Tired of being stuck in traffic? Paying for parking and would rather use that money elsewhere? Want less stress about traveling to and from work or school? There are options for YOU! Missoula In Motion can help you find the best sustainable transportation option and route.

You may be asking yourself…. “Why use sustainable transportation?” Why not?! You have the ability to impact the environment, promote personal and community wellness, and inspire community connection and interaction. Sounds like a win-win.

What is the next step to take? Figure out what mode of transportation works best for you and try it. Carpool? Bike? Bus? Longboard? Walk? If you log onto waytogo.missoulainmotion.com – input your usual commute and look at the different transportation options. You are also welcome to contact Missoula In Motion directly at mim@missoulainmotion.com or call 406-552-6675 for personalized route-planning.

Upcoming Missoula In Motion events include the Commuter Challenge, which is a head-to-head competition between Missoula businesses and organizations to see if all employees can use sustainable transportation at least once during the first two full weeks in May (May 6-19). Win prizes, work toward a common goal with co-workers, and try something new.

See commuting differently today with Missoula In Motion.

**ZERO-WASTE LIFESTYLE TIPS**

Have extra packing materials (peanuts, loosefill, bubble wrap, etc.)?

Missoula has great recycling options to fulfill a zero-waste lifestyle! You can drop off your unused materials at one of two Shipping Depot locations in town:

- **The Shipping Depot Eastgate**
  1001 E Broadway St
  406-721-0105

- **The Shipping Depot**
  2120 S Reserve St
  406-549-7400
Concerning living conditions? Get a free city inspection!

Are you concerned about the safety of your living conditions?
It might be time to get an inspection from the City of Missoula! The Voluntary Residential Inspection Program (VRIP) offers low cost inspections to renters in the Missoula community. This is just one easy way we can make sure that our housing conditions are safer and healthier for the benefit of the whole community!

Visit the Missoula City website or the link below to fill out a request form provided by the Building Department.

http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/454/Voluntary-Residential-Inspection-Program

Confessions of a zero-waste lifestyle: A student’s perspective

By Natalie Schmidt
Neighborhood Ambassador

Being a college student is hard, especially when you are new on the block. It gets even harder when you decide to try and live a zero-waste lifestyle. Recently, living zero-waste has been gaining popularity in our culture, with numerous articles and videos describing what it is, and how to it.

The zero-waste lifestyle is just what it sounds like, a lifestyle where you try and produce as little waste as you can. This could mean doing small things, like putting your groceries into reusable bags, to larger scale things like only having a wardrobe that is made up of reused clothing.

Intrigued by this lifestyle as a student living in the dorms at the University of Montana, I decided to try it out. Let me just say, it was not too bad. When you sort through your recyclables and trash every week, you really get to see how much waste you produce. You realize that if you were to multiply your own waste by the number of people living on campus, how badly it can affect the community.

I also learned that you need to start small. No one is asking you to throw all your clothes away and buy thrift clothes for the movement. You decide how and where you want to implement recycling into your day to day life. Overall, zero waste is beneficial for our environment and is easy to do if you start out small. It is important to note, too, that even the littlest things you do in life, can make a big impact on the world around you.

A common way to organize your waste, recyclables, and compost is to color coordinate your bins, green for other waste or compost, blue for paper, red for plastic, and yellow for aluminum. (Photo courtesy of Google)

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ASUM Neighborhood Ambassador Program

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Questions? Call Jordan Lyons, Director, ASUM Renter Center at 406-243-2017, or email to Jordan.Lyons@umontana.edu

2018 Neighborhood Block Party

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29 FROM 1-5PM ON THE 400 BLOCK OF UNIVERSITY

• Local Organizations • UM Student Groups • Food Trucks • Live Music •
• Local Elected Officials • A Special Surprise Guest • Games, raffles •
• and much more! •