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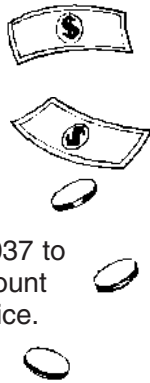
A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

FALL 2006

Win One Month Free Trash Service

Several lucky residential 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.

The following holidays are observed by Western Disposal:

- Thanksgiving Day11/23/06
- Christmas Day12/25/06
- New Year's Day1/01/07

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.

Twenty-Ninth Street Is Moving Toward Zero Waste with Western Disposal

Western Disposal has been chosen to be the provider of disposal, recycling and composting services to Boulder's newest retail center, Twenty-Ninth Street. Western was selected because of our extensive experience in collection and recycling services, our ability to process and compost food and organic materials and our close ties to the Boulder community. The new center will open with much fanfare on October 13th after years of debate and planning.



The Twenty-Ninth Street center will have one of the most innovative and comprehensive recycling and diversion programs for a retail center anywhere in the country. Jan Jackson. The center's tenants will be encouraged to recycle commingled containers, cardboard/mixed paper and compostables (food scraps and other organics) for its many restaurants and food outlets.

To quote Lain Adams, Senior Manager for Macerich Development, *Moving toward Zero Waste was a natural extension of the sustainability design for Twnety-Ninth Street which began when we recycled 82% of the former Crossroads Mall and continues through the green building practices for each of the center buildings. It is critical to us that Twenty-Ninth Street reflect community values, recycling being one of the most important.*

Twenty-Ninth Street recognizes the importance of resource conservation and in creating a future that is more sustainable economically, environmentally and socially. Moving toward zero waste helps to achieve these goals. Congratulations Wescor Partners and Twenty-Ninth Street for your commitment to the environment and to the community.

Western has over 1800 commercial recycling accounts in Boulder and Broomfield counties and that number is growing everyday. We recently added

Fall Planting Season Is Here

It's back! The yard waste you dropped off at our Trash and Recycle Center or one of the leaf drop-off sites is now available as high quality compost for the fall planting season.

Western Disposal opened an organics composting facility near our Trash and Recycle Center at 5880 Butte Mill Road over 4 years ago. We take the organic material we collect from you and that is dropped off by residents and make 100% organic "Green 'n Grow" compost and natural mulch products. Both materials are ideal for planting and landscaping your yard. Our compost is made from only plant and food materials without the addition of any manures or bio-solids. Our compost is regularly tested for maturity and soil-amendment qualities before it is offered for sale. Our natural mulch is available in 2" and 3" grind.

Both our compost and mulch are available for sale and pick up at our Trash and Recycle Center gate house. Richard Daarud. Our "Green 'n Grow" compost is available in 50 lb. bags and in bulk. For a reasonable fee, we also offer delivery of up to 4 cubic yards of either material. Larger quantity deliveries are also available.

Help close the recycling loop by buying compost and mulch that started out as a plant or tree in your yard. To place an order or obtain more information on Western's landscape products, pricing or delivery, please call our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037.

Twenty-Ninth Street continued

construction recycling services as well as compostable organics and food waste collection services to our mix of service offerings.

If you would like to be one of many local businesses moving toward zero waste with Western Disposal or you would like to expand the list of materials you are already recycling, please contact our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037. Our Sales Representatives would be happy to meet with you at your business to help design cost effective programs to eliminate your waste and manage your resources.

Black Bears are on the Prowl for Food: Please Don't Feed Them with Garbage

It is not unusual for residents of Boulder to observe black bears since Boulder is nestled in prime bear country. Typically bears will travel through towns and not create much of a disturbance as long as attractants are not plentiful. However, once a black bear has easy access to trash, they quickly learn to associate every can on the block as an easy meal. We need your help to stop this cycle.



Starting in August, bears enter "hyperphagia," a physical state in which they must eat enormous amounts of food to prepare their bodies for winter hibernation. During this period a bear will feed up to 20 hours a day and may consume 20,000 calories per day in order to build up body fat to sustain them through hibernation. Most bears will forage on oak brush acorns and choke cherries. However, this is also the time of year where bears will try to find the easiest source of food available, including trash and other yard attractants.

If attractants are made inaccessible, bears will move on. Thus, we encourage everyone within the community to make an effort to keep bears "wild" and out of trouble.

Please help by observing the following:

- Never feed wildlife in order to get a better view of them. It is illegal to feed big game or to leave attractants available for them;
- Keep garbage in a well-secured location. Clean trash cans with ammonia and water to reduce odors that attract bears;
- Put out garbage on the morning of pick-up. Do not put out trash the night before;
- If you do not have a garage, maintain trash indoors or in a secured site. Double bag trash to help reduce odors. Food scraps that are highly aromatic can be placed in the freezer until garbage-collection day;
- Use a bear proof trash can or dumpster. If you don't have one, ask a trash-removal company for options. You may also call our office to obtain a list of suppliers;
- Hang birdfeeders high so bears cannot reach them; clean up beneath bird feeders;
- Don't compost;
- Do not leave pet food or dirty dishes outdoors at night. Store all pet food and stock feed inside;
- If you have fruit trees, don't allow fruit to rot on the ground;
- After cooking on a grill, leave the burners on for several minutes to burn remaining scraps and liquids completely. Store grills in a storage area or in the garage.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) offers this reminder: A fed bear is a dead bear. If this bear runs into trouble and must be trapped, it will be marked and relocated. If the bear comes into conflict with people a second time, policy dictates that the bear must be destroyed. This can be avoided by residents living responsibly in bear country.

If you have questions or concerns about bears, please contact the DOW in Denver at (303) 291-7227. You can also read more about bears and other wildlife species by visiting <http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/CoexistingWithWildlife/>

Thank you for your help!

Jordan's Visit

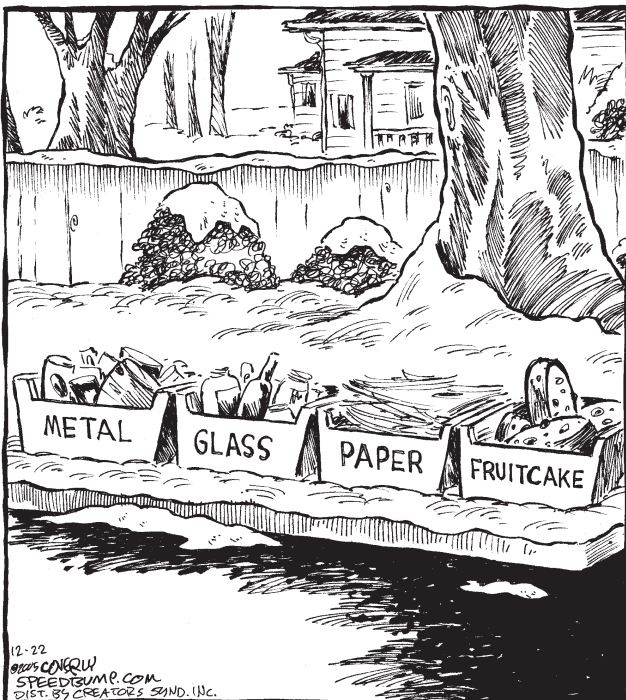
The following is a letter received from Jordan's dad after visiting our facility this summer:

Dear Bryce,

I just wanted to send a "Thank You" your way after spending some time with Jordan and I at your facility. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed learning a little about the business and, in particular, the trucks. I realize how busy it can be in the front office and for you to take time out of your schedule for groups, let alone just for a truck crazy kid and his dad, was going above and beyond on our behalf.

If you recall, at the end of our visit Jordan seemed a little distant, as if something were wrong. As soon as we got in the car and started to pull away from your office the first thing he said to me was, "Dad, how soon before I am a man?" I wasn't quite sure where he was going with this, so I asked him why. He said, "I mean, will it be Sunday, Monday, Tuesday — what day will I be a man?" I told him it wasn't a particular day, but when he turned eighteen and graduated from high school he would probably be a man at that time. He said, "Great, because when I'm a man I can drive that truck for Mr. Bryce." That's when I understood his silence at the end of our tour: He had begun trying to figure out how long it was going to take before he could start driving a trash truck for your company. And that's all it took. I couldn't get him to stop talking about the trucks for the rest of the ride back to Longmont.

Thanks again for your time.



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New! Leaf Vacuuming at Your Home!

(City of Boulder Customers Only)

Do you want an easier way to deal with the piles of leaves that fill your yard each fall?

Western is offering a new service that will save you a lot of time, energy and money. No more need to stuff all your leaves into bags to haul to one of the city of Boulder's drop-off sites or to have us haul them away as trash. We will vacuum them up and recycle them for you.

Western equipped one of our packer trucks with a special vacuum designed to vacuum up leaves. Just rake your leaves into a pile at your curbside (not in the street or gutter), and we will vacuum them up on your normal pickup day. We recommend covering your pile of leaves until pickup day to minimize leaves blowing around your neighborhood.

The fee for this service is \$3.00/cubic yard with a \$30.00 minimum charge. The new vacuum service will be offered for 6 weeks this fall starting Monday, October 23 and ending Saturday, November 25 (Thanksgiving week). You can order the service one time or as many as 6 times during the duration of the program.

The vacuuming service is much more cost effective than putting your leaves out as trash and they will be recycled. For the same cost of \$30, you could only put out 8.5 bags, or approximately 1.25 cubic yards of leaves, as trash without a prepaid sticker and 13 bags, or approximately 2 cubic yards, with a prepaid sticker.

To set up a leaf vacuuming pickup at your home, call our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037. All you need to do is call at least 24 hours before your normal pickup day to schedule your collection. The program is for leaves only, no branches, bushes, pumpkins, etc., can be collected because of the limitations of the vacuum equipment.

A Reminder: Winter Hours

Western Disposal's Trash and Recycle Center winter hours beginning Saturday, November 25 are:

Monday-Friday	7 am - 5 pm
Saturday	7 am - 2 pm

City of Boulder's "Time to Leaf It"

If composting your leaves at home is impractical, 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 are open to city of Boulder residents from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm on the following five Saturdays: October 21 & 28 and November 4, 11 & 18.

North Boulder Park

9th between Dellwood & Balsam

Harlow Platts Park

Intersection of Gillespie & Heidelberg Drive

Western Disposal's Trash and Recycle Center*

5880 Butte Mill Road

Empty leaves into Western containers located at these sites. Plastic bags can be disposed of at the site or taken home for reuse. Only leaves and pumpkins are collected. Take grass clippings and other yard waste to the city of Boulder's year round yard waste drop-off located at Western's Trash and Recycle Center. The Fall Leaf Program only runs on the dates and times listed above; please do not deposit bags of leaves at the sites outside program hours.

*Please follow signs from our front gate to the old Colorado brickyard site, east of our main facility, to the drop-off area. Leaves may also be dropped off from 7:00-9:00 am and 3:30-5:00 pm each Saturday at the regular yard waste drop-off at our Trash and Recycle Center.

Other cities also offering free leaf drop-off to residents are listed below. They will accept unbagged leaves only. Broomfield will accept pumpkins.

Longmont: 140 Martin St 8-4 seven days/wk

Broomfield: 225 Commerce St 24 hrs/day, seven days/wk Oct 17-Nov 30

Louisville: The City will be picking up leaves curbside and will be providing drop-off collection centers. Check the City's web site at www.ci.louisville.co.us for specific information.

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 through January 31. Glenn Vaad.

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.

Follow the signs from our gate to the old brickyard site, east of our main facility, to the drop-off area. If you miss the special drop-off that is open through January 31, the City's yard waste drop-off site is open year round (Mon - Sat) at our facility.

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.

Extra Trash Stickers



If you live in the city of Boulder, don't forget to purchase your extra trash stickers at \$2.30 each and save 35% over the on-route price of \$3.50 per 32-gallon container.

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

Automatic Payment Be On Time, Every Time!

Western Disposal offers **automatic payment** as a simple and convenient way to have your charges automatically withdrawn from your bank account or credit card. We'll send you a statement of charges for you to review before the actual withdrawal date, so there's never any question about the amount you owe. It also saves you the trouble and cost of writing and mailing a check. To find out how to enroll in this free and simple payment plan, check out our website at www.westerndisposal.com or call our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037.



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