

## News Release

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### Home Show Recycles 140 Pounds of Bottles and Cans

Visitors to the Home and Garden Show in Lynden earlier this month recycled 140 pounds of plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Vendors at the site recycled nearly 30 cubic yards of cardboard, too.

The bottle and can collection was part of a new "Event Recycling" program coordinated by RE Sources, with funding from the Whatcom County Solid Waste Division. "We exceeded our goal for collecting recyclable containers at the show this year, thanks to the help of volunteers," says RE Sources Special Projects Coordinator, Lisa Friend. Recycling at last year's Home and Garden show netted 60 pounds of containers; this year's goal was 120 pounds.

The collected aluminum and plastic will be recycled into new aluminum cans, plastic carpet, and polyester fleece garments.

In addition to the Home Show, RE Sources plans to coordinate event recycling at the Ski to Sea races and parades, four soccer tournaments, Independence Day celebrations and most festivals and outdoor concerts this summer.

" We hope to recycle 2,400 pounds of plastic, glass and aluminum through this project before the summer's out," Friend says. " Since the plastic from 14 recycled soda bottles makes enough fiber to fill one ski jacket, we'll probably collect a thousand jackets' worth this year."

Anyone 16 or older who likes outdoor music, sports or festivals can sign up for a short event recycling volunteer shift by calling 733-8307 or contacting [recycle@re-sources.org](mailto:recycle@re-sources.org). Details are available on the RE Sources website: [www.re-sources.org](http://www.re-sources.org)