

National Waste Reduction Week 2010 was celebrated on the University of Manitoba campus during the week of October 18th-24th – here are some of the week's highlights.

During the week 18 Eco-spies from both campuses caught people in the act of doing something good for the environment and presented them with a token of appreciation. Over 50 staff, faculty and students were caught recycling, biking, printing double-sided, getting free furniture for re-use at the UM Re-shop, using a reusable coffee mug, among other things. They were presented with prizes donated from the UM bookstore, Aramark, St. John's College Daily Bread Café, UMSU, Bison Recreation Services and Mountain Equipment Coop.

Find the Logo contest drew participation from students, staff and faculty on both campuses as well, naming 10 people a daily prize winner of a UM Bookstore gift card and 1 lucky student, Monica Nguy the grand prize winner of an iPod touch.

On Tuesday, Oct. 19th the Waste Prevention Office piled the University Center garbage onto the curry place pedway grass to demonstrate the volume of garbage generated from just University Center alone for an 8 hour period. The demonstration was meant to encourage people passing by to think about their waste and do their part for the campus by using the blue, green and grey bins all over campus.

On Wednesday, Oct 20th the Waste Prevention Office hosted a Re-shop open house to create awareness of this free service on campus. The Re-shop "*Where one department's trash is another's treasure*" is a free campus wide garage sale you can visit all year long! The Re-Shop is open to students, staff and faculty to donate items that are unwanted but reusable, browse through the inventory and take away anything that they can use.

Since inception in August 2008, over 1500 items have passed through the Re-shop doors and have been put to re-use as opposed to ending up in the landfill. Items such as chairs, desks, tables, shelving, bookcases and filing cabinets are quite common however the Re-shop has found homes for odd items as well including 6 ft diameter concrete culverts, 120ftx160ft wooden staging and bar stools.

Internal Links:

UM Waste Prevention Office:

www.umanitoba.ca/campus/physical_plant/sustainability/inaction/419.htm

UM Waste Prevention Re-Shop:

www.umanitoba.ca/campus/physical_plant/sustainability/inaction/599.htm

External Links:

Waste Reduction Week in Canada Website: <http://www.wrwcanda.com/>

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Have a Question, Suggestion or Complaint about Waste?
Call the NEW UM Garbage and Recycling Hotline: 474-9608

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