

# Western

DISPOSAL SERVICES

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

FALL 2002

## Win One Month Free Trash Service

Several lucky customers will receive one month of free trash service for finding their names in this 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](http://www.westerndisposal.com).

The following holidays will be observed by Western Disposal:

- \* **Thanksgiving Day..... 11/28/02**
- \* **Christmas Day..... 12/25/02**
- \* **New Year's Day..... 1/01/03**
- \* **Memorial Day.....5/26/03**
- \* **Independence Day..... 7/04/03**
- \* **Labor Day.....9/01/03**

## E-Minders

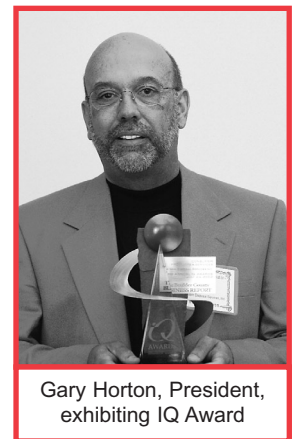
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## Western Honored with IQ Award

Western Disposal was recently honored by *The Boulder County Business Report* with its IQ Award for Consumer Services.

The IQ Award is designed to recognize those businesses in the Boulder County area that have devised innovative products and services to fulfill their customers' needs.

Western won the award for our cart-based recycling system that we instituted in the city of Boulder in response to the "Pay-As-You-Throw" Ordinance that became effective on November 1, 2001.



Gary Horton, President,  
exhibiting IQ Award

The "Pay-As-You-Throw" Ordinance requires that:

1. All haulers provide recyclables collection service to their residential customers.
2. The cost of recycling be included in the charge for trash.
3. Volume-based rates be used for residential trash collection. (Trash does not get cheaper per unit; however, recycling is unlimited.)

Western Disposal realized that trash collection would become very expensive for our customers if we did not have an effective recycling system available.

In response, Western implemented the three-cart system (one cart for trash, one cart for mixed paper and one cart for commingled containers) and purchased automated collection trucks.

The program has been a huge success. Our customers like the program; the city of Boulder is happy with the program; and the volume of materials recycled at curbside, as a percentage of total materials set out for collection, has doubled.

# Commercial or r n e r



Addressing the unique needs  
of our commercial customers.

## REMINDERS

### CARDBOARD

Before disposing of your cardboard boxes, always remember to break them down.



Breaking them down will allow for more efficient use of your dumpster capacity and may allow you to reduce your collection frequency and/or costs.

### SNOW REMOVAL

During the winter, snow and ice make it difficult for our drivers to access and maneuver trash containers.

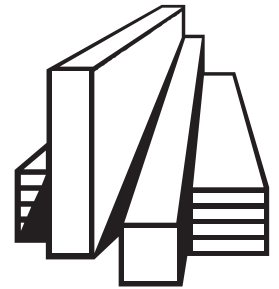


To ensure that your containers can be emptied, please remove any snow in front of your containers or enclosures, especially drifts or piles.

## WANTED: Clean Dimensional Lumber

Starting September 9, 2002, Western Disposal will be working with the city of Boulder and Boulder County to offer economic incentives for you to recycle your wood waste. The city of Boulder and Boulder County will sponsor all or part of the cost to haul, tip, grind and process dimensional lumber into compost.

Western Disposal has been operating a wood waste recycling program at our Transfer Station for many years. Wood waste is one of the largest single elements in the waste stream. We are currently sorting 60-80 tons per month of construction related wood debris and pallets from the waste unloaded daily at our Transfer Station. Now you can bring your clean dimensional lumber to our Transfer Station for recycling at no cost, or a reduced cost, and help Boulder County reach its goal of 50% diversion of the waste stream.



The city of Boulder and Boulder County are offering the following discounts on the disposal fee for wood-waste drop-off:

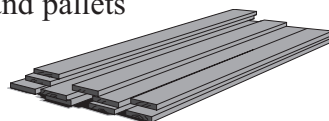
- 1) *Residents of city of Boulder*  
No Charge – 100% discount
- 2) *Businesses and contractors located in the city of Boulder*  
50% discount
- 3) *Unincorporated Boulder County residents*  
40% discount

WHERE: Western Disposal's Transfer Station – 5880 Butte Mill Road

If you have used the drop-off site for yard waste, the wood drop-off will work the same way. Marilyn Zabielski. All cars and trucks MUST weigh in and out. All loads must be clean dimensional lumber only and not mixed with trash and/or yard waste materials.

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL

Clean dimensional lumber  
i.e., 2 x 4s and 2 x 6s, etc.  
Cutoffs and pallets



### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL

Painted wood  
Laminated wood  
(plywood, waferboard)  
Engineered wood (chipboard)  
Chemically treated wood

Due to market requirements for compost, the above unacceptable materials are not recyclable. For more information and/or to obtain drop-off pricing, please call Western's Transfer Station at 303-444-5794.

**Help Boulder County reach its 50% diversion goal!**

## CITY OF BOULDER'S "Time to Leaf It"

If composting all your leaves at home is impractical and the cost to throw them out with your trash too high, bring them to one of the three FREE leaf collection sites sponsored by the city of Boulder. With the help of Western Disposal, the leaves will be diverted from the landfill. The sites will be available for drop off to city of Boulder residents on the following Saturdays: October 26, November 2, 9, 16 & 23.

### NORTH BOULDER PARK

9<sup>th</sup> between Dellwood & Balsam  
9:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.

### HARLOW PLATTS PARK

Intersection of Gillespie &  
Heidelberg Drive  
9:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.



### CITY OF BOULDER'S YARD WASTE DROP-OFF

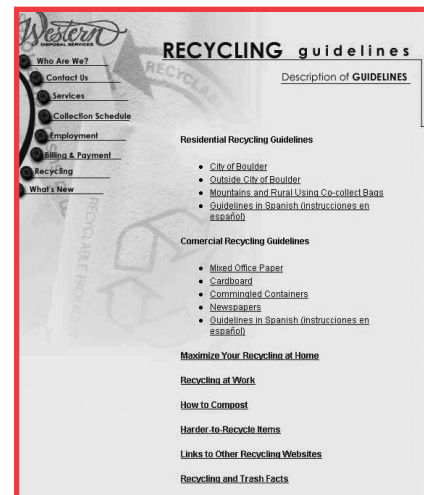
LOCATED AT WESTERN DISPOSAL'S TRANSFER STATION  
5880 Butte Mill Road  
7:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Empty your bags of leaves into the Western containers located at these sites. Your bags can then be disposed of on the spot or, better yet, taken home and reused. Leaves and pumpkins only are collected in this compost program. (Branches, grass clippings or other yard waste can be taken to the city of Boulder's year round yard waste drop-off located at Western's Transfer Station; open Monday through Saturdays.) The Fall Leaf Program only runs on the dates and times listed above; please do not deposit bags of leaves in the parking lots outside program hours.

## WESTERN DISPOSAL'S Recycling Guidelines

Have you lost, or *accidentally recycled*, your Western Disposal recycle guidelines? Here is a quick and easy way for you to recapture them...go to Western Disposal's web site – [www.westerndisposal.com](http://www.westerndisposal.com). At our web site, we list all the guidelines for the various types of recycling offered by Western Disposal – from commercial to residential, City to County and mixed paper to commingled containers.

To find the recycling guidelines for your service, go to [www.westerndisposal.com](http://www.westerndisposal.com). From the index page, click on the button labeled "Recycling" on the upper left side of the screen to bring up the screen below. From this screen, you choose your recycling service – commercial or residential, then proceed to the specific recycle material. The guidelines are provided in a printable version for ease in printing. Also, for your convenience, we list the guidelines in Spanish.



## Free Christmas Tree Drop-off

After the holidays are over, don't throw your tree away – recycle it!



Once again, Western is working with the city of Boulder through its Yard Waste Drop-off Program to keep Christmas trees out of the landfill. Western Disposal provides a free drop-off site for these trees from December 26 to January 31.

Remember – remove all nails, ornaments, plastic, tinsel, stands and lights before bringing in your tree! Also, flocked trees and wire-based wreaths are not recyclable.

Western's Transfer Station is located at 5880 Butte Mill Road, just south of Valmont and west of the railroad tracks near Stazio Ballfields. P Westfeldt/K MacReynolds. Please follow the signs from our front gate to the old Colorado brickyard site, east of our main facility, to the drop-off area.

If you miss the special drop-off site that is open through January 31, the city of Boulder yard waste drop-off site is open year round Monday - Saturday at our 5880 Butte Mill Road facility.

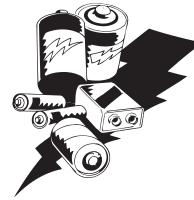
## Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste It's Fast, Easy & Convenient

Just a reminder to let you know how easy and convenient it is to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW). Boulder County operates a drop-off center at Western Disposal's Transfer Station free-of-charge to Boulder County residents and the cities of Broomfield and Erie. Free product giveaways are also held for residents so they can obtain "as new" products for reuse.



In 2001, the HHW program served 7,349 households (double from the previous year). More than 249 tons of waste was collected with more than 126,500 pounds recycled or reused. Of that, 6,997 gallons of waste motor oil was collected and over 968 gallons of paint and 70 gallons of liquid pesticides were given away free-of-charge.

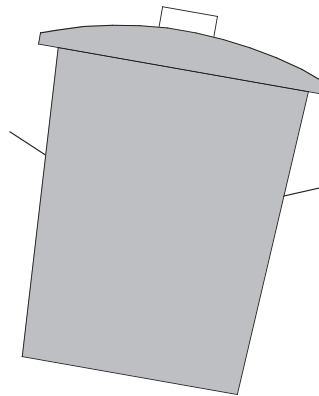
The HHW drop-off center is conveniently located at Western Disposal's Transfer Station, 5880 Butte Mill Road in Boulder. The HHW facility is open three days a week (no appointment necessary): Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Jim Aber. On Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., they offer a free, reusable product giveaway.



Call the HHW Hotline at 303-441-4800 for additional information or visit their web site at [www.bouldercountyrecycles.net/rc\\_hhw.htm](http://www.bouldercountyrecycles.net/rc_hhw.htm).

## Unwanted Cans

If we have automated your residential trash collection and you no longer use your old cans, we will dispose of them free-of-charge. Just call our Customer Service Department (303-444-2037) and we'll arrange to have them picked up on your collection day.



## Extra Trash Stickers



TO REORDER: 303-444-2037

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

Extra Trash  
Prepaid Tag

Recycling Saves  
You Money!

For city of Boulder customers under the pay-as-you-throw program, don't forget to purchase your extra trash stickers at \$2.00 each and save 33% over the price of \$3.00 per 32-gallon container.

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

1. *Walk in*  
Western's Admin. Bldg.  
5880 Butte Mill Road
2. *Phone*  
303-444-2037
3. *Fax*  
303-444-7509
4. *E-mail*  
[contact@westerndisposal.com](mailto:contact@westerndisposal.com)
5. *Web site*  
[www.westerndisposal.com](http://www.westerndisposal.com)
6. *Mail*  
P.O. Box 9100  
Boulder, CO 90301



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