



NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEDIA ADVISORY

EARTH DAY ZERO WASTE COMES FULL CIRCLE AS COMPOST *Nevada Division of Environmental Protection promotes recycling*

CARSON CITY— Nearly 1,700 pounds of waste was diverted from the landfill during the 2005 Northern Nevada and Tahoe/Truckee Earth Day celebrations and the compost from these events is now ready to be recycled into local parks. In 2005, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) encouraged waste reduction and recycling at Earth Day events in Reno and Tahoe/Truckee by leading Zero Waste efforts. NDEP partners, Full Circle Compost, Environmental Leadership's Northern Nevada Earth Day Committee and the Tahoe Truckee Earth Day Committee, have teamed up to distribute Earth Day compost at the North Lake Tahoe Demonstration Garden at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 20 and at Teglia's Paradise Park Community Garden in northeast Reno at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 21.

"The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is very pleased to have found such enthusiastic partners in Full Circle Compost and the Tahoe Truckee and Northern Nevada Earth Day Committees to provide waste reduction and recycling education to the public and other stakeholders," NDEP Recycling Coordinator David Friedman said. "Innovative methods such as bio-based plastic resins reduce waste disposal and create a valuable asset in its place."

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WHAT: Tahoe and Reno Earth Day compost donation

WHERE/ WHEN: North Lake Tahoe Demonstration Garden 10 a.m. Thursday, October 20
Teglia's Paradise Park Community Garden 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 21

WHY: NDEP is committed to encouraging waste reduction, recycling and diverting materials from landfill disposal. NDEP initiated a program of corn-based biodegradable serving ware to replace plastic eating utensils, paper plates and cups at food stations throughout Earth Day events so that the food and its packaging is disposed directly into the compost bin. The agency then supports the return of compost generated at the Reno and Tahoe events to venues selected by the Earth Day organizers. NDEP has set a goal for a Zero Waste Earth Day to promote waste reduction throughout the year.

For more information on the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and Earth Day 2005, visit our Web site at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/earthday05.htm>.

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