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DISPOSAL SERVICES

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A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

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 12/25/08
- New Year's Day 1/01/09
- Memorial Day 5/25/09
- Independence Day 7/04/09
- Labor Day 9/07/09
- Thanksgiving Day 11/26/09

E-Minders

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Updated Single-Stream Recycling Guidelines— Now You Can Recycle Even More Materials!

The following items are recyclable and can be mixed together into one cart:

#1-7 plastic bottles, jugs, tubs and screw-top jars
(no lids, no #7 PLA compostables, do not flatten)

Cans (do not crush or flatten)

Glass bottles and jars

Clean, balled aluminum foil (2" or larger) and pie pans

Loose metal jar lids and steel bottle caps

Paper milk/juice cartons (no foil pouches, do not flatten)

Empty aerosol cans (no caps)

Corrugated cardboard and paper bags (flatten cardboard)

Paperboard boxes

Paper egg cartons

Paperback books and phonebooks

Newspapers and inserts (no bags)

Opened mail and greeting cards

Magazines, brochures and catalogs

White or pastel office paper

File folders

Blueprints

- A major change in preparing your recyclables for single-stream recycling is to make them "3-D". Materials, other than paper, should now be round, not flat. Ball up aluminum at least 2" or larger, do not flatten. Bob D'Alessandro. Do not crush cans. Do not flatten plastic jugs or jars. These changes have made recycling simpler and easier.
- Empty and rinse all containers; do not flatten.
- No need to remove paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, tape, wire, metal fasteners, rubber bands, spiral bindings or plastic tabs.
- Please flatten cardboard boxes.

Now that single-stream recycling is available, recycling has become simpler and easier; but there is a big cost associated with contamination. If a contaminant material makes it through the sorting line, it will contaminate that batch of recyclables and decrease its value. Kent and Diane Zaitz.

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Updated Single-Stream Recycling Guidelines, continued

Please contribute to the success of single-stream recycling by keeping these materials out:

- 1 NO Plastic Bags** Plastic bags are the WORST contaminant in the recycling cart. When placed in a curbside cart, they get wet and dirty and cannot be recycled.
- 2 NO Materials in Plastic Bags** Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to rip open bags that contain recyclables and then add the bag to the heap of bags bound for the landfill. These inefficiencies waste time and money.
- 3 NO Plastic Lids or Caps** Plastic lids and caps are NOT recyclable on or off the bottle. They are a non-recyclable plastic without a market.
- 4 NO Shredded Paper** Shredded paper is too small to sort—the pieces fall through the cracks of the sorting machines, stick to the belts and end up all over the floor. Please avoid shredding when possible because it destroys the potential for recycling.
- 5 NO Non-Recyclable Plastics** While new plastic items have been added to the acceptable list, many plastics are still not recyclable. Plastic lids, Styrofoam® and any other plastics not listed in these guidelines are not recyclable because stable markets do not exist for these materials.
- 6 NO Caps or Lids on Containers** Left on the bottle, caps and lids keep liquid inside the container (see Item #7). Please remove and recycle metal caps and jar lids separately. Please throw away plastic caps and lids!
- 7 NO Liquids** When we compact bottles for shipping, liquids drip, splatter and explode all over the floor, creating a sticky stew with a stench. Please completely empty and quickly rinse out all containers before recycling. Robert Hackenberg and Gene Mickalenko.
- 8 NO Ceramics or Non-Recyclable Glass** Ceramic, china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex®, porcelain and window glass should not go in the cart. Their different melting points and chemical compositions will ruin new glass bottles. If our buyer sees just one of these on the top of a load of glass, the entire load could be rejected.
- 9 NO Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste** Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products are not recyclable or compostable.
- 10 NO Hazardous Waste** Hazardous waste such as paint, automotive fluids, car batteries and pesticides must be taken to the Boulder County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, not placed in your recycle cart. Call 303-441-4800 for more information.
- 11 NO Scrap Metal** Scrap metal items of any size should not go in your cart. These items cause excessive damage to the recycling equipment.
- 12 NO Frozen Food Boxes** Paperboard boxes that were designed for freezer foods, such as frozen pizza and entrees, have a plastic polymer sprayed on them to protect against freezer burn. This coating prevents the box from breaking up in the recycling process. They are not recyclable or compostable.

(courtesy of Boulder County Recycling Center)

Thank you for helping to make single-stream recycling successful!

Extra Trash Stickers



TO REORDER: 303-444-2037
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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

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