

Western

DISPOSAL SERVICES



WINTER 2011

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

Win One Month Free Trash Service

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary, this year in each quarterly newsletter we are awarding ten customers a month of free trash service for finding their names in the newsletter.



If you find your name, call our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037 to receive credit on your account for one month of free service. Sorry, names mentioned as part of the stories are not eligible.



Holiday Schedule

For up-to-date information about our holiday schedule, call our Holiday Hotline at 303-448-2280 or look it up at www.westerndisposal.com.

The following holidays are observed by Western Disposal:

- New Year's Day1/01/11
- Memorial Day.....5/30/11
- Independence Day7/04/11
- Labor Day9/05/11
- Thanksgiving Day ...11/24/11
- Christmas Day12/25/11

E-Minders

Subscribe to Western Disposal's E-Minders Program. This program sends you e-mail reminders of upcoming holidays, programs and other useful information. You can join by calling us at 303-444-2037 or on our web site at www.westerndisposal.com.

Once in a Decade Opportunity

Western Disposal must make substantial investments in vehicles and facilities in order to collect and process all of the various materials we collect from our customers. While we are trying to maximize the usefulness of equipment over relatively long periods of time, we are also living in and serving a very dynamic market where we strive to lessen the impact of our everyday lives on the environment.

Recently, we faced the balancing act of committing to a new fleet of trucks over the next few years with the mission to lessen our impact on the environment. We chose to make a substantial investment by beginning to change our fleet to trucks that use compressed natural gas (CNG) rather than diesel fuel. Natural gas (NG) is a far cleaner fuel than diesel. Natural gas vehicles produce 70% less carbon monoxide, 87% less non-methane organic gas and 87% less nitrogen oxide than diesel. Natural gas powered trucks are also less noisy than diesel trucks. While natural gas trucks are more expensive than diesel trucks, the federal government gives a partial tax credit for buying these trucks, which covers most of the additional cost. Tracy Earles. The flip side is that if you have a fleet of CNG trucks, a fueling station is necessary to fuel the vehicles. For this, there is no support or tax credit available.



Fuel Lines for Fueling CNG Trucks



CNG Fueling Station

Therefore, Western Disposal is investing \$1.8 million dollars to put in the fueling station necessary to allow us to grow a fleet of natural gas trucks. It is an investment that will benefit Western and the communities we serve. When all of our trucks are running on natural gas (about 8 years from now), our total fuel costs should be lower than the cost of equivalent diesel fuel. The effect on the community will be the equivalent of taking 340 cars off the road or planting 80,300 trees per year. We are happy to be able to make this investment that is good for everyone.

Plan Ahead!

We know it's early, but we wanted to remind you to mark your calendars to purchase Western's Green 'N Gro compost before planting season arrives. Invigorate your flower beds, garden, lawn or new trees with Western's 100% organic compost made from yard and food waste collected from local residents and businesses. We also sell natural mulch made from city of Boulder's and Boulder County's yard waste drop-off program at our Trash and Recycle Center.

Green 'N Gro Compost	\$24.00/cubic yard
(100% organic compost-no manures or bio-solids)	\$4.50/bag (50# or ~1.5 cubic feet)

Natural Mulch 2" grind (no colorant added)	\$7.50/cubic yard
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- Free loading of your truck or trailer
- Pick-up hours: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday
- Delivery service available for a fee
- Our facility is conveniently located at 5880 Butte Mill Road in Boulder

Get a rebate from the city of Boulder for your Green 'N Gro compost purchase. **If your business is located in or if you live in the city limits, you are eligible for a rebate.** Clara and Howard Wachtel. Please go to www.bouldersaveswater.net and click on "Rebate Program" to obtain additional information and download a rebate application.

For more information on Western's Green 'N Gro compost or natural mulch products, or to schedule a delivery, please call our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037.

Boulder County To Open New Hazardous Materials Management Facility

After 18 years, Western Disposal is wishing the Boulder County Household Hazardous Waste staff "Bon Voyage" as they move to their new facility at 1901 63rd Street.

A new \$2.16 million, energy-efficient, facility is being constructed by Boulder County to better serve residential customers and businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous wastes. Bernadine Marsis. The new facility is expected to open by late February 2011. Business wastes will be accepted, by appointment only, starting in May 2011. All wastes collected are reused, recycled or disposed of in an environmentally sound manner. The program protects the environment through reducing improper disposal of hazardous products to the ground, storm and sanitary sewers, and landfills. The new facility replaces the small, outdoor collection facility at Western's Trash and Recycle Center, 5880 Butte Mill Rd, which has served residents only since 1992.

The last day of operation at the existing Household Hazardous Waste Facility at Western Disposal will be Saturday, December 18, 2010, weather permitting.

If you have HHW that must be disposed of before the opening of the new facility, please call the HHW hotline listed below.

Advantages of the new facility include:

- All-weather operation (not subject to weather closures)
- Greater convenience with more than double opening hours
- Serve future needs of up to 20,000 households and 500 businesses per year (in 2009 the facility served 9,044 households excluding community events)

Many different types of products are collected, many of which are toxic, corrosive, flammable, or reactive. They include:

- ▶ Home improvement products (paints, thinners, caulks, glues, solvents, etc.)
- ▶ Auto products (lead/acid batteries, gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, etc.)
- ▶ Garden products (herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, etc.)
- ▶ Household cleaners and batteries, regular and compact fluorescent bulbs, pet, pool, and hobby products

More information is available on existing services at www.bouldercountyrecycles.net or by calling the Household Hazardous Waste hotline at 303-441-4800. For more information on the new **Hazardous Materials Management Facility**, contact **Hilary Collins** at hcollins@bouldercounty.org or at 720-564-2224.

Household Hazardous Waste Facts

- Americans generate 1.6 million tons of HHW per year.¹
- The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW in the basement and garage and in storage closets.¹
- A typical home contains 3 to 8 gallons of hazardous material.
- Used motor oil is the leading contaminant in the nation's waterways and is banned in landfills nationwide.²
- Recycling just 2 gallons of used oil can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours. (Source: *American Petroleum Institute*)

1. United States Environmental Protection Agency, *HHW Facts and Figures*.
2. California Integrated Waste Management Board, California's Used Oil Recycling Program (Sacramento, Calif.: CIWMB Publication #332-97-015, March 2002).

Extra Trash Stickers



TO REORDER: 303-444-2037
www.westerndisposal.com
Extra Trash Prepaid Tag Recycling Saves You Money!

Prepaid residential trash stickers are now available for all of our service areas. If you have regularly scheduled trash service, you may purchase prepaid trash stickers for \$3.00 each and save 25% over the on-route price of \$4.00 per extra 32-gallon bag.

Stickers can be acquired in a number of ways (minimum order of five, unless purchased in person):

1. In person:
Western's Admin. Bldg.
5880 Butte Mill Road
2. By phone: 303-444-2037
3. By fax: 303-444-7509
4. By electronic mail:
contact@westerndisposal.com
5. Via web site:
www.westerndisposal.com
6. By mail: P.O. Box 9100
Boulder, CO 80301

NEW! E-bill and E-pay

Western Disposal offers simple and convenient billing and payment options designed with your convenience in mind. Check out our website at www.westerndisposal.com under the Billing and Payment section or call our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037 for information and to sign up today!

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