



Colorado Summit for Recycling

June 5th, 2006, marked the seventeenth year for the Colorado Summit for Recycling, held in beautiful Colorado backstop of Keystone resort. The Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR) puts on the event to bring together the recycling community. Professionals from various industry backgrounds from government, non-profit organizations, manufacturers, waste processors, consultants and individuals came together to share their ideas, successes and support for recycling in the state of Colorado. Attendees were able to learn more about what types of programs are succeeding around the state and in other parts of the country. The success of our community's Pay-As-You-Throw program for waste reduction was highlighted and shared with other cities around the state.



Some topics included the strategies in rural Colorado. This proved to be a popular session since most of the state is faced with the challenge of creating accessibility to recycling services, drop-off locations and access to processing centers and markets for these materials. Electronics recycling was discussed including data destruction, certification, and the issues of related economics and regulations affecting disposal.

One particular session of interest focused on developing a comprehensive plan to address the waste reduction in Colorado. As "green" as our state appears, it was surprising to learn that Colorado ranks relatively low nationally in waste diversion. Stakeholders from various areas including businesses, government and non-profits shared ideas for ways to improve those numbers. While many areas of the country are embracing the idea of mandatory recycling participation through fees, fines and landfill bans, most voices wish to accomplish improvement through awareness and education, from our children in schools to the office and neighborhood meetings.

As one of the only hauler members and attendees, we are proud to be part of an organization committed to waste reduction. The future of recycling in Colorado is fully dependant upon the support of our communities and the individual efforts taken to help our state reduce waste and protect one of our most valuable assets, our home.

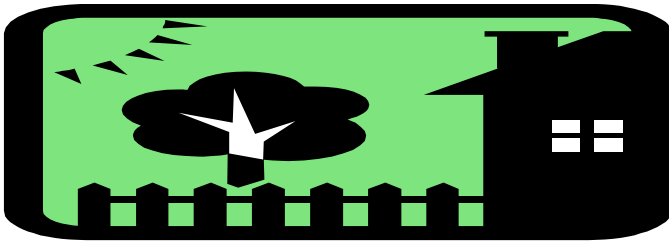
Recycle Facts....

Did you know that aluminum is 100% recyclable and can be remanufactured over and over again? In fact, aluminum containers are recycled and back on store shelves in as few as 60 days! By recycling your aluminum cans you save 95% of the energy required to create it from raw materials and protect the environment since emissions are reduced from the manufacturing process by 95%. The energy saved by recycling ONE aluminum can is enough to power your TV for 3 hours or power a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours.

Did you know that more than 3.2 MILLION tons of electronic waste is landfilled each year in the US? TVs and computers contain hazardous chemicals including chromium, cadmium, mercury, nickel, zinc, and an average of 4 lbs of lead. If these items are disposed of in landfills rather than recycled, they can result in groundwater contamination and other public health and environmental risks. It is ILLEGAL for schools, businesses, nonprofits or government agencies to dispose of any hazardous wastes in Colorado landfills. For more information on electronics waste disposal regulations, go to <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hm/electronics.pdf>.

One quart of motor oil could pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water. 7,000 gallons of water is saved for each ton of newspaper recycled. Americans represent only 5 percent of the world's population, but generate 30 percent of the world's garbage. Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 60-watt bulb for 4 hours.

Do the right thing and recycle, because you CAN make a difference.



Summertime Trash Tips

1. Make sure trash is out by 7am, It is a busy time of year for haulers, and pickup times will vary. YARDWASTE routes are done very early most days.
2. Summer vacation coming up? Don't forget to put your service on hold for the time you are away. We need at least 48 hours notice and will mail you TAG credits for future use against your trash bill.
3. Summer time is a great time to replace old trash containers. Most customers choose to use our 65-gallon or 95-gallon roll carts for convenience.
4. Please clean your waste and recycling containers regularly for sanitary purposes to prevent odors, to kill bacteria and prevent the spread of sickness and airborne ailments.
5. Bag Your Trash. This will prevent animals from getting directly into waste, prevents litter and provides additional odor controls.
6. Make sure all sharp objects are well contained to avoid tears or injury to our employees. Please place any sharps (needles) inside a metal can or otherwise sealed hard plastic container. You may now dispose of these through the Larimer County Hazardous Waste Facility. Contact them at 498-5773 for more information.
7. Yardwaste Recyclers - Please keep your material clean. No bags, plant tags, landscaping rocks or non-organic materials are allowed.
8. Yardwaste Recyclers - you are allowed ONE extra can or bundle of branches per week with your standard service.
9. Cardboard Recyclers - Please be sure to follow preparation instructions. Cut down materials to correct sizes and breakdown all boxes along the folds.
10. If you have large amounts of materials please contact our office before setting them out. Special arrangements may need to be made for these items.

Business and Workplace Recycling

Does your workplace have recycling? Many recyclable materials are missed because many local businesses do not have a recycling program and do not see the value in paying separately to recycle.

We want to remedy this problem and offer a number of different recycling services to local commercial businesses that can be tailored to your company's individual needs.

We can even come advise you on ways to improve your current program. Your employer does not have to be a GSI customer to take advantage of these services and may find ways to add to your company's image by supporting our environmental preservation efforts.

We are continuously adding more options to our business services. Large or small, we have a service that meets your recycling service needs.

Please note the following fees

Accounts not paid by the due date may be assessed a late/processing fee up to \$5.00. If an account must be inactivated due to non-payment, a \$10.00 inactivation fee may be assessed.

There is a \$10 container vacate fee for any container picked up from delinquent accounts. To avoid these fees please pay by the due date on your quarterly statement. A \$10 fee may be assessed for any returned checks.

HOLIDAY ALERT!

Area Landfills are closed every year on the following holidays:
New Years Day - Memorial Day - Independence Day - Labor Day - Thanksgiving Day - Christmas Day

For 2006, 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 29th
- Independence Day** Tuesday, July 4th
- Labor Day** Monday, September 4th
- Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 23rd
- Christmas Day** Monday, December 25th
- New Year's Day** Monday, January 1st



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