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NevadaRecycles.gov offers Earth Day-Friendly Information

CARSON CITY – The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection joins the nation in celebrating Earth Day April 22, 2009, by encouraging residents to visit *NevadaRecycles.gov*. The Web site offers a free, downloadable professional teaching curriculum, recycling locations by county, recycling guides, grant programs and the latest state recycling statistics. Earth Day is marked each year as the nation celebrates the birth of the modern environmental movement and recycling is an important factor in the effort. Nevada's recycling rate is moving in a positive direction, increasing from 17.2 percent in 2006 to 21.6 percent in 2007. Nevadans recycled 849,652 tons in 2007 (the latest reported year).

The NDEP continues to work with counties and municipalities to increase recycling efforts. We also continue to promote a free teaching curriculum that is adaptable for grades 4 through 12, available at *NevadaRecycles.gov*. The curriculum is designed to develop a sense of environmental stewardship by integrating a series of lessons that utilize "hands-on" activities to demonstrate concepts in science, math, language arts, and social studies. The educational objectives – provided through teacher lesson plans, student manuals, and a comprehensive collection of associated background and research materials – are aligned with the Nevada standard course of study. NDEP staff is available to meet with educators to assist in instituting this curriculum. Education and outreach is key to meeting and exceeding our state's recycling goal of 25 percent.

For more information about recycling in Nevada, call Chester Sergent, NDEP's Northern Nevada Recycling Coordinator, at 775-687-9466; or Kathryn Fergus, NDEP's Southern Nevada Recycling Coordinator, at 702-486-2850, ext. 251.

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