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Three Stapleton Families Take the Recycling Challenge in Recognition of America Recycles Day 2007

Denver, CO – Denver Recycles (a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management), Forest City Stapleton, and the Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR), are challenging three families from Denver’s Stapleton neighborhood to find ways to reduce waste and increase their recycling this America Recycles Day. Nationally, November 15th is the official America Recycles Day, but starting October 22nd, these Stapleton families will receive weekly lessons in their homes for four weeks from Denver Recycles. They’ll learn how to increase their recycling efforts, compost fruit and vegetable discards, and avoid those pesky plastic and paper shopping bags. Their progress will be tracked, and one family will be named recycling champion of Stapleton.

Denver Recycles wants to show Denver residents that recycling isn’t just for the kitchen or garage. It’s for every room in the house. To get the Stapleton families started, Denver Recycles will provide each of them with a home audit, so they can learn what recyclable items they might be overlooking in places like the bathroom or laundry room. The families will be challenged to extend their recycling habits from their kitchens to other rooms of the house by practicing the following tips:

- Keep an eye out for recyclable items in your bathroom. Toilet paper rolls are considered paperboard and are recyclable. Tissue boxes, soap boxes and other paperboard boxes are all recyclable. Empty shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, contact lens solution and liquid soap bottles along with other plastic bottles are also recyclable. Even empty aerosol cans such as shaving cream and air freshener can be recycled in your Denver Recycles purple cart.
- Clean up your act in the laundry room by recycling liquid detergent bottles, bleach bottles, powder soap boxes and fabric softener boxes. Look around your bedroom for recyclable items such as newspapers, magazines, and shoe boxes. Make recycling part of your workday and recycle items such as copy paper, envelopes and junk mail found in your home office.
- The kitchen is cooking with recyclable items. Recycle your soda cans and glass jars, but also remember that aluminum foil and pie tins, plastic milk jugs and paper items like cereal boxes, paper egg cartons and paper towel rolls can be recycled. Paper towel is not recyclable though.
- Place a separate box, bin or bag in rooms where lots of recyclable items are used. For example, the kitchen, home office and laundry room. When these bins get full, empty them into your recycling cart.
- To accommodate the collection of recyclable items from rooms where a recycling bin might not fit (bedrooms and bathrooms), place a small box, bin or bag in a closet on each floor of your home. Having designated space for recycling on each floor makes it more convenient to recycle items like toilet paper rolls, shampoo bottles and shoe boxes that are typically found in rooms without recycling bins.
- Pick a spot close to your recycling bin to go through your mail so that recycling your junk mail, envelopes and catalogs will be that much easier.
- When cleaning out your garage, refrigerator, basement, cabinets and closets, make sure a recycling bin, box or bag is nearby for collecting recyclable items.
- For more information about this and other recycling programs residents may call 3-1-1 or visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles
- For information on Stapleton, visit www.stapletondenver.com

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