When the pioneers made their arduous journey west and settled communities in the intermountain region, there was a motto of economic wisdom and preservation that was frequently spoken among this industrious and thrifty group. Because this motto is emphasized, the need for steadfastness and practicality in every aspect of consumer purchases, it is a model of sound fiscal practice we should be wise to embrace today. It states: “Tick it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.”

This statement, though spoken long ago, speaks of the need to be conservative, prudent and practical in the care of the resources we have been blessed with. One way we can encourage and support this standard of living is through the practice of recycling. As you know, recycling involves the process of consumers taking used or waste materials and placing them in an appropriate dispenser making them suitable for reuse.

Although recycling requires a conscious effort, the return on investment is worth considering. Some of the benefits include: reduction of waste sent to our landfills, saving of energy, conservation of our natural resources and a decrease in the amount of greenhouse gas emissions distributed in the atmosphere. But perhaps the greatest benefit derived from recycling is how it will help our children and future generations. Through our efforts, we can safeguard and preserve an environment which will enrich and serve them.

For those of you who are avid recyclers or for those who would like to begin, let me share with you some facts that hopefully will be helpful. I will present these tidbits of information in the form of a test.

1. Which of these products is recyclable?

   - A. Both can be recycled. It is not necessary to remove the label.
   - B. Both of these boxes are recyclable?

   Koki Kerner Answers:

   1. C, I, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
   2. C, I, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

   Recyclable Tip #51

   Recycle all your paperboard. Even items that don’t come from the kitchen, such as tissue boxes, shoe boxes, board-game boxes, etc., can all be recycled.
Wildfire Preparation: Create a Defensible Space

Residents of Herriman City have paid close attention to news reports in past years about massive wildfires in many western states. Fires have affected our city, and with the unusually dry, warm winter this past year, we are especially concerned. As construction in the city moves farther and farther into wildfire-prone areas, the worry grows. We have witnessed and even been victims of the damage wildfires can cause. When evacuations are called, we leave our homes hoping for the best. But there is much more we can do than just hope; we can take steps to better protect our homes and property from wildfires.

Defensible Space Planning

Firewise studies show most buildings that ignite during a wildfire will be destroyed. In addition, the chance of firefighters defending a given property is low due to the extreme risk firefighters take in wildfire situations. Structures are damaged not only from direct fire, but exposure to radiant heat and airborne embers. The time to take action is before the threat of a wildfire.

The most effective strategies to develop and maintain a “defensible space.” Defensible space, sometimes called landscaping, is the landscaped area around a structure that has been designed and maintained to reduce fire danger. The size of that space can be determined using the diagram above.

To get the most benefit from your landscaping, keep roofs and rain gutters free of debris as well. For recommended landscaping, the Utah State University Extension publication called Firewise Landscaping is a great resource. This publication has suggestions for the best landscaping choices that are also beautiful and add value to the property. It provides lists of plants to avoid. Also check out their publication Utah Firewise Living for additional information and instructions.

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Herriman City
2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13th, 20th, 27th
May 12th, 19th
June 9th, 16th
July 7th, 14th
August 11th, 18th
September 15th, 22nd
October 19th, 26th
November 2nd, 9th

Endorsed Challenge
March 20th

Memorial Day
May 30th, 9:00am

Memorial Day Breakfast
May 25th

FORT HERRIMAN DAYS
June 19th & 20th

Fishing Derbies
June 19th & 20th

W&M Butterfield Park

Be Ready Herriman

Saturday, April 25, 2015 will be another great opportunity to experience a test of Herriman’s emergency preparedness. We invite all residents to participate and see firsthand the preparation of your area. This semi-annual C.E.R.T. exercise will take place in the morning and does not require you to be a C.E.R.T. trained. It is a great opportunity to see what would be required in an emergency. We want all our neighbors to be confident and prepared. You can receive your volunteer identification badge here which identifies your willingness to help when needed. Follow Facebook.com/BeReadyHerriman that morning for the activation message including assembly location.
Local, state and national resources have already begun preparation for what is shaping up to be a busy wildfire season. Have you? Below are some helpful tips to prepare your home and family.

The Ready, Set, Go (RSG) program is a national wildfire preparedness program and is a great guide for homeowners and communities preparing for wildfires. However, we must keep in mind that wildfire preparedness is an ongoing process and home owners should evaluate their home and plans annually making necessary changes as needed.

**Ready** - Complete a home and property assessment, and finish improvements to create a fast positive solution for home defense. Create and practice an evacuation plan for your family and livestock pens. Keep emergency supplies readily available which items you will be taking from your home.

**Set** - Stay aware of the situation while implementing your evacuation plan and ready when officials give an evacuation order. This would include preparing your home for defense from the approaching fire, gathering important items and preparing any livestock pens to be evacuated by loading and preparing your vehicle(s).

**Go** - It is just that. Get! Take vehicles loaded with your belongings, livestock pens and leave the area.

**Extinguishment**
- Most wildfire-related injuries and deaths occur during evacuation efforts.
- During an evacuation you can expect:
  - Heavy smoke
  - Flying embers/firebrands
  - High volume of cars and trailers
  - Evacuated drivers
  - Abandoned vehicles

**IF YOU CAN NOT EVACUATE:**
- Trapped at home:
  - Stay inside your home; it’s safer than being outside or in a vehicle.
  - Close all exterior doors (including garage door after putting the car inside).
  - Stay calm, initiate contact with your out-of-state relative.
  - Call your local emergency number (i.e., 911) and inform the dispatcher that you can’t evacuate.

- Trapped in your car:
  - Try to drive to an area clear of vegetation, away from wires and trees.
  - Close all windows and keep doors unlocked.
  - Turn on AC in "recirculation" or "max" mode.
  - Lie on the floor.

**KEEP IN MIND:**
- There will be smoke in your car. After the fire front passes, if you see flames in your vehicle, expose yourself in clothes/deluge and exit the vehicle. Do not attempt to run a wildfire.
- You may also find additional information relating to urban interface/wildland fires at the following web sites:
  - http://www.wildlandfire.org/

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**Herriman Harmony**

The Herriman Harmonyx is a city-sponsored a cappella singing group. They can be seen performing at city events and are best known for their original Valentine’s Cabaret. They perform a variety of styles, but mostly specialize in pop music arrangements. They are holding auditions for a new soprano and a new bass on April 30th. Please contact Nicole Therpe for more information and to schedule an audition time: nicoletherpe@gmail.com