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Green Apps for Everybody



The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has a page that lists available “Green Apps”. The url is http://www.epa.gov/mygreenapps/existing_apps.html . These are apps designed to aid the consumer to help protect the environment by making location-based information available at any time. Many are web apps that can be accessed by any internet-connected device but many have downloadable mobile apps that are available for the most popular platforms, such as Apple and Android. Most of the 290 or so listed are free, with some pay apps at the end of the list. Paid apps range in price from \$0.99 to about \$10. The list is extensive but here are a few of interest:

1800Recycling.com (also for Apple & Android) by Electronic Recyclers International. This web app is for everything from plastic bags to old computers to junk automobiles. The most commonly recycled materials are grouped into appropriate categories. You can find recycling locations by dropoff, curbside, mailback and pick up with location mapping.

Alternative Fuel Location (<http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/locator/m/stations/>) web app by the U. S. Department of Energy. It locates alternative fuels including biodiesel, LP gas, ethanol E85 and electric. It is very up to date as it already includes the new Tesla recharging stations at the Auburn Mall. There are three locations listed in Columbus as well as the Nissan dealership, presumably because of the Leaf automobile.

Locavore (www.getlocavore.com on the web but also for Apple and Android) Locates local farmers’ markets and farms that sell directly to the consumer. It’s set up to share on Facebook.

Trash Backwards (www.trashbackwards.com) is a web-based app that shares information about how to reuse or properly dispose of trash and even how to avoid accumulating it in the first place. Did you know that the little “do-not-eat” silica gel packages that come with so many electronic products can be reused? Read about that and a whole lot more, some of it pretty ‘out there’ but still creative.

iScrap App (iscrappapp.com, also for Apple and Android) – Available on the Web as well as mobile apps for Apple and Android - locates places that buy or receive scrap. Most in this area are for metals. A sampling of consumer reviews on Google Play were favorable.

These apps can be good tools to get information that will help us all live a healthier lifestyle as well as protect the air, land and water around us. Check out the site and find the ones of most interest and benefit to you!

Check it out!!

The Erosion and Sediment Control page has a lot of information and links to other websites.

Go to: www.phenixcityal.us, click on Departments, then Engineering & Public Works. Select Erosion & Sediment Control

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