Green Tips for February Bulletin

February 5: This Valentine’s Day, show your love for the earth by sending recycled-content cards. Make new cards from scrap paper or by attaching new backs to the fronts of old cards. Also, consider sending electronic valentines.

February 12: Remember our farmers’ markets are open through the winter. The River City Farmers’ Market is open Saturdays from 8-12 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The Athens Farmers’ Market is open Saturdays from 9-12 in front of and inside the mall. There are always eggs, baked goods, sprouts, and delicious breads, as well as hand-made crafts.

February 19: The EPA’s label for safer chemical-based products (cleaning products, laundry, etc.) is called Safer Choice. Each chemical is evaluated for human and environmental safety. Check their Facebook page, EPA Safer Choice, or the website, www2.epa.gov/saferchoice. Another agency that rates products is the Environmental Working Group (on Facebook or at [www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org)). EWG rates cleaning products as well as make-up, lotions, sunscreens and food.

February 26: Remember you can bring in items on Sundays for recycling such as aluminum cans, printer cartridges, CDs and CD cases, and spent batteries. We will recycle them for you.