycling and waste reduction grant program for all Carlton County schools. Schools may apply for up to \$2,000 to use over a period of 6 months on recycling bins and other materials to help reduce waste, such as reusable dishware or bulk dispensers.

Education is key to the effectiveness of a new program, so there is a Minnesota GreenCorps member available for the school year to educate students, staff, and citizens on the importance of recycling and how to go about it (see page 2) .

Each school will assemble a "Green Team" to assist in the implementation of The Green Schools Project. Green Team members can consist of school faculty, community members, parents/guardians, and students who strive to improve recycling in their respective schools. They may assist in advising how the grant funds are spent, give recycling presentations, organize recycling competitions, or any other recycling activities they wish to partake in.

If you would like to be a part of the Green Team for a school in your area, please contact Emily Kolodge at emily.kolodge@co.carlton.mn.us or (218) 384-9592.

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Emily working at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Carlton County Transfer Station.



Meet Carlton County's MN GreenCorps Member, Emily Kolodge

In September 2015, Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services was awarded a Minnesota GreenCorps Member, Emily Kolodge, who will be serving until August 2016. Minnesota GreenCorps is an AmeriCorps program with a statewide initiative to help preserve and protect the environment. Members serve in one of the seven main focus areas of the program: recycling and waste reduction, energy conservation, green transportation, local foods, urban forestry, stormwater, and living green. Forty Minnesota GreenCorps members are serving at host sites statewide for the 2015-2016 year.

Emily is a Duluth native who graduated from the University of Minnesota—Duluth in May 2015 with a B.S. in Environmental Science. “During college, I was fortunate enough to work for Minnesota Sea Grant, one of Minnesota GreenCorps’ host sites for many years,” she says. “I’m glad I decided to see for myself what MN GreenCorps is all about! I have already learned so much about solid waste, recycling, and waste reduction that I would have never learned otherwise.”

Emily will be launching The Green Schools Project as her main project (see page 1). She will be involved in the schools, presenting to staff and students and assisting the school’s volunteer Green Team to implement the program. Her side projects include working for Carlton County’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility and helping the Four Seasons with their recycling.

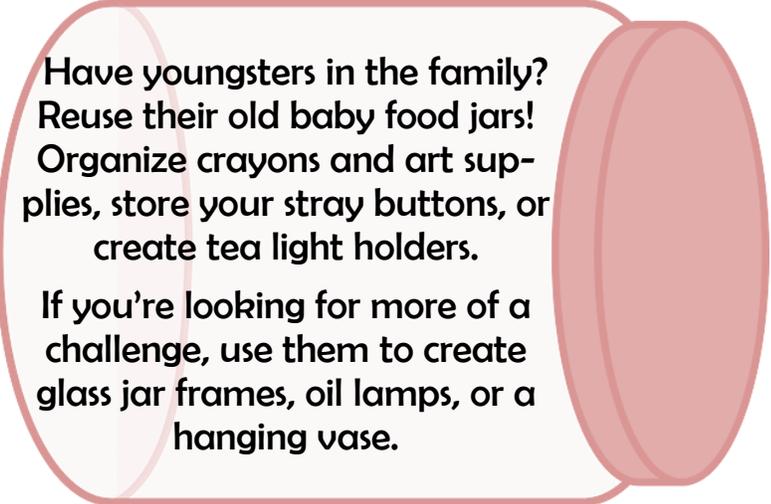
Don't throw away your money... reuse!

Every time you throw an item in the trash, you've thrown away your money, too. Check out these nifty ways you can reuse household items and get the most bang for your buck!



Has your favorite t-shirt gotten too ripped to wear? Consider making it a cleaning rag, infinity scarf, or a dog toy (with some strategic cutting and braiding).

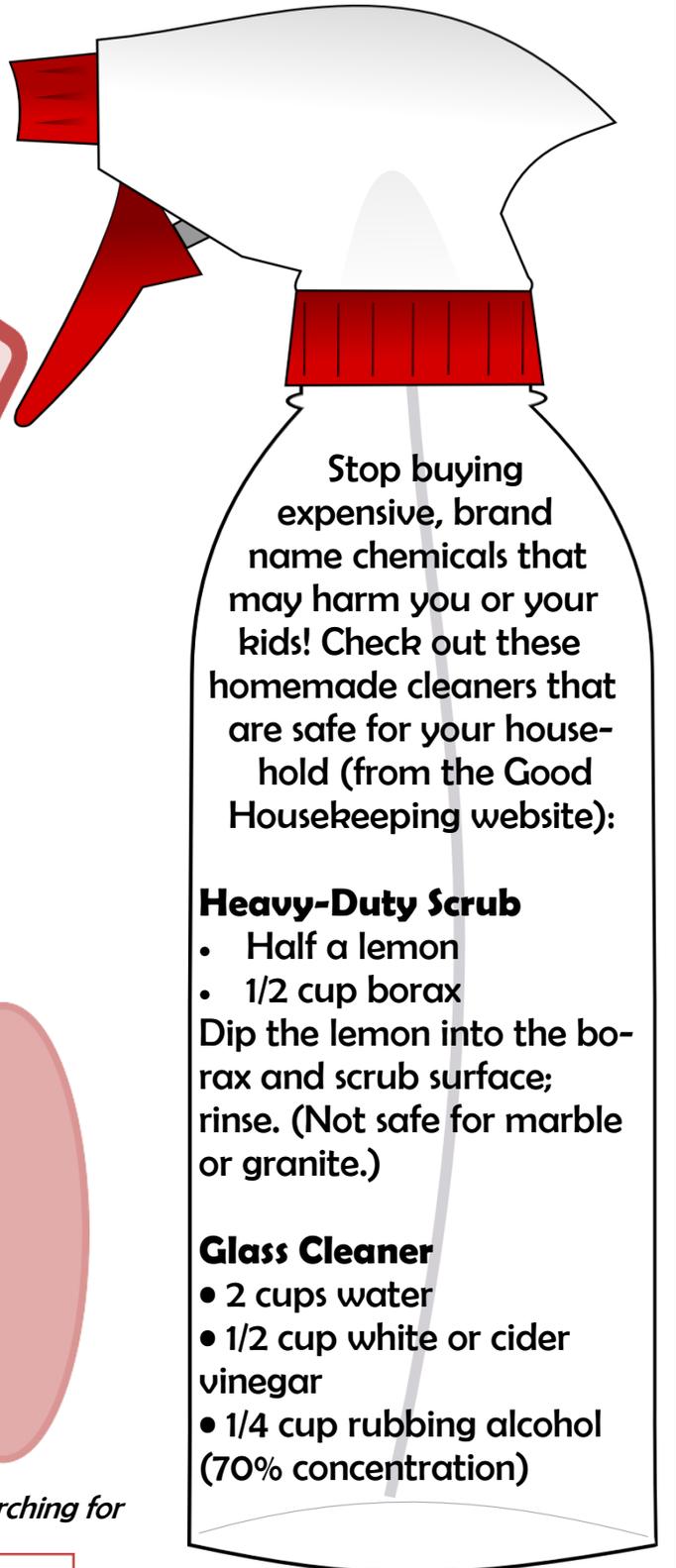
For the more crafty, transform your old clothes into a headband, reusable tote bag, latch hook rug, or a quilt!



Have youngsters in the family? Reuse their old baby food jars! Organize crayons and art supplies, store your stray buttons, or create tea light holders.

If you're looking for more of a challenge, use them to create glass jar frames, oil lamps, or a hanging vase.

You can find a how-to on any of these projects by searching for them on the web or craft sites like Pinterest.



The 2015 AIS Program has Ended

Five Level I Watercraft Inspectors wrapped up their boat landing work for the summer and will resume May 2016.

Over the winter, Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services will work to improve signage around local boat landings to further prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.



The Carlton County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is CLOSED FOR WINTER

Open May 3rd, 2016

The WLSSD Hazardous Waste facility is open year-round

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

2626 Courtland Street

Duluth, MN 55806

(218) 726-1602



Carlton County Recycle Center Hours

Year-Round Hours for all Staffed Recycling Centers

Wednesdays	2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Thursdays	2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Fridays	2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

STAFFED SHEDS

Glass Jars and Bottles, Plastics #1 thru #7, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans, Newspapers, Magazines, Box Board, Cardboard, and Office Paper

UNSTAFFED SHEDS (BLACKHOOF, CROMWELL, HOLYOKE, KETTLE RIVER, MAHTOWA, WRIGHT)

Glass Jars and Bottles, Plastics #1 thru #7, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans and Newspapers

TRANSFER STATION

Glass Jars and Bottles, Plastics #1 thru #7, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans, Newspapers, Magazines, Box Board, Cardboard, Office Paper, Car Batteries, Medical Sharps, Used Motor Oil and Filters, Antifreeze, Food Waste, and Scrap Metal.

Carlton County Transfer Station

November 1 - March 31

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

