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## SPRING YARD WASTE CLEANUP



Reclaim your yard by clearing out brush and 'green' debris. The Hailey Spring Yard Waste Collection will be Saturday, April 30, 9-3, at the Park & Ride lot at the corner of River and Bullion streets. Hailey residents can bring tree and bush trimmings, grass and leaves to

the drop-off. Collected green waste will be chipped by the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District, and is available for purchase at Ohio Gulch Transfer Station.

**DUMPSTERS AVAILABLE:** If you have landscaping renovation to complete, Clear Creek Disposal can provide containers as small as 1-1/2 or 3 cubic yards. If only green waste is collected, disposal costs can be less than for regular trash. Materials will ultimately be chipped and made into mulch, which is available for purchase at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station.

### *CCD Holiday Schedule*

*There will be no collection of waste or recyclables:*

**Memorial Day:** Monday, May 30

**Independence Day:** Monday, July 4

All collections following a weekday holiday will be delayed one day, with Friday collections moved to Saturday.

## TEXTILES RECYCLING

International clothing retailer H&M is launching a garment-recycling campaign called World Recycle Week, which aims to collect 1,000 tons of unwanted clothes for recycling.

From April 18th to April 24th, H&M, the first fashion company to launch a global garment collecting program, aims to collect 1,000 tons of unwanted garments from customers in its more than 3,600 stores worldwide. The initiative is part of H&M's goal to close the loop in fashion by recycling garments to create reusable textile fibers. To help raise awareness, music artist M.I.A. has filmed an exclusive new music video for H&M highlighting the environmental impact of clothing going into landfills around the world. The video will debut on April 11th at hm.com.



### ECO-CHIC REUSE IDEA:

Well-organized jewelry case from a drawer.



# Earth Day: Friday, April 22

*Find a way to celebrate the Earth by doing something to decrease your impact this day:*

## Just buy less

It may be common sense, but with ‘everybody selling something’ it’s hard to shop smarter. The good news is, if we only buy things we actually need, we would waste fewer resources, need fewer landfills, and create less global climate change.

For the things that you do need, look

for a quality, durable solution over disposable ones. And remember, if you never bring it into the house, you’ll save money, have less clutter, and you’ll never have to throw it away.

Refuse (as in just say, ‘no’) to impulse purchases. Think about them for a day or two. If after

that, you still want the item, get it. We should bring ‘mindful awareness’ to our purchases—think about our need versus the products cost to the environment.

## Boycott Water Bottles

Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour! These bottles end up in landfills or worse—contributing to ocean trash gyres like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Filtered or unfiltered, there’s nothing wrong with

tap water. Switch to a reusable bottle. Some even have filter



straws built in. Not only will you stay hydrated and reduce waste, you’ll save about \$334 per year.

## Reduce food waste

The amount of food Americans throw away yearly is staggering. In 2013, more than 37 million tons of food waste was generated—with only 5% diverted from landfills for composting—according to the U.S. EPA. Food waste makes up 21% of landfilled municipal solid waste. When food goes to a landfill, the nutrients never return to the soil. Plus the food anaerobically rots, creating methane, a gas that contributes to climate change.

Use a countertop composter to collect kitchen scraps. Composting keeps kitchen waste out of the trash, and returns nutrients to the earth. A tight lid, a sprinkle of baking soda, and frequent emptying of the kitchen collector into the compost pile keep the kitchen smelling fresh.



## ECO-CHIC REUSE IDEA:

An old dresser drawer was upcycled into a cozy pet bed.

