

HOW TO RECYCLE

ABSOLUTELY NO GARBAGE

Please NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH.

NO Diapers, NO Food Waste, NO yard clippings, No Pet Waste, NO clothing, NO Styrofoam, NO Window Glass, NO Ceramics, NO Dishes, NO Pots or Pans, No Mirrors, etc.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR RECYCLABLES INTO PLASTIC BAGS



DO NOT USE YOUR RECYCLE CONTAINER AS A SECOND TRASH CONTAINER

IF YOU NEED A SECOND TRASH CONTAINER CONTACT MOUNTAIN WASTE 970-963-3435



BLUE OR YELLOW TUBS



RECYCLE ONLY!

THE COST OF RECYCLING SERVICES IS INCREASING SIGNIFICANTLY!

Unlimited and free recycling is no longer a realistic option where we live. The cost of collecting, transporting, and processing recyclables has risen dramatically, and therefore we must ask customers to pay according to the amount of materials they ask us to handle - whether those materials go to a local landfill or to a distant recyclables processing facility

IMPORTANT RECYCLING INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS:

- ◆ Mountain Waste can take about two weeks worth of its recyclables to Pitkin County - that is our allotment for the YEAR!
- ◆ Once we have used up our allocation at Pitkin County, the closest recyclables processing/sorting facility to the Roaring Fork Valley is in Wolcott, CO – some 60 miles away.
- ◆ The next closest recyclables processing/sorting facility after Wolcott, CO is Denver - about 180 miles away.
- ◆ Haulers pay a substantial fee to empty their recyclable materials at a processing facility PLUS the cost of transporting these items great distances. Taking recyclables to Denver and emptying the truck at a processing facility costs just about twice as much as burying the materials in a local landfill.

PREPARE YOUR RECYCLABLES LIKE A PROFESSIONAL!

Proper preparation of your recyclable materials makes a big difference! Knowing what goes in the bin, how it should be prepared, and what NOT to put in the bin produces a better overall result at the processing /sorting facility. Please take a moment to read through this brochure to improve your recycling I.Q..

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MOUNTAIN WASTE & RECYCLING

Two Sort Recycling Guidelines:

How to Prepare Your Recyclables for Collection and Processing



ENVIRONMENTAL MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DONE RIGHT!

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TWO SORT RECYCLING SYSTEM



You Sort, We Sort, and the Facility Sorts Even More!

Mountain Waste employs a “Two Sort” system for collecting recyclables and taking them to the nearest recycling processing facility. This system of dividing the recyclables into two main groups is required by the recycling processing facility that we utilize. We do not own the facility, nor do we set the terms of accepting the recyclable materials.

Here is how the processing facility wants each of us to prepare the recyclables:

FIBER - such as newspaper, office paper, un-coated cardboard (flattened), cereal/food boxes, telephone books, magazines, & junk mail

CO-MINGLE (everything else that is accepted by the MRF) - such as aluminum and steel cans, #1 – #7 plastic bottles/containers, and glass bottles

“Two Sort” Recyclables Take a Shorter Trip, But They Still Go a LONG Way

Mountain Waste & Recycling transports about 80% of the recyclable materials that it collects to the nearest processing facility which is located in Wolcott, CO and owned by the Eagle County government. This is the closest recycling Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to our area of Colorado and is about 60 miles from Carbondale. This facility requires us to bring your materials to them sorted into two groups.

Please take a moment to prepare your recyclables for their long journey:

1. **FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD**— cardboard takes up a lot of space in the truck if you forget to break it down; please flatten your boxes
2. **CRUSH PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS**— put the cap back on the bottle once you have flattened the bottle—this traps the air out and shrinks the bottle for more efficiency in the truck



Items That Are NOT ACCEPTABLE!

Please, please, please – **DO NOT PLACE YOUR RECYCLABLES INTO PLASTIC BAGS** for collection. The plastic bags cause damage to the sorting equipment at the MRF and can contaminate the load causing everything to go into the landfill

- ◆ **NO PLASTIC BAGS** – plastic bags can be recycled at many retail locations such as WalMart, supermarkets, or Ace Hardware
- ◆ **NO STYROFOAM**
- ◆ **NO WINDOW GLASS, CERAMICS, DISHES, MIRRORS, OR PYREX DISHWARE**



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