



## NIH Celebrates 'America Recycles Day' Nov. 15

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The hall linking the CRC with the CC became a green dream as NIH celebrated "America Recycles Day" on Nov. 15. It was just the right spot to catch the eye with nifty giveaways transformed from the trash triaged in our bins. Question: What do garden mulch, fetching floor tiles, Skilcraft pens and fleecy hats have in common? Answer: All come from recycled materials. Go ahead, take the bait and hear the pitch: It is everyone's job to recycle.

The recycling program's administrative home is the Division of Environmental Protection, which currently funds NIH's Environmental Management System (NEMS), an NIH initiative kicked off in January 2005. Ultimately, NEMS will be pushed out to all institutes and centers. For more information on the NIH Recycling Program contact Gareth Buckland at bucklandg@mail.nih.gov or (301) 496-7990. Visit the NEMS web site at <http://orf.od.nih.gov/Environmental+Protection/Environmental/>.



### *Clockwise from top:*

*NIH recycles over 8 tons of trash daily.*

*Dr. Johan Van Der Veen (l) takes a recycled-plastic cup from Gareth Buckland, DEP's "Recycle Guy." On Montgomery County's mandate that businesses recycle 50 percent of their waste, Buckland says: "This year we'll meet that goal quite easily."*

*Marie Taboada (l) and Nicole Huntington of the Division of Travel and Transportation Services offer energy-saving commuter choices.*

*Padma Natarajan (l), contractor, along with NEMS coordinator Theresa Leland pass out recycling quizzes.*

*Beth Scott of National Industries for the Blind offers a wide sample of environmentally friendly products, including a recycled version of the original Skilcraft pen. Just like the old one, it writes a linear mile.*