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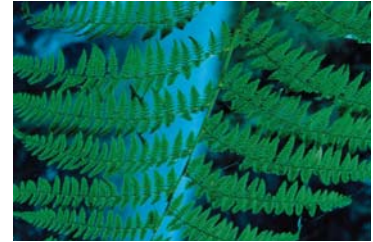
UAR has a Newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of the Upper Arkansas Recycling Program. We hope this will help provide information to residents and officials in the municipalities and counties about recycling and the Upper Arkansas Recycling (UAR) Program.

We will attempt to address issues of concern for recyclers in Fremont, Chaffee, Custer and Pueblo Counties. We will also look at the history and the future of not only this program, but

recycling in general. We will provide information about recycling organizations in the state, as well as national organizations and resources.

Each issue, we will profile a current UAR Advisory Board Member or a member of the UAR Program. This will help you get to know the representatives who make the decisions as well as the communities they represent. Every issue, we will look at collection numbers for the program as well as looking



back at historical data.

If you have ideas for the UAR News or would like to submit an article, we would love to hear from you! You can call Beth @ 719-275-1675 or email bethlenz@uaacog.com. Remember, this is *your* recycling program!

Collection Report

In 2006, the Upper Arkansas Recycling Program saw an increase of 17.83% in the amount of materials collected. In 2005, we collected 6,526.5 cubic yards of materials; in 2007 that increased to 7,943 cubic yards.

That is wonderful...but what is a cubic yard? A cubic yard is 3' x 3' x 3' of materials. It is one of the most cost effective ways of measuring materials, but certainly not the most accurate. To translate, the

UAR recycling program collected 3,073,470 pounds of materials in the tan Eco-Comb bins in 2006. Of this, 1,732,040 pounds was glass.

Let's look at those numbers further. The UAR program services a four county area with a combined population of 95,763 persons. This means that for every person, 32.09 pounds of recyclables were recycled! These numbers are wonderful, but they could be MUCH better. Stop to consider that those 95,763

persons generated almost a quarter of a billion pounds of trash-(approximately 230,693,067#).

So, who exactly participates in the program? Members are the Pueblo City-County Health Department; Fremont County, the City of Cañon City, the City of Florence; the Town of Westcliffe, the Town of Silver Cliff; Chaffee County, the City of Salida, the City of Buena Vista, and the town of Poncha Springs.





*"Use it up, wear it out,
make it do, or do
without."*

-- New England proverb

Advisory Board Member Profile: Susan Finzel-Aldred, PCCHD

Susan Finzel-Aldred is the UAR Advisory Board member from Pueblo City-County Health Department.

-Even though Susan Finzel-Aldred grew up and got her college degree in Illinois, she brags about being from Colorado since 1984, the year she came to do an internship at the Greenway and Nature Center of Pueblo. There, she wrote and led public educational programs on riparian systems, raptors, native plants and animals, and geology, and coordinated large public events related to recreation and conservation. Susan did some private environmental education consulting work before being recruited to teach science in the formal

classroom at a local private school. Susan was hired part-time April 2005 to assist Sarah Bruestle, the original Environmental Coordinator, at the Pueblo City-County Health Department, Environmental Division. Sarah worked diligently to obtain Pueblo's membership in Upper Arkansas Recycling Drop-Off Program starting in 2002 using grant monies. Susan left the classroom, and, with her co-coordinator Jenny Kedward, promotes the 4 drop-off sites in Pueblo today. They are pleased to note that the Pueblo sites (one in town, 3 in Pueblo West) have increased collection 25% over 2005! In addition to promoting recycling, Susan manages the anti-litter campaign and large public collection events. She

travels to each 4th grade public classroom yearly to teach about stormwater pollution prevention using an interesting scale model of a city. Students see first hand how the river on the model gets polluted from the detrimental activities in the neighborhood. Susan also plans the county-wide household hazardous & recyclable waste collection events that include electronic & computer recycling and the weekend clean-up days in 9 different neighborhoods. Susan's office also plans Pueblo activities to celebrate "America Recycles Day". Susan directed the inaugural fashion show for middle and high school students to flaunt their original outfits made from recyclable items, trash, or headed-for-the-landfill items!

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Mark your calendars! Upcoming Recycling Events in Colorado:

February 22, 2007: **The Colorado Association for Recycling-(CAFR) will hold its Annual Meeting in Denver.** The CAFR is Colorado's lead organization for recycling.

May 7-10, 2007: **Colorado State University in Fort Collins will host the Rocky Mountain Compost School.** This is a five days of class and field instruction for anyone considering large scale composting in Colorado.

May 20-22, 2007: **The Colorado Association for Recycling-(CAFR) will host the 18th Annual Colorado Summit for Recycling in Keystone, Colorado.** The Summit is complete with workshops, panel discussions, a variety of presenters, two-day exhibit hall, site tours, recycling awards, silent auction, and fun evening networking events. This is a wonderful event for Colorado recyclers. Please call UAR for more information.

September 16-19, 2007: **The National Recycling Coalition-(NRC) will host the 26th Annual Congress and Expo in Denver.** The NRC Congress and Expo has long been considered the premier recycling conference in the nation. The CAFR will be the hosting recycling organization for the event.

For more information about any of the events, please contact Beth @ 719.275.1675 or via email.

We are now on the web! For more recycling information for Chaffee, Custer, Fremont or Pueblo Counties, visit us at: www.uaacog.com and click on the Upper Arkansas Recycling link!