

# GOING GREEN Newsletter

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## RECYCLE: Electronic Devices



### RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycling Drop-Off Center located at the Crescent Street Transfer Station now accepts the following electronic devices: Televisions, computer monitors, VCRs, DVD players, i-pods, keyboards, fax machines, copiers, PDAs, and printers.

Hours of operation:  
Monday – Friday  
6:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Saturdays  
6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Should you have any questions, please call the Customer Service hotline at 854-3200.

### STAPLES

Staples makes it easy for customers to recycle e-waste by simply bringing your used

computers, monitors, laptops, and desktop printers, faxes and all-in-ones to any Staples store. All brands are accepted, regardless of whether or not the equipment was purchased at Staples. A recycling fee of \$10.00 per piece of large equipment is charged to cover handling, transport, product disassembly and recycling. Smaller computer peripherals such as keyboards, mice, and speakers are accepted at no charge.

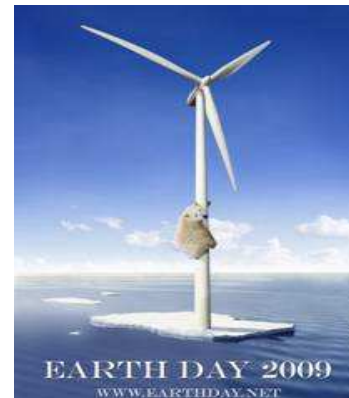
### CARTRIDGE WORLD

Refill and reuse your laser & ink cartridges at Cartridge World, 247 Connecticut Avenue (Route 1, next to the Angela Mia Bakery). Bring in your empty

cartridge, they refill it for up to 30% less than the cost of a new one.

### BEST BUY

Best Buy offers electronic recycling at their stores. From Coffeemakers, DVD players to PC's, they accept nearly every electronic product at their stores & will recycle it responsibly at no charge for most products. They DO NOT accept TV's or monitors greater than 32", console TV's, air conditioners, micro-waves, dehumidifiers, mini-fridges or major appliances. There is a \$10.00 fee per unit charged for laptops, TV's, or monitors under 32", which is offset with a \$10.00 Best Buy Gift Card.



EARTH DAY 2009  
WWW.EARTHDAY.NET

2009 EARTH DAY is April 22.

### How many planets does it take to support your lifestyle?

- Take the EarthDay Network Footprint Calculator Quiz and find out what impact you are having on the planet.
- Go to <http://www.earthday.net/footprint/index.html>.
- Great graphics, animation, and information. ↓

Many activities impact our footprint. If everyone lived like you, we'd need 4.5 Planet Earths to provide enough resources.



## REDUCE: Unwanted Catalog Mailings

Choose your catalogs wisely. If your recycling bin is stuffed full of catalogs you never read, reduce that pile with the free Catalog

Choice service, <http://www.catalogchoice.org>. Catalog Choice lets you select the catalogs you don't want to receive and sends your

requests directly to the merchants. Over 53 million trees are consumed each year to produce paper catalogs. The production of all





# RECYCLE, REDUCE, REUSE

## How to avoid genetically-modified food



To help you make more informed decisions about the food you buy, the little stickers on fruit and produce are coded with numbers which show the farming method.

- A four-digit number means the produce is conventionally grown.
- A five-digit number beginning with 9 means it's organically grown.
- A five-digit number beginning with 8 means it's genetically modified.



## AUTOMOBILES

- Automobiles count for almost a third of the U.S.'s Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions - the largest source after power plants.
- Each gallon of gasoline burned creates 20 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Vehicles in the U.S. release more CO<sub>2</sub> than all the energy sources (heating, electricity, vehicles, factories) in all of India.

## Reduce Unwanted Catalogs, continued

those catalogs results in 56 billion gallons of wastewater. And when all those catalogs are thrown out it's

approximately 4.1 million tons of waste, equal to the annual waste of two million households. An emptier

mailbox means less pollution, less waste and less of the emissions that cause global warming.

## REUSE: Soles4Souls, Used Clothing

### SOLES4SOULS

Did you find many "gently used" shoes in your closet or under your bed while you were doing spring cleaning? Social Concerns will have marked boxes in the church hallway, beginning April 25 to collect footwear that still have miles left.

Donated items will be given to two charities: the Norwalk Emergency Shelter Clothing Room and to a global group, Soles4Souls (go to [www.soles4souls.org](http://www.soles4souls.org)). This charity collects and transports shoes both internationally and here in the U.S.



### USED CLOTHING

Parishioners may drop off seasonal gently used clothing for adults and children at the Norwalk Emergency Shelter at 4 Merritt Street, South Norwalk. Please avoid making deliveries between 12 noon and 2 PM, when lunch is being prepared and served.

## 2009 Green Earth Fair

### EARTHPLACE

10 Woodside Lane  
Westport, CT  
Saturday, April 25  
11 AM - 4 PM  
Fun for all ages!  
\$5/person admission.

### 1:30 PM - "Fire and Ice Show"

See foggy dry-ice storms, flashy reactions, and beach balls floating in mid-air!

### Crafts and Activities

- \*Create art from recycled objects
- \*Learn ways to save energy and recycle



everyday items

- \*Meet local environmental groups
- \*Learn how to protect the environment
- \*Food available for purchase

### Talons! A Bird of Prey Experience - All Day

Meet hawks, owls and other birds of prey up close. Watch them fly in our field at 3 PM!

### Water Resources Tent

Visit the marine touch tank and learn about efforts to monitor and protect the quality of our local streams, rivers and harbors.

### Organic Gardening Workshop and Information



### Environmental Activities & Displays

- \*Trout information by students from Wilton High School
- \*Learn about invasive aquatic plants and animals
- \*See what insects and animals live in our pond

