

Welcome to the Tuesday Tree Huggin' Tip!

Tip 13: ReUse Other People's Stuff, Too!

We've talked before about reusing items (Tip 9 – 4/29/08) before you recycle them in order to get the most out of products and to keep them out of the landfills. In addition to reusing your own purchases to the best of your ability, you can also join the grassroots movement to “FreeCycle,” a mode of living which promotes the free exchange of goods that people no longer want. As the Free Use site explains, “in a nutshell, [freecycling] is person to person recycling!” These groups are based on the Web and have local chapters in most large cities across America and the world. Check out these websites for more information about a group near you:

<http://www.sharingisgiving.org/>

<http://www.freeuse.org/>

<http://www.freecycle.org/>

<http://freesharing.org/>

So, before you discard an item such as furniture or stereo equipment, try listing it on FreeCycle and see if someone won't come and pick it up from you. And look and see what your neighbors are giving away. Not only can you save money, you can help save the planet!

Thanks to Theresa Lundbohm for the suggested topic of this week's Tree Huggin' Tip. If any of you folks out there have something you would like discussed next week, please send me an e-mail!

Yours in crunchiness,

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