



Tips *Yard Waste*

- To help eliminate the hassle and frustration of transporting your “recyclables”, invest in a landscape cart. We recommend the 36”x 48” cart. Check with local nursery’s and hardware stores for availability and pricing.

Holiday Schedule *(Schedule Changes)*

Clear Creek Disposal will observe Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. *All pickups will be one day behind.*

As a reminder, holiday schedules are always posted in our local papers and on our website, www.ccdisposal.com.

Did you know?

FACT: Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles *every hour!* Most of them are thrown away.

To sign up for recycling services visit our website, www.ccdisposal.com or call us at 726.9600.

COMPOSTING IS EASY

FACT: Each year, each American throws out about 1,200 lbs. of organic garbage that can be composted.

To set up a compost pile, choose a level spot near water and out of direct sunlight. Many food items can be composted: vegetable trimmings, egg shells, coffee grinds with filters and tea bags. In addition to leaves, grass and yard clippings, vacuum cleaner lint, wool and cotton rags, sawdust, shredded newspaper and fireplace ashes can be composted. **DO NOT** compost meats, dairy foods or any fats oil or grease because they can attract pests.

TO START PILE: Start with a 4-inch layer of leaves, loose soil or other coarse yard trimmings. *(continued on page 2)*



Myths & Facts on Recycling

MYTH: “*Since we have plenty of landfills, recycling isn’t important.*”

FACT: Recycling has many more benefits than reduced landfill use, the chief of which are the conservation of natural resources (trees, oil, minerals), reduced energy consumption and pollution, and environmental impact (clear cutting, oil drilling, mining, burning coal). By recycling you are conserving natural resources and reducing the amount of pollution and green house gases released *(continued on page 2)*



Take it to the Curb Blaine County

FACT: The U.S. is the #1 trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 lbs per person per year.

Currently, Blaine County does not have mandatory recycling. However, other cities throughout the U.S. have been forced to make recycling mandatory because their landfills are filling up too quickly. *(continued on page 2)*



PLASTIC RECYCLING

FACT: Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every HOUR! Most of them are thrown away.

The Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) introduced its voluntary resin identification coding system in 1988. With the growing number of recycling programs, the SPI code was developed to meet recyclers and manufacturers needs. The SPI coding system offers a means of identifying the resin content in plastics. The SPI code is a triangle of arrows with a number from one to seven inside the triangle. #1 or PET (Polyeth-



ylene Terephthalate) plastic and #2 or HDPE (High Density polyethylene) are by far the most commonly collected plastics. Currently our Resource Recovery Center is only able to sell #1 and #2 plastics. In the future, they hope to be able to accept more recyclable plastics. Applications for recycled plastic grows every day. Recycled plastics are used to make polymeric timber for use in picnic tables, fences and outdoor toys, thus saving trees. Plastic from 2-liter bottles is even used to produce carpet.

Myths & Facts...

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into the atmosphere. As organic matter breaks down in a landfill, it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

By reducing the amount of organic material sent to the landfill by composting and recycling you are helping to reduce greenhouse gasses.

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Even though it's not mandatory, we need to do our part in reducing unnecessary waste going into our landfills by recycling, composting, and reusing. So Blaine County *Take it to the Curb* and recycle. Call for pricing on curbside recycling.

CCD currently picks up these six items for recycling: Glass, Tin/Aluminum, Magazines, Newspaper, White Paper and #1 & #2 Plastic Bottles.

Recycling helps conserve energy and reduce waste. Much less energy is used to make materials into new products than is needed with new or raw materials. Recycling also helps conserve natural resources and prevent pollution. Using recycled materials to manufacture new products is much cleaner for the environment than manufacturing new products from new or raw materials. Recycling also creates jobs in areas where reprocessing facilities are located.

Students at UCLA found that producing a soda can from recycled aluminum uses 96% less energy than manufacturing a can from ore, and produces 95% less air pollution and 97% less water pollution. That's worth it!

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Alfalfa meal or clean cat litter may be added to the pile to absorb odors. In dry weather, sprinkle water on the pile, but don't get it too wet. Turn the pile every few weeks with a pitchfork to circulate the air. It is a good sign if you see worms in your pile because they are a part

of the process. Keep children away from compost pile. In most climates, your compost will be finished within 3-6 months. It will be a dark, crumbly material that is uniform in texture. Add it to your gardens, around your trees and shrubs, or even in your annual containers.