

**1. ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING**

*Don't Trash Your Cans, Cash Your Cans!* Aluminum Can Collection Contest

The 2008 Aluminum Can Collection Drive territory-wide results were as follows:

- 16 schools participated in the contest STX: 9 and STT/STJ: 7
- 2,563 students participated
- 1,468 lbs of cans were collected
- 35,232 cans were collected
- Schools will receive a total of \$1,895.10 in monetary prizes from the VIWMA and recyclers combined.
- **St. Croix:** 1st Place: School of the Good Shepherd, 2nd Place: Free Will Baptist School, 3rd Place: The Good Hope School, Honorable Mention: St. Croix Country Day School
- **St. Thomas:** 1st Place: Virgin Islands Montessori School, 2nd Place: Antilles School, 3rd Place: Gladys A. Abraham Elementary School, Honorable Mentions: Prophecy Academy, Inc. & Evelyn Marcelli Elementary School

**IMPORTANT:** All aluminum can recycling programs and projects for St. Croix have been put on hold temporarily until EZ Recycling reopens.

- For more information contact:
  - Charmin L. Springer: 712-4961 or 712-4962

**2. E-WASTE COLLECTION DRIVE**

The last E-waste Recycling drive was held February 19 - 21, 2009. Two 40 ft trailers of E-waste are scheduled to be shipped out of St. Croix. The following items did not enter the landfill and will instead be recycled:

- TV's - 92
- CPU's - 192
- Monitors - 205
- Miscellaneous - 620 video games, type writers, digital cameras, surge protectors, etc.
- Collection is free for residents, however businesses need to register and pay a small fee for their E-waste.
- Drives are held quarterly.
- The next E-waste Collection Drive will be held in May 2009. Collection is free for residents, however businesses need to register and pay a small fee for their e-waste.

- For more information contact:
  - St. Croix: Paulina Hobson: 712-4963
  - St. Thomas: Cordell Jacobs: 777-3073

### 3. YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMER PROGRAM

- The Summer Program will kick-off again this summer during the month of June. The program affords hundreds of student's summer employment.
  - Stay tuned for details on when and where to pick-up applications for teens and adults.
- For more information contact:
- St. Croix: Emmeline Simmonds: 778-7657
  - St. Thomas: Cordell Jacobs: 777-3073

### 4. YES YOU CAN, RECYCLE THE CAN! ALUMINUM CAN EVENT RECYCLING PROGRAM

- The program promotes recycling and identifies associated fundraising benefits. Program started in May 2008 and is ongoing.
- Although the program is ready for kick-off, it has been put on hold due to EZ Recycling being closed on St. Croix.
- The RAVI and the St. Croix Yacht Club partnered with the VIWMA for a pre-program opportunity to use the aluminum can recycle bins during recent public events.

#### YES YOU CAN, RECYCLE THE CAN! ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING PROGRAM

- A program designed to provide on-going aluminum can recycling opportunities for local businesses and government agencies.
  - Businesses participate in the program by partnering with the VIWMA and can purchase aluminum can recycling receptacles for \$50. Businesses are required to complete a registration form and survey.
  - Data collection tracking forms to track volumes and program progress are sent quarterly via e-mail.
  - Businesses receive advertising opportunities. Government agencies receive the receptacles for free, but with the same reporting requirements as businesses.
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### 5. KEEPING PARADISE GREEN! OFFICE RECYCLING & WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM

- A pilot program was first implemented at the VIWMA STX offices. The program provided receptacles for the collection of newspapers, shredded paper, ink cartridges, and aluminum cans. Scrap paper is also collected at copy/fax stations throughout offices.
- Quantities of recyclables to date: Newspaper - 716, Shredded Paper – 57 bags, Ink Cartridges - 58, Aluminum Cans- 60 lbs, Scrap Paper-400 lbs.
- Refill Plus, Inc. assists by collecting ink cartridges and scrap paper from VIWMA offices. A representative from the St. Croix Animal Shelter picks up the newspapers and uses it for animal bedding. The shredded paper is taken to the Island Animal

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#### **6. THE GREENHOUSE PROGRAM**

- You can schedule to visit the VIWMA Rain Garden Demonstration at the VIWMA Greenhouse Program.
  - The Greenhouse program continues to donate organic fruits and vegetables to local senior citizen homes and homeless shelters.
- For more information contact:
    - Rain Garden: Dee Osinski: 778-7657
    - Greenhouse Program: Emmeline Simmonds: 778-7657

#### **7. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

- The VIWMA will sponsor the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Eco-Fair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Litter Stomp to be held on April 22 and April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the St. Georges Botanical Garden.
  - The VIWMA will kick-off another Litter Stomp along the Centerline road leading up to the St. George Botanical Garden. Various schools and staff participate in the Litter Stomp with the mission to stomp out litter from our environment.
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    - Rain Garden: Dee Osinski: 778-7657
    - Greenhouse Program: Emmeline Simmonds: 778-7657

#### **8. CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

- The VIWMA will co-host the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CWWA Caribbean Water & Wastewater Association Conference on St. Thomas, October 4 - 10, 2009.
- For more information contact:
    - Stella Saunders: 712-4950

#### **9. RECYCLING GUIDES: ST. CROIX, ST. THOMAS & ST. JOHN**

- The VIWMA has run the first series of ads informing the community about the various locations where they can pick-up the Recycling Guide.
- The guide is being disseminated throughout the territory.
- Entities interested in assisting with the dissemination of the guide can receive up to 50 guides at a time. The guide is updated regularly. Feel free to give suggestions on how we can improve the guide.

- **To date: 1,889 units have been printed, 1,366 units have been distributed to: VIWMA Offices, Recycling Fair, Refill Plus, VIRC&D, DPW, Schools, Managed Freight, VI Housing Finance Authority, Jump-up, Ag-Fair, Sustainable Solutions, Inc., Governor’s Office, Lt. Governor’s Office, SEA and at public events.**
  - **The Recycling Guide has been recently updated and will be updated via the website to cut back on paper use.**
- **For more information contact:**
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#### **10. PARTNERSHIPS**

- **The VIRC&D is seeking to boost membership. A committee has been formed to attract new volunteers and support. Visit the <http://www.usvircd.org> for more information about VIRC&D and membership.**
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**Flyers & announcements will be forwarded to RAVI members via the VIRC&D Coordinator  
Also look for announcements via various media outlets**

**For more information regarding this VIWMA Activity Update**

**feel free to contact**

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