



# OUR EARTH

*Our Town, Our Future*

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## Conservation

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

#### *The Three R's – A Series Beginning This Month*

**REDUCE** the amount of products and packaging you buy that have to be thrown away and cannot be recycled or reused.

**REUSE** the products you already have or make usable items out of the materials you have.

**RECYCLE** and buy recycled products.

This issue of Our Earth presents the first of the Three R's – *Reduce*.

#### **Stop Throwing Your Money Away**

The City of Hailey and Clear Creek Disposal offer residents and local businesses the chance to produce less trash, and reap a financial reward. Here's how:

- 32 gallon garbage can – \$11.45 per month
- 95 gallon garbage can – \$22.89 per month

You save nearly \$140.00 per year by ordering the 32 gallon can and producing less trash.

Curbside recycling is included in all residential and commercial garbage bills regardless of trash can size. Contact Clear Creek Disposal at 726-9600 for the trash can size you need.

#### **Four Ways to Reduce Your Landfill Load**

- Cancel catalogs and junk mail that you don't want to receive (<http://stopjunk.com>) or call the toll free number on the catalogs.
- Hailey offers paperless billing for water and sewer. Call 788-9830, ext. 22 to make the change.
- Use washable cloth napkins and dishware instead of disposables.
- Choose items with the least packaging and packaging that can be recycled.

## Sustainable Development

### New Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Hailey's City Council recently approved the creation of the Sustainable Building & Planning Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. The committee's make-up will consist of

professionals from diverse fields within the community, related to or having an interest in sustainable development. Sought after members include architects, builders, developers, and non-profit representatives. The committee will help promote sustainable building and development strategies by serving as a sounding board, recommending sustainable or "green" updates to the building, zoning, and subdivision codes, serving as the line of communication between the city and Hailey's citizens, and researching various options and policy mechanisms and determining their feasibility.

The creation of the committee is in response to a recommendation by HELP that the city's sustainability efforts would be most efficiently directed towards updating building and zoning codes. Buildings (both commercial and residential) account for 38% of the U.S.'s overall energy consumption – on average more than transportation. Therefore, it makes sense to curtail impacts where consumption is greatest.

HELP has been working towards creating incentives for commercial and residential projects, hoping to make green building easier and more attractive in Hailey, while promoting and incentivizing buildings and buyers to seek a higher standard of energy efficiency and sustainability than what is currently required. In addition to the recently passed ENERGY STAR for residential building program, it is HELP's recommendation that more incentives be created, while moving towards requiring sustainable building and development standards, much like communities such as Boise, Teton County and Aspen, which have all adopted or are in the process of adopting various policy mechanisms and standards.

Developing a broader, more comprehensive range of green development incentives and requirements is a large task and will require buy-in from the building and development industries, as well as the public at large. In an effort to create practical incentives and requirements supported by the community, an ad hoc advisory group made up of professionals throughout the community will play an essential role.

The committee members will be selected in the coming weeks, with an introductory meeting scheduled sometime in mid-November.

**November 15th  
National Recycling Day & Buy Nothing Day**