

The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities

2010 Waste Water Treatment Plant Awards from the Indiana Water Environment Association

- Laboratory Excellence Award (10th consecutive year)
- Outstanding Device Award (for Carmel Green bagger)
- Biosolids Award (for Carmel Green)



Biosolids Award-(Back l-r) Craig Carter, Joe Faucett, Lonnie Patton (Front l-r) Ed Wolfe, Teresa Lewis, Jordon Kleinsmith

Carmel Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration

- Informational displays and booths from various community environmental-based organizations and businesses.
- Learn more about the various departments at the City of Carmel and the services they offer.
- Food Vendors.
- Tours of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Bags of Carmel Green (High Quality Organic Soil Conditioner) available free while supplies last (or bring your own 5 gallon buckets).
- Free tree seedlings and demonstration tree planting.
- Door Prizes & Giveaways.



Families enjoy activities and displays at Earth Day 2010.



Free bags of Carmel Green Soil Conditioner will be available at the event.

Saturday, April 23, 2011

**Carmel Earth Day
Noon to 4 pm**

**Arbor Day Ceremony
2 pm**

Rain or Shine. The majority of the event will be held indoors or under tents.

The event is free and open to the general public.

Located at the Carmel Utilities Waste Water Treatment Plant

East 96th Street & Hazel Dell Parkway





Why are there spots on my dishes?

In July 2010, 17 states, including Indiana, passed laws restricting the use of phosphates in dishwasher detergent. Phosphates suspend particles so they

do not stick to dishes and prevents spots from forming. Phosphates are also environmentally damaging and detrimental to aquatic life. It stimulates algae growth that deprives other plants and fish of oxygen. (Laundry detergents and hand soaps are already free of phosphates).

So as water customers everywhere start using the newly formulated low-phosphate detergent, they

will notice more spots. The residue is not a result of poor water quality, nor is the residue harmful. Thankfully there are alternative ways to deal with the water spots.

White vinegar added to the bottom of the dishwasher before running is one eco-friendly way to help prevent spots. You can also purchase phosphate-free, fruit acid based machine additives as a way to deal with

these spots. These are additives that are in addition to the normal spot-free rinse gels that are commonly used.

So next time you are in the grocery store, don't forget to purchase some eco-friendly products to help reduce the spots on your dishes and glassware. It is a small accommodation we can all make to help our environment...and to keep our dishes sparkling!

Carmel Utilities and Carmel High School Sponsors Free Recycling Event

Carmel Utilities, in conjunction with the Carmel High School International Baccalaureate Students, is partnering with Disposal Alternatives Organization a Free Recycle Event on April 16th.

From April 16th to April 23, DAO crews will pick up items that are difficult to drop off, such as: washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, stoves, ovens, lawn mowers, mattresses, box springs, water heaters, air conditioners, large office equipment, furnaces, large plastic playground equipment (broken down) and other large items. Pick up is free with the exception of a \$5 fee for

TV's, computer monitors and mattresses. You must schedule an appointment in advance. Residents or businesses should call DAO at (317) 375-7788 by Wednesday, April 13th, to schedule a pick up appointment. After the event, residents can always call DAO for a free pick-up but clustering the pick-ups around this event saves DAO fuel costs and reduces our carbon footprint.

On Saturday, April 16 at the Carmel High School Stadium parking lot (NW corner of Keystone Parkway & 136th St.) from 8am to 3pm. DAO will accept: all of the above plus electronics,

microwaves, small appliances, TVs of all types (\$5 fee for TVs, computer monitors, and mattresses), cell phones, computer equipment, dehumidifiers, small lawn tools, fans, medical/orthopedic equipment, cardboard, plastics, batteries, cardboard, oil, metals, wiring & cables, Styrofoam and bicycles. Items that are not accepted at the event include toxic chemicals, paint, furniture, wood, and clothing.

NEW service added: Due to the large number of requests received at last year's Free Recycle Event, DAO has teamed up with Hoosier Shred, a local



shredding company, to offer free on-site document destruction. Hoosier Shred will have a shredder truck available during the Free Recycle Event to destroy your personal and confidential business documents.

For additional information please call (317) 375-7788 or email info@daorecycling.org.