



OUR EARTH

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Around The City

Pesticide-Free Park Weed-Out with the Wood River Land Trust

Join the Wood River Land Trust and other local volunteers at Curtis Park May 27 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the First Annual Weed-Out. Curtis and Heagle Parks will again be using organic fertilizers rather than petroleum based products. Enjoy the park and know the water, soil and air benefit from this demonstration project. Beverages and gloves will be provided. Contact WRLT at 788-3947 for more information.

Yard Waste Clean-Up Day

The City of Hailey and Clear Creek Disposal offer the opportunity for easy disposal of your garden waste. On Saturday, May 16 you may drop your decomposable materials off at the Park & Ride lot at the corner of River and Bullion from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Branches must be cut into maximum three-foot lengths and plastic bags will not be accepted.

If May 16 does not work for you, please take advantage of the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station’s allowance of one free truckload of yard waste per week at no cost. Using this complimentary service (or choosing to pay the fees for dumping construction waste and the like), can help keep the gulches adjacent to town free of yard waste and other undesirable materials.

Incidentally, there have been reports of yard waste being dumped in the cardboard recycle bins at the Park & Ride lot. This practice must stop; any information regarding this activity may be reported to Clear Creek Disposal or the City of Hailey Police Department.

Any questions can be directed to Clear Creek Disposal at 726-9600 or the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station at 788-2351.

In The Yard

Spring Soil Preparation

Dick and Melinda Springs, owners of Wood River Natural Foods, encourage the following recipe for your spring

gardening preparation. These items are easily found in a farm supply store, if you are unfamiliar with them. Mix equal parts of: alfalfa pellets, beet pulp, bone meal, blood meal, fireplace ash and coffee grounds. Spread a thin layer over your unturned vegetable beds, then turn the soil. During the growing season you may give your plants a boost with a fish emulsion fertilizer. Enjoy the fruits of your labor!

Showcase Lawn Program Offered

Again this year, the City of Hailey, in conjunction with Trout Friendly Lawns and the Wood River Land Trust, is offering the Showcase Lawn program. This opportunity allows a limited number of water users the flexibility to water less frequently than the odd/even cycle currently allows, and further reduce their water consumption for irrigation. The lawns will be identified with a small



Showcase Lawn indicator, which will hang from the Trout Friendly Lawn sign. Neighbors, passersby and local code enforcement personnel will be able see conservation in

action. The application is on the city’s website at:

haileycityhall.org/HELP/SustainablePracticesintheCommunity.asp.

Hailey Public Library Hosts Sustainability Workshops & Presentations

- Green Your Business May 5, Noon – 1:00 p.m.
- Your Carbon Footprint..... May 5, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Eating Local Foods May 7, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Xeric Gardening..... May 9, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Call the library at 788-2036 for more information.