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DIA Developing Carbon Offset Program:

Denver International Airport hopes to have a carbon offset program available at all three of its concourses by August of this year and is soliciting proposals from interested companies. Proceeds of the carbon offset program will go to projects worldwide aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Read the entire story at: <http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2008/jan/18/dia-passengers-could-pay-erase-carbon-footprint>.

Calculate Your Carbon Footprint:

The average U.S. household of four releases 110 tons of carbon dioxide yearly compared to the world average of 22 tons. Want to see how much carbon dioxide you create? For more information, go to: <http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2008/feb/18/just-how-big-is-your-carbon-footprint>.

Rooftop Garden Debuts at Denver Botanic Gardens:

Denver Botanic Gardens at 1005 York Street is home to the City's first publicly accessible green roof located above the Gift Shop. Green roofs increase property values and help the environment by reducing storm water, pollution, noise, and heating and cooling costs. For more information about the Denver Botanic Gardens, visit their website at: www.botanicgardens.org or call (720) 865-3500. Read the entire article at: <http://www.9news.com/life/programming/shows/mornings/greeniseasy/article.aspx?storyid=81004>.

Recycle 8+ in 10:

In cooperation with Mayor Hickenlooper's Greenprint Denver Office and Waste Management of Colorado's Recycle America Division, Council District 10 is scheduled to launch *Recycle 8+ in 10*, a pilot project intended to increase recycling opportunities for apartment complexes and condominiums. Public Works Solid Waste Management currently limits recycling to single-family homes and multi-family dwellings of seven or fewer units. "Providing recycling for high-rises, condominiums and apartment buildings is a huge challenge, and this program is the first step to address this issue," said Councilwoman Jeanne Robb. Up to ten buildings of eight or more units will be chosen through a selection process for the one-year program. It will be provided free of charge courtesy of a \$5,000 grant from Waste Management's community relations fund.

The deadline for submitting an application is March 15, 2008. For more information about the project or to obtain an application, call 303-377-1807 or click on: <http://www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict10/Rezoning/Recycle8in10/tabid/429205/Default.aspx>.

Green Driving Project Comes to Denver

The City and County of Denver is participating in an innovative pilot program that has the potential to create a lasting and positive impact on Denver's environment. 200 Denver citizens will be invited to test a system that will measure the amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) produced by their motor vehicles, and use that information to identify ways to drive greener. If you would like to participate in this exclusive program, please contact Michele Hincks at Enviance - 303-991-1250 or via email at mhincks@enviance.com.

Tree Planting Event:

To kick off this year's planting season, Tree by Tree - the Mile High Million is planning a week-long event beginning April 19 to plant approximately 15,000 trees across the Denver metro area. Stay tuned for more information on "Tree 4 All 2008" as it becomes available.

Treecycle:

In 2006, Treecycle recycled more than 22,000 trees, which were reclaimed by Denver residents at last spring's Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale. Residents may call 720-865-6810 after April 1st for more information about the 2008 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale. To learn more about Treecycle and other Denver Recycles programs visit www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles or call 720-865-6810.

The Man Who Planted Trees - Now Available at The Tattered Cover:

A limited supply of *The Man Who Planted Trees* is available at The Tattered Cover Book Store's three metro Denver locations. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of this book will go directly to Greenprint Denver to be used for sustainability projects in Denver.

Guilt-free trash in the eco-age:

Eco-friendly products that decompose without polluting are gaining momentum in the marketplace. While cups, napkins, cutlery, plates, garbage bags, and diapers are among the more familiar eco products, there are a few lesser-known ones like golf balls and coffins. Want to find out more about these products, go to: http://www.usaweekend.com/08_issues/080210/080210thinks-smart-pomagranate-eco-trash.html.

Denver Ranks #4 in Walkable Cities:

Following is a link to a list of the 30 biggest metropolitan areas surveyed by the Brookings Institution and named most "walkable urban places" relative to the area's population: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22097393>.

Low-Cost Energy Efficient Improvements for Older Homes:

Following are a few energy efficient tips for older homes that appeared in the *North Denver News*, April 2007 Edition:

- Attic insulation is at the top of the list to increase heating/cooling efficiency of older homes in Colorado.
- Caulking and weatherstripping windows and doors can also go a long way to reduce energy bills.
- To beat the summer heat, consider an energy-efficient evaporative cooler and remember to close and cover windows and doors to block-out the heat.
- Turn off lights, appliances, computers, etc. when not in use and unplug cords.
- Use compact fluorescent bulbs when replacing incandescent ones.

To find the R-value insulation recommendations for homes in your area, go to: <http://www.simplyinsulate.com/savings/index.html>.

Events

For the latest "green" events, visit: <http://greenprintdenver.org/news/events.php>

Tip of the Month

Options to Dispose of e-Waste

According to a recent report, more than 1.5 million tons of e-waste are thrown into American landfills and incinerators each year, polluting the air and water with toxins such as lead and mercury. Currently nine states have passed e-waste laws for their communities to collect and recycle used electronics, the cost of which is then passed onto manufacturers. Consumers have several options for disposal of unwanted electronics: 1) consider donating any working equipment to a school or nonprofit; 2) if your state has an e-waste disposal program, follow their specific guidelines, (a list of states participating in e-disposal can be found at: http://www.e-takeback.org/docs%20open/Toolkit_Legislators/state%20legislation/state_leg_main.htm); and 3) if you are willing to absorb shipping costs, consider sending the equipment back to the manufacturer (Apple, Dell and Sony accept used electronics). Read the entire article at: http://www.parade.com/articles/editions/2008/edition_02-03-2008/Intelligence_Report.



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