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A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

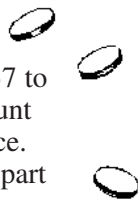
WINTER 2006

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:

- Memorial Day5/29/06
- Independence Day7/04/06
- Labor Day9/04/06
- Thanksgiving Day11/23/06
- Christmas Day12/25/06
- New Year's Day1/01/07

E-Minders

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Latest National Solid Waste Disposal Trends

The following are some of the latest statistics for the amount of solid waste generated in the United States and the amounts recovered through recycling and other diversion efforts.

Over the past 10 years, the average American generated and discarded more trash (pounds/person/day) in each consecutive year except for 2001. The number of tons of trash generated over this same 10-year period increased 57%, while the number of tons recovered increased 153%. The good news is that we are continuing to recycle more and finding new recycling methods, thereby maintaining our recovery rate.

Locally, due to the Pay-As-You-Throw ordinance adopted by the City in 2001, the residential recycle rate has increased from 17% in 2001 to 50% in 2005.

Western is also doing our part in completing the recycle circle by purchasing recycled products. Our Operations building is getting a "face-lift." We replaced the flooring in our Operations building using a product made from recycled tires; and instead of purchasing new systems furniture, we had the old pieces re-upholstered and cleaned. Marvin Ihle. If you would like to see our "tire" floor, please stop by during our regular business hours.

Total and Per Capita Solid Waste Generation in the U.S. by Year (in millions of tons)

Year	Generation (tons)	Lbs/Person/Day	Recovery (tons)	% Recovery
1991	288	6.14	31	11%
1992	305	6.26	41	13%
1993	309	6.28	49	16%
1994	316	6.36	57	18%
1995	335	6.51	72	21%
1996	358	6.95	83	23%
1997	378	7.20	91	24%
1998	405	7.65	106	26%
1999	417	8.00	111	27%
2000	446	8.02	131	29%
2001	460	7.93	129	28%
2002	467	8.04	135	29%
2003	486	8.65	142	29%
2004	495	8.73	144	29%

Source: Waste News, "The Market Handbook 2005," Chartwell Information, www.wasteinfo.com.

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EPA Municipal Solid Waste Study (continued)

Generation and Recovery of Materials in MSW, 2003 (in millions of tons and percent of generation of material)

Materials in Products	Weight Generated (millions of tons)	Weight Recovered (millions of tons)	Recovery as a Percent of Generation
Paper and Paperboard	83.10	40.00	48.1%
Glass	12.50	2.35	18.8%
Steel	14.00	5.09	36.4%
Aluminum	3.23	0.69	21.4%
Other Nonferrous Metals	1.59	1.06	66.7%
Total Metals	18.80	6.84	36.3%
Plastics	26.70	1.39	5.2%
Rubber and Leather	6.82	1.10	16.1%
Textiles	10.60	1.52	14.4%
Wood	13.60	1.28	9.4%
Other Materials	4.32	0.98	22.7%
Total Materials in Products	176.40	55.50	31.4%
Other Wastes			
Food, Other	27.60	0.75	2.7%
Yard Trimmings	38.60	16.10	56.3%
Miscellaneous Inorganic Wastes	3.62	Neg.	Neg.
Total Other Wastes	59.80	16.90	28.5%
Total Materials in Products	236.20	72.30	30.6%

Source: *Waste News*, "The Market Handbook 2005."

Styrofoam Now Recyclable

CHaRM is now accepting "Styrofoam" packaging at no charge. #6 white block foam (aka Styrofoam) and rigid foam insulation qualify for this program. Styrofoam is actually a trademark of DOW Chemical. White block foam, which is used in packaging electronics and appliances, has a #6 inside the chasing arrows. Clean #6 white block foam and rigid white foam insulation will be accepted by CHaRM.

They cannot accept food-grade foam (to-go containers, meat trays, etc.), packing peanuts, bubble wrap, foam with tape or moisture or any foam other than #6.

FYI

1. Reminder: Please have your trash and recycle out by 7:00 am for guaranteed pickup.
2. A map designating specific collection days for spring cleanup will be available on our web site beginning one week before the program begins. Jack and Barbara Zable. Those dates will be published in *The Daily Camera* and our Spring Newsletter.
3. We are designing a new web site and it should be available in January. Check it out for the latest information on how to pay your bill, holiday schedules and much, much more!

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 80301

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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. Sonya Aamodt.



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