Nature's Noticeboard!

Winter 2012

It takes a lot of energy to boil a full kettle of water. If you only want to make 1 cup of tea, just boil enough for that & save energy.

Identify just one piece of rubbish that you regularly create. Can you reduce the amount you create, or reuse it for another purpose or, if neither of these are possible, can you recycle it?

With more fires and candles being lit at this time of year, it's a good time to check that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detector are working.

Keep up-to-date with Ireland's wildlife news by visiting www.irelandswildlife.com

If you have a real Christmas tree this year, remember it can be recycled at your local Civic Amenity Site.

Not everyone can afford to buy presents (and not just at Christmas time). Why not give a gift of your time, such as offering to make dinner or wash the ware or tidy the sittingroom? You can make a lovely booklet of coupons from recycled paper or card and present them as a gift for your family or friends.

Thanks to An Gúm, you can now download an Irish version of the Summer 2011 issue of Nature's Web (see details on page 2).

Do you know what an ash tree looks like? Look it up on the web or in a tree book and see if you can spot one near you.

Encourage family and friends to follow the "Leave no trace" principles when in the countryside.

Yes, it's winter but spring is just around the corner. Now is a good time to think about getting involved with www.springalive.net. To prepare for this bird survey, learn about the Swallow, Swift and Cuckoo on their website.

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