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CFSY News

Computers for Schools Yukon has now received a delivery of laptops. If you or someone you know is a student at a Yukon school or the College then talk to your teacher to apply for one.

They're also working on testing a Linux operating system for the computers they provide. If you want something that isn't Windows then they might be able to help.

Raven is still accepting computers and some peripherals at the depot. Everything is sent to CFSY and all hard drives are cleared of data.

Battery Recycling Milestone

If you come into our depot then you've probably noticed our boxes for recycling rechargeable batteries. The batteries are recycled through a non-profit organisation called Call2Recycle. Last month they hit a major milestone, since 1994 they have diverted 100,000,000 pounds (45 million kg if you're a metric type) of batteries from landfills across North America. Yukoners have contributed to that number by bringing in their rechargeables from all sorts of electrical items for recycling.

Danny Lewis



Whey to go Wisconsin!

It's not really Recycling, somewhat Reusing, but some places in Wisconsin are almost off the scale for Rethinking by using cheese to melt ice on the roads. Cheese brine to be exact. Some cheeses are soaked in brine during the maturing process, sometimes the mozzarella you buy comes in brine. Normally the brine has to go to wastewater treatment plants once the cheese is ready but some Wisconsinites wanted to do more than get rid of it.

Many places south of 60 use rock salt to de-ice their roads in winter. The problems with the salt are that it can bounce off the road to places where it doesn't help and the fact that it's not good for the environment or vehicles. That's where the cheese brine comes in. It melts ice faster and helps the salt stick to roads. The mixture of brine and rock salt is more efficient than salt alone which means less salt is needed so there is less salty pollution. Tests show that the brine-rock salt solution won't freeze until -21F, which is considerably better than rock salt alone. There are traces of cheese in the brine which is the secret to lowering the freezing point. It also gives a slight smell to the roads but no one has complained about that. There are no reports of animals being attracted to the roadways either.

It's definitely not a crackers idea and takes the biscuit for clever thinking.



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