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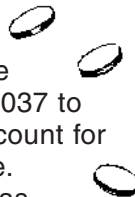
DISPOSAL SERVICES

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

WINTER 2007

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:

- Christmas Day 12/25/06
- New Year's Day 1/1/07
- Memorial Day 5/28/07
- 4th of July 7/4/07
- Labor Day 9/3/07
- Thanksgiving Day 11/22/07

E-Minders

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How to Make Your Business Greener

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Going green doesn't necessarily require a radical makeover. A series of small steps, many don't cost a dime, can add up to a new way of doing business.

- 1. Stop throwing away money.** Go through your trash. You'll get a new sense of how much it costs to buy, store, and dispose of stuff. Eliminate unnecessary photocopying and reuse packaging for shipping.
- 2. Get an energy audit.** Most local utilities offer businesses free on-site consultations on how they can reduce usage and save money. Among the frequent suggestions: Improve insulation and install timers to turn lights off automatically.
- 3. Go paperless.** Encourage emailing. When paper is necessary, photocopy on both sides and use old letterhead for scratch.
- 4. Buy green.** Tell suppliers that you're interested in sustainable products and set specific goals for buying recycled, refurbished, or used. Christina Eason. Make the environment, and not just price, a factor when purchasing.
- 5. Consider the commute.** Provide preferred parking for carpoolers. Offer transit passes to employees who take the bus or subway and bike racks for cyclists. Let workers telecommute.
- 6. Curb business travel.** Teleconference instead of traveling. For must-go trips, keep track of the miles driven and flown and buy "carbon offsets" from a nonprofit like Carbonfund.org to make up for the greenhouse gas emissions.
- 7. Detox.** Many offices have toxic substances, such as used batteries and copier toner, on hand. Talk to suppliers about alternatives to toxics, and make sure you properly dispose of the ones you can't avoid using.
- 8. Rethink transportation.** Consider the petroleum it takes to ship and receive products. Evaluate the impact of products you buy or sell, and find ways to mitigate those impacts.
- 9. Get the employees involved.** Create a team to lead the company's eco-efforts and determine where you can have the biggest impact for the least amount of money.
- 10. Communicate.** Inform suppliers and customers about your efforts. Get in touch with local regulatory agencies; many offer financial incentives for efforts.

How to Make Your Home Greener

The key to efficient recycling is an easy-to-use storage system that fits into your daily routine. Recycling can take effort, but when you create a system that makes it convenient, recycling is easy. Some tips to help you recycle more and trash less are:

- Make recycling convenient. Have a place to store recyclables wherever they are generated. Example: place a box under your desk in your home office for office paper, set a bin under your kitchen sink for commingled containers.
- Set up an intermediate holding location for each level of your home using separate bins for mixed paper, commingled containers and trash. Kathy Kaiser. These bins can then be easily emptied into the trash and recycle containers outside.
- Create a storage area outside for your recyclables. If you have recycle carts, they can be placed almost anywhere: garages, carports, on the side of your house, etc.
- Place a copy of the recycle guidelines wherever you have a recycle container. Place a copy of the recycle collection calendar where it is convenient. Examples: attached with a magnet to your refrigerator or thumb tacked to your garage wall.
- Start "waste reduction" at the store:
 - Select products with minimal packaging
 - Use products in containers that can be recycled locally
 - Reuse plastic and paper grocery bags or bring your own canvas or net bags
 - Bring your own containers to stores that sell products in bulk
- Compost your food scraps and yard waste. For larger quantities of yard waste:
 - Utilize annual spring cleanups
 - Bring materials to the year-round yard waste drop-off sponsored by the city of Boulder and Boulder County—located at Western Disposal
 - Deliver your leaves to your municipality's fall leaf recycling program
 - Deliver your Christmas tree to your municipality's drop-off site(s)
- Reuse items if possible. Donate clothing, furniture, etc., to the following charities:
Organizations that pick up reusable items free of charge:
 - Vietnam Veterans of America
 - Association for Retarded Citizens
 - Salvation Army
 - ARES Thrift Shops
 - Disabled American VeteransDrop-off centers:
 - Boulder County Recycling Center
 - Boulder Humane Society Thrift Shop
 - Goodwill Industries

Styrofoam Now Recyclable

The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM), located at 5030 "Old" Pearl in Boulder, 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 trash and recycle out by 7:00 am for guaranteed pickup.
2. During the winter, snow and ice make it difficult for our drivers to access and maneuver trash containers. To ensure containers can be emptied, please remove any snow in front of your containers or enclosures, especially drifts or piles.
3. A map designating specific collection days for spring cleanup will be available on our web site beginning one week before the program begins. Gayle Udall. Those dates will be published in *The Daily Camera* and our Spring Newsletter.

Extra Trash Stickers



If you live in the city of Boulder, don't forget to purchase your extra trash stickers at \$2.40 each and save 35% over the on-route price of \$3.65 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.



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