



# The Recycler

Volume 13, Issue 2

"Serving Northern Colorado Since 1959"

Spring 2010

## ReDirect Guide



Qualifying & Promoting Green Companies since 2000

Living Green Made Simple™

iSaveGreen.com

B2B & B2C Events

Carbon Offsetting Visa

Print / Web Green Business Directories

[www.ReDirectGuide.com](http://www.ReDirectGuide.com)

Colorado : Oregon : Utah : Washington

## Trash Districting - R.I.P.

**ON BEHALF** of the Gallegos Family, Management, and Staff we would like to personally thank our customers for their support during the debate over trash districting. Contrary to what has been said, GSI strongly feels that the significant show of support given to the local haulers was a determining factor in not going forward with the districting concept. It has been estimated that nearly 1,000 people showed up on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Fort Collins City Council meeting to voice their concern about government involvement in private business and that their freedom to choose their hauler would be taken away.



At that meeting, and in the days that followed, it has been very heartwarming to hear all of the positive comments citizens made about the quality of service provided by GSI. Providing excellent service has always been and will always be the goal at Gallegos Sanitation.

As we move forward in the future, you will continue to see GSI enhance our safety practices, reduce our carbon footprint in the community, and expand our efforts in recycling. GSI is committed to offering "Green Living Solutions" to our customers and to be THE recycling leader of Northern Colorado. We will accomplish this by offering a variety of recycling options from yardwaste to electronics to foodwaste. We will continue to provide recycling education and services to students in the Poudre and Weld County RE-4 School Districts. We are currently piloting food-waste recycling and education to local schools with great success. Soon we will be instituting a "Green Living Community" certification process and can structure a program for your neighborhood.

As a reminder, please keep in mind that **every-other-week (EOW) recycling collection** is coming soon. GSI is looking to complete this large project over the next few months (in an effort to reduce our own carbon footprint in the community). Starting April 5<sup>th</sup>, over 8,000 customers will be converted to the every-other-week system. These customers have already received their color-coded calendars and revised recycle guides. If you have not received any of this information, you will be a part of the next two phases of this operation and will receive your information in the near future. Be sure to watch your mail for the Holiday & Recycle Collection Calendar and Recycle Guide. [continued on page 2-Customer Thank You]

Digi  
Signs Pix

Partnering with the community  
to promote **GREEN CHOICES**

\* Banners

\* Commercial Signs

\* Vehicle Graphics/Wraps

\* Graphic Design

**(970) 674-3310**

[www.DigiPixSigns.com](http://www.DigiPixSigns.com)

**Can you read this Ad?**

**All of our customers can  
read it too!**

**PUT YOUR AD H E R E**

**Contact us for more information**

**970-484-5556**

**Extension 2203**

### Colorado Springtime - Mud & Garbage Trucks Don't Mix

Springtime in Colorado means warmer weather, outdoor activities, flowers blooming, and MUD!!!

Our drivers take a great deal of pride in their abilities to provide quality service to our customers. We trust their professional opinion and skill when accessing our customer locations and our goal is to not cause any damage to your property or to our trucks. Please understand that if your driver is unable to pick-up your trash due to muddy conditions it is better to *delay* servicing your account and avoid causing damage to your property or having a trash truck stuck at your location for several hours.

In the event that our driver is unable to access your trash, we will do all that we can to contact you and develop a solution to the problem (based on each individual situation). Do we have your current email address and daytime phone number so we can contact you in case any service issues/problems may arise? Please call us at 970-484-5556 if you think your information may be incomplete or with any questions.

# It's the time of the season for YARDWASTE

Mother nature likes to go to the bank - and she has made, or will be making, deposits in your yard of leaves, pine cones, sticks, grass growth, and more.



With warm weather upon us, many local residents will start "spring cleaning" to clear the debris that mother nature placed in their yards throughout the fall and winter seasons. Why not recycle this debris by joining the **GSI Yardwaste Recycling Program**? Here are some good reasons why you should join the program:

- ▶ Save on your disposal costs by recycling yardwaste instead of trashing it in the landfill.
- ▶ Help reduce greenhouse gases (methane) that are created when yardwaste is buried in the landfill.
- ▶ We recycle yardwaste at a local compost facility and they give your green materials a secondary use as compost - a valuable additive that improves soil quality.
- ▶ Help Colorado reduce total waste and reach waste reduction goals.
- ▶ It is the right thing to do for the environment - you can be an environmental steward!

## Benefits to you the user:

- It is simple to participate in, takes a lot less space than backyard composting, and minimizes odor.
- The wheeled cart provided by GSI is easy to move and use anywhere you may need it in your yard.
- The large opening on the top of the cart means you no longer have to fill and load plastic garbage bags, which can be cumbersome and messy.

The Yardwaste Program for 2010 will run from May 3 through November 26. Please contact our office at 970-484-5556 or visit our website to begin your service promptly in May.

## SPECIAL OFFER to Current Yardwaste Customers

In an effort to encourage "Green Living Solutions" we urge you to have your neighbors sign-up for the GSI Yardwaste Recycling Program (YRP). For each referral that joins you will **get a month of free yardwaste service**. The newly referred YRP customers need to mention your name and address when they contact our office to join the program in order for your account to receive this special offer.

## Green Living Solutions Update: Students Successful in Foodwaste Diversion

The Gallegos Sanitation Community Outreach Program is having tons of fun educating students and teachers about sustainable living practices. GSI works with teachers and students to enrich a school's environmental education needs. Since January, we have inspired four 1<sup>st</sup>-grade classes to "Live Green or Become Extinct". GSI will also be starting another school-wide composting program for a Poudre School

District elementary school in the fall of 2010.

Both Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School and Polaris Expeditionary Learning School have been successful in their waste diversion practices. Kinard has composted over 10,000 pounds of food in less than 20 weeks. Polaris is close to diverting 1,300 pounds of compost from the landfill in the past 10 weeks. Kinard and Polaris' composting efforts are equivalent to saving

97 trees. These measured statistics are tangible proof that PSD students can truly make a difference in reducing their carbon footprint.

GSI would like to give a special "THANK YOU" to Champion Teachers, **Chris Bergmann** (Kinard) and **Ryan Grindel** (Polaris), for their inspiration and dedication to the students and their unique waste diversion programs - Way to Go!

If your classroom or business is interested in learning more about

**GSI will be giving a presentation called, "Waste Diversion within Kinard's School Cafeteria", at the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce "Green In Action" Series on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m., as well as at the Colorado Association for Recycling Summit this June in Steamboat, CO. The presentation in April is free and no RSVP is required. The FCCC is located at 225 S. Meldrum Street in downtown Fort Collins.**

[continued from page 1-Customer Thank You]

Once again, we would like to thank our loyal customers for their compelling support. We will continue to provide safe, reliable, and quality service. Coupling that along with the development of innovative "green" ideas to meet and exceed your expectations, Gallegos Sanitation wants to continue to be your CHOICE hauler for many years to come.

## SERVICE OPTIONS

Pursuant to the **City of Loveland** Municipal Code 7.16.070 Billing Requirements, Gallegos Sanitation (GSI) must offer to its customers the right to choose the level of trash service that best suits their needs.

GSI offers three levels of service for customers to choose from. They are as follows:

- One 35 gallon customer provided can or a 35 gallon GSI poly cart;
- Two 35 gallon customer provided cans or a 65 gallon GSI poly cart; or
- Three 35 gallon customer provided cans or a 95 gallon GSI poly cart.

Weekly recycling is included with the weekly collection of trash. An 18 gallon GSI recycle bin can be purchased for \$16 or customers may choose to use their own recycle container(s). However, **NO PLASTIC BAGS** will be collected with recycling materials.

The GSI Customer Service Department is available to handle your questions and concerns regarding your service option choices Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 4:30. Please feel free to contact us at 970-484-5556 or e-mail us at:

[www.Gallegossanitation.com](http://www.Gallegossanitation.com)

## HOLIDAY ALERT

Due to area landfill closures every year, GSI will not operate on the following holidays:

**New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day-Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.**

For **2010**, if your pickup day falls ON or AFTER the following holiday during the regular work week, your normal pickup will be **delayed by one day**:

Memorial Day.....Monday, May 31  
Labor Day.....Monday, September 6  
Thanksgiving Day.....Thursday,  
November 25

## To Contact us:

**1941 HEATH PARKWAY, #2  
FORT COLLINS, CO 80524  
(970) 484-5556  
FAX: (970) 484-0662  
[www.GSIwaste.com](http://www.GSIwaste.com)**