



# newsletter

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Dear Alta Employee,

This is an exciting time for the Alta Environmental Center because Phase I is complete and we are ready to move on to Phase II. The goals of Phase I were to develop the concept, mission, and framework for the EnCe, and because of the tremendous amount of feedback received from you, the community, and others we have accomplished these goals. Thank you.

The wheels are in motion and the general direction is set—now it's time for Phase II. The first step in Phase II is to find a new director who is interested in further developing and improving the EnCe for the long-term. My role is complete and I am focusing my energies on other sustainability programs through my consulting firm—Stellar Systems LLC. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, in being the director of Alta Environmental Center, please contact me or send me your resume.

Sincerely,  
Mike Lewis, Founding Director

## EnCe Update

### **Glass Recycling**

Alta has started a pilot glass recycling program with the help of Barb Altum, the Parking Crew, and Glass Planet LLC. There are currently glass recycling bins in the Buckhorn, Main Office, Ski Patrol Locker Room, Ski School Locker Room, and Wildcat Ticket Office Building. The glass will be transported by the Parking Crew to Glass Planet LLC each Wednesday. If you are interested in recycling glass in your department please contact the EnCe so we can discuss how the program works.

Glass Planet LLC is owned by Alta skier Denise Kaye. She transports the glass from her garage to American Specialty Glass in Ogden. There, the glass is crushed and processed for use in commercial landscaping and interior design applications. To find out more about where Alta's recycled glass goes, visit: [ASGglass.com](http://ASGglass.com).

### **Carpooling Program**

Add \$2.00/passenger/way to your paycheck!  
(passengers must be working for the Alta Ski Lifts that day)

So if you drive 2 passengers up and only one down how much would you get?

Up ----->  $\$2.00 \times 2 = \$4.00$   
Down -->  $\$2.00 \times 1 = \$2.00$   
**Total = \$6.00!!**

Ask your supervisor how to report your carpooling.

## **Ask the EnCe**

### **How do I recycle my burnt out fluorescent light bulbs?**

Fortunately, Utah's Department of Environmental Quality and Salt Lake County recognize the environmental hazards that arise from the improper disposal of compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs)—the mercury in CFLs can leak into the earth at landfills and pollute the groundwater. Instead of throwing CFLs into the trash you can take them to the following library branches free of charge:

- \* Bingham Creek, 4834 W. 9000 South, West Jordan.
- \* Calvin Smith, 810 E. 3300 South, Millcreek.
- \* Whitmore, 2197 E. Fort Union Blvd. (about 7000 South), Cottonwood Heights.
- \* Draper, 1136 E. Pioneer Road (12400 South), Draper.
- \* Hunter, 4740 W. 4100 South, West Valley City.
- \* Magna, 8339 W. 3500 South, Magna.
- \* South Jordan, 10673 S. Redwood Road (1700 West), South Jordan.
- \* R.V. Tyler, 8041 Wood St. (55 West), Midvale.

Learn more about CFLs at:  
[http://www.deq.utah.gov/Pollution\\_Prevention/CFLs.htm](http://www.deq.utah.gov/Pollution_Prevention/CFLs.htm)

## **Did you know....**

- Installing a programmable thermostat can save you up to \$180/year!
- Replacing one incandescent lightbulb with a fluorescent lightbulb could save you up to \$15.21/year.
- The average American loses 18.8 gallons of water each day to leaky faucets and pipes and you could reduce your water consumption by 50 to 70 percent by installing low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators.

(All information found at: <http://www.grist.org/feature/2008/12/09/>)