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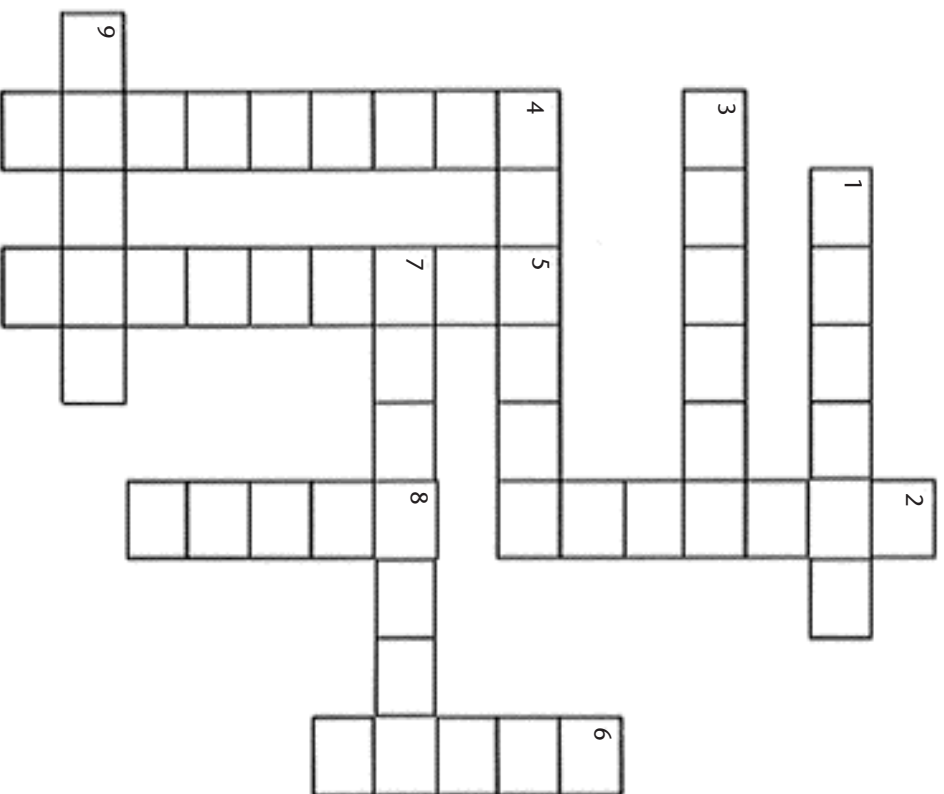
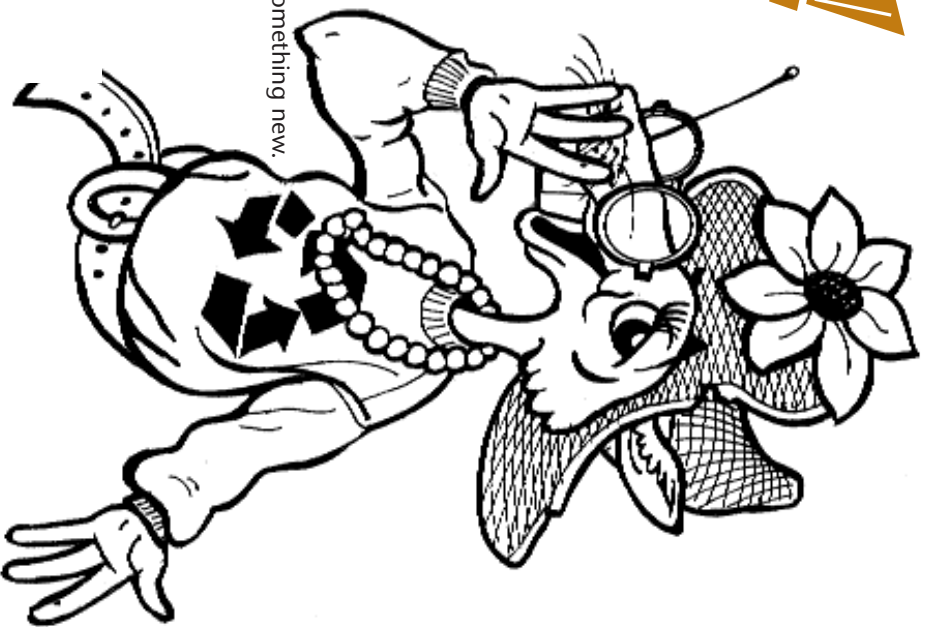
Help Patty Packrat fill in this crossword puzzle, and show off what you know about trash.

Across

1. Trash discarded along roads, in natural areas or other places.
3. When we recycle, we save _____.
4. To not make garbage to begin with.
7. Leaves, grass clippings, fruit and vegetable wastes.
9. To use something over and over again.

Down

2. Take materials that would otherwise be waste and turn it into something new.
4. When we recycle we save our natural _____.
5. When materials compost, they _____.
6. Things we throw in a garbage can.
8. We throw away a lot of this everyday.



WORD LIST:

- compost
- reduce
- decompose
- reuse
- energy
- recycle
- litter
- resources
- paper
- waste

Taken from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Web site.



ANSWER:



Get caught up in it!

See inside to find out how YOU and YOUR WORKPLACE can help keep waste out of the landfill!



See page 5 for places to take your recyclables.

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THE BUSINESS OF RECYCLING

By Cheryl Kolus, Larimer County Natural Resources

Most of you have probably been encouraged to reduce, reuse and recycle at home. But many of you work outside the home, too. What about practicing the "3 Rs" – reducing, reusing and recycling – at your place of business? Waste reduction in the workplace can make a huge difference, and if your business isn't practicing it, then it's time to get the wheels in motion. And you can help by starting the engine.

Why is it important for businesses to reduce, reuse and recycle?

Think about all the services you use – from auto repair shops to grocery stores, local government services to real estate agencies, shipping companies to veterinarians. The list is endless, and then there are all those services that you don't use. That's a lot of businesses! What if all of these businesses, large and small, created less waste and recycled what they could? Not only might they save money on supplies and trash collection fees, but also they'd help save energy, cut down on pollution, help our landfill last longer and protect the environment...not to mention the positive effect that showing concern for the environment would have on their image.

So, are you up for it? Read through this issue of "The Recyclone Times" for tips on implementing waste reduction practices at your workplace and for other resources that can help you learn more about waste reduction at work. Call your company's trash hauler to find out about its recycling services, or see the box on the right for other resources.

Today, much of the waste received at the Larimer County Landfill comes from businesses. Tomorrow, with your help, that will change for the better.

To find a recycling service provider, check the Yellow Pages under "Recycling Services," contact your current trash hauler, or call one of these providers:

Colorado Office Recyclers/Security Document Destruction
(970) 493-7478

Colorado Iron & Metal
(970) 482-7707

Pederson's Recycling & Disposal
(970) 532-4676

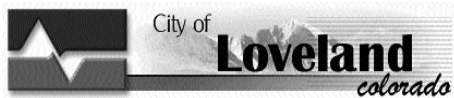
Rocky Mountain Battery/Recycling
(970) 484-5384

Tri-R Systems
(303) 399-6351

Waste-Not Recycling
(800) 584-9912

If your business does its own collection and delivery, it can always drop off recyclables at the Larimer County Recycling Center for free. See page 4 for materials accepted.

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Bring us your recyclables!

Larimer County Recycling Center (at the Larimer County Landfill) 5887 S. Taft Hill Rd., Fort Collins, CO (from Loveland, this is N. Wilson Ave.)

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; Also open Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from April through October (call 970-498-5770 to verify exact dates).

Larimer County also operates waste transfer stations and recycling drop-off centers in rural areas throughout the county. See page 7 for more details.

Waste Reduction Tips for Businesses

Adapted from an article on the City of Fort Collins Web site at <http://fcgov.com/recycling/pdf/waste-reduction-tips-businesses.pdf>

Waste reduction is first in the hierarchy of waste management and focuses on the prevention of solid waste generation through changes in products, packaging and purchasing. Waste reduction is the design, manufacture, purchase or use of materials to reduce the volume or toxicity before they enter the waste stream.

Why Do It?

Have you ever looked at your business's Dumpster and pictured your profits going into the landfill? Well, you should!

Most of the waste in Larimer County comes from the commercial sector, and each business is paying those disposal costs. Just think about the money you can save by avoiding disposal costs! Waste reduction is the key. Moreover, by examining internal processes, some companies have found ways to not only reduce waste, but also to improve their bottom line.

If you own or manage a business, review the tips below for ideas on incorporating waste reduction into your business's practices. The tips apply to most business types, but especially offices and retail.

Purchasing

- Establish purchasing guidelines to encourage waste prevention; buy items that are durable, concentrated, reusable and/or of high quality.
- Start your own Recycled-Content Purchasing Program.
- Use less toxic materials (e.g., vegetable-based inks, water-based glue, markers and paints).
- Use plastic trashcan liners made of recycled HDPE instead of ones made with LDPE or LLDPE. They contain fewer raw materials, work equally well for most uses, and generally cost less.
- Order merchandise with minimal packaging or packaging made with recycled content.
- Contact manufacturers and express your purchase preferences. Vote with your dollars.
- Avoid bright or deep toned paper; they can cause problems at paper recycling mills. Pastel colors are less of a problem and do the job just as well.
- Request that deliveries be shipped in returnable containers.

Packaging

- Use lightweight packaging to conserve materials.
- Ship products to your customers in the boxes that you receive from your suppliers. Set up a place to store these reusable boxes. Ask customers to return boxes for reuse.
- Encourage suppliers to use reusable totes or boxes.
- Reuse packing materials (e.g., foam peanuts, bubblewrap) or find someone who can.
- Use shredded office paper or other materials already on hand for loose-fill packaging material, rather than buying new.

- Set up a system for returning cardboard boxes and foam peanuts to distributors for reuse.
- Return, reuse and repair wooden pallets and spools.

Writing/Printing Paper

- Provide convenient recycling stations for employees.
- Make double-sided copies whenever possible.
- Reuse envelopes, and use two-way envelopes.
- Circulate memos, periodicals and reports, rather than distributing individual copies.
- Make scratch pads from scrap paper.
- Eliminate unnecessary forms. Print them on both sides, or redesign them to fit on a half-sheet.
- Save documents as electronic files instead of printing hard copies.
- Print more words on each page (e.g., smaller font and narrow margins).
- Fill the printer with paper already used on one side and print drafts on the other side. Set this as the default print and instruct employees to use the manual feed to use clean paper.
- Use the same draft of a report for corrections by several people.
- Use executive summaries when possible, and provide the entire document only upon request.

Equipment and Supplies

- Set up an area for employees to exchange used items.
- Use quality used or remanufactured office equipment.
- Invest in equipment that is durable, of high quality and repairable.

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Just Ask Packrat Patty

Dear Patty,

I'm totally perplexed by the sorting methods required at the City of Fort Collins' new recycling drop-off on Riverside Ave. Why are they different than those for the county's recycling center (near the landfill)?

— Perplexed

Dear Perplexed:

The city has different sorting requirements at its drop-off site mainly due to convenience, space and cost.

The Riverside Avenue facility was designed to make it more convenient for residents to recycle those materials that aren't currently accepted in curbside recycling programs (paper products other than newspaper). And to address the needs of those who don't have access to curbside recycling, it also accepts newspaper and commingled items (glass, plastic, aluminum and steel containers).

Convenience also comes into play by allowing people to mix together many of the paper types. While separating paper types (like they do at the Larimer County Recycling Center) results in a higher valued recyclable commodity, capturing the highest price for the paper materials was not considered as high a priority for the city. In addition, sorting the paper types as they do at the county's recycling center would require more collection bins, and thus more space, at a higher cost.

The new mixed paper stream, called the "Fort Collins Paper Mix," includes newspaper, magazines, office paper, catalogs and junk mail all in one bin, whereas Larimer County collects these materials in three separate containers (newspapers in one, magazines and catalogs in another, and office paper and junk mail in a third). And while cardboard and paperboard (e.g., cereal boxes and 6-pack cartons) may be mixed together at the Riverside facility, they must be recycled separately at the Larimer County Recycling Center. Since the city's paper mix is different than that accepted at the Larimer County Recycling Center, it's hauled to a recycling processor in Denver. The city will have to determine whether the convenience offered to residents outweighs the increased hauling costs. (The commingled materials are taken to the county's recycling center.)

The Larimer County Recycling Center, which is operated by Waste Management, Inc., searches for the highest value for its recyclables. Thus, buyers of its recyclables have different requirements than the buyer of the Fort Collins Paper Mix.

For details on how to recycle at both the county drop-off and the City of Loveland's drop-off, see page 4. For more information about the City of Fort Collins' drop-off site, call (970) 221-6264.



Recycling From the Inside Out

By Debbie Bidwell

Businesses generate a lot of waste. Not convinced? Just look in the alley behind any business at the monstrous bins overflowing with waste headed for the landfill. Much of that "waste" could be recycled instead. So why isn't it?

Like individuals who make the conscious decision to recycle at home, businesses – comprised of people like you and me – must also make a conscious decision. Once a business makes that decision and someone with leadership and enthusiasm drives the effort from within, the rest falls into place.

At Hewlett-Packard in Loveland in the early '90s, before recycling was an official part of HP's vocabulary, I initiated my own "business recycling" in the division where I worked. Initially I fished out used Wall Street Journals from wastebaskets and later convinced the WSJ subscribers to deposit their used papers in a box by my desk. When the box was full, I hauled the papers to the Larimer Humane Society for use in the animal cages. It wasn't convenient for me, and on a global scale it was a very small recycling effort, but I found it gratifying putting old newspapers to work. And the humane society appreciated it.

In another building at HP/Loveland, an employee named Larry Huckaby placed cardboard boxes labeled "Newspapers" at several locations throughout the entire four-building site. Over time people cooperated, placing their used WSJs in the boxes. Larry bundled the papers and hauled them to Northern Colorado Recycling in Greeley, and subsequently they were processed into insulation for homes.

In 1993 HP – a company embracing good citizenship and concern for the environment – officially jumped on the recycling wagon. HP/Loveland management provided resources for expanding the facility's solid waste program to include recycling, and assigned a full-time employee to manage it. Larry accepted the position, but launching a comprehensive recycling program on a site with 2,500 employees was a big job, and he knew he couldn't do it alone. So Larry recruited volunteers from every corner of the facility, forming the "Recycling Awareness Team" (RAT) – a small group of enthusiastic folks dedicated to educating fellow employees about, and putting into action, the recycling of every material possible at the time. Recyclables ranged from aluminum cans to cardboard, white paper to wooden pallets, inkjet cartridges to copper pipe...and the list grew and changed over time.

I joined the team, promoting recycling within my own division of about 200 people. Management supported my recycling activities and allocated funds to purchase collection bins. I created signs for the bins on my PC: ALUMINUM CANS, WHITE PAPER, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, etc., and placed the bins in strategic locations. I gave presentations to "educate the masses" on recycling and encouraged them to join the effort. I authored a periodic electronic newsletter providing new or updated recycling information to the group via internal e-mail. I created displays with samples of recyclables and non-recyclables showing coworkers how to sort and deposit their materials. Other members of the RAT engaged their own divisions in similar activities elsewhere on-site.

Soon copious amounts of collected recyclables resulted in HP contracting with a professional recycling company to haul the material off-site for processing and to help the RAT stay current on recycling criteria. Waste-Not Recycling, a local company owned by Anita Comer, whose passion for recycling is matched only by her knowledge of the industry, partnered with HP in the mid-1990s and still services Agilent/HP at that site.

Today Larry Huckaby, Regional Solid Waste Coordinator at Agilent Technologies (formerly HP) in Loveland, reports, "Approximately 1,200 tons of our waste, or about 60 to 70 percent, gets diverted from the landfill each year. About 60 percent of our landfill costs have been eliminated, but we also pay for our recycling program, so the real reason we recycle is to divert waste from the landfills. In 1998 we received the 'Recycler of the Year' award in the Business Category for the state of Colorado."

Never was recycling mandated at the individual level, so it was up to Larry and the RAT volunteers to educate and encourage our coworkers to make the program successful. We provided the vital leadership, enthusiasm and expertise that persuaded other employees to join us in our effort. Any business – large or small – can and should recycle. We did it, and so can you. It's well worth it!

Debbie is retired from Agilent Technologies and is a freelance writer and an avid recycler. She lives in Fort Collins with her husband, John. Both enjoy riding motorcycles and traveling in their motor home with their cat, Casey.



Debbie Bidwell

Too many leaves? Or not enough?

The City of Fort Collins Natural Resources Department is sponsoring a fall leaf exchange program through its Web site at <http://fcgov.com/recycling/leaf-exchange.php>. City residents with Internet access can post information on the site's bulletin board under either "Leaves Wanted" (if you need some for your composting bin or for mulch in your garden) or "Leaves Available" (if you need to get rid of them). The program, designed to help keep leaves out of the landfill and put them to good use, is experimental this year. If successful, it may be implemented again next year. Leaf through to page 7 for more ideas on what to do with your fall leaves.

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TO RALLY YOUR COWORKERS INTO THE RECYCLING EFFORT, I LEARNED THAT YOU MUST:

- Have enthusiasm.
- Set the example.
- Have knowledge of current recycling criteria.
- Convince them it's worthwhile and that their participation DOES matter.
- Make it very easy and very convenient for them to recycle.
- Keep recycling fresh in their mind so they will always think RECYCLE instead of THROW AWAY!

Penton is Bent On Recycling

Penton IT Media, formerly Duke Communications, operates a 159-employee office in Loveland. The company serves the needs of a technologically savvy audience by producing a series of publications, e-mail newsletters, Web sites and events. Penton IT Media also addresses the needs of our increasingly stressed environment by reducing, reusing and recycling as much as possible.

"Starting up the recycling program was very easy," said Becky Stinnette, office manager. "Management was all for us doing the recycling, so all we had to do was call the recycling company [Waste-Not Recycling], who explained to us what we could recycle and brought us the containers. Then we announced it to employees."

Recycling bins are placed near copy machines and elsewhere throughout the building for easy access. Employees are sent an e-mail reminder about recycling once a year. "Employees actually keep each other motivated by reminding their coworkers what can be recycled," Becky said. And the janitorial staff from Pleasant Janitorial is just as enthusiastic about recycling; they leave reminder notes for Penton employees who are throwing away excessive amounts of office paper or magazines that could be recycled instead.

Each month, Penton IT Media staff members recycle about 2,100 pounds of magazines, 1,700 pounds of office paper, 350 pounds of cardboard, 100 pounds of newspaper, 70 pounds of books and 60 pounds of plastic, aluminum and glass beverage containers. They also recycle 1,200 pounds of phone books a year, and the company's annual cleanup of magazines and books at its warehouse results in 7,000 to 9,000 pounds of material collected. In addition, Penton recycles its old computer equipment.

Reducing waste and reusing supplies and other items are also high on Penton's agenda. The company's



production manager reduced the number of extra magazines published each month, which has saved the company money in addition to saving trees. Old letterhead is made into notepads, file folders are turned inside out and reused, and 9"x12" envelopes that staff members receive in the mail are reused as interoffice envelopes. Employees are encouraged to help themselves to used boxes for packaging gifts at home or when moving. Every April during the week of Earth Day, staff is invited to bring their old computers and monitors from home to be recycled, with the company picking up the \$5 per monitor recycling fee. And anything broken or deemed unusable by one person is put in a central location for others to pick up for free.

"I've even set out a microwave that didn't work, and someone took it home to try and fix," Becky said. "And computer tables with broken legs have been taken home by employees and repaired for their personal use."

Loveland schools benefit from Penton's thriftiness and environmental concern, too. One employee collects used plastic containers for her husband, a teacher, to use in the classroom for various activities. Another employee, Linda Strasburger, donates old letterhead, posterboard, office supplies and other materials to schools and non-profit organizations. Recently, she offered 3-ring binders and canvas bags to one nearby elementary school, and stackable paper trays and wallpaper sample books to another. "It is so neat, as they're so grateful that we think of them," Linda said. "This does a lot to help their budgets, too."

Local charities and the Thompson School District have also received used desks, chairs and computer tables from the company during its recent downsizing. And in August, Penton IT Media put together a "Shop 'n' Swap Free-For-All" for staff members, where surplus items – including office supplies, promotional t-shirts, mouse pads and tote bags – were available for the taking. Anything remaining was donated to local charities.

The company does save money by practicing some of these waste reduction techniques. But, as Becky says, "The biggest benefit is that we save lots of stuff from being tossed into the landfill."

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, RESTRAIN

Fort Collins Cracking Down on Illegal Dumping

The City of Fort Collins is cracking down on people and businesses who are using the trash Dumpster at the city's Riverside Avenue recycling drop-off to dispose of their household garbage.

The Dumpster is intended to help recyclers dispose of items they use to haul their recyclables to the location or items that contaminate the recycling bins such as plastic bags or pet food bags. A sign posted on the trash bin warns people that it's illegal to dispose of household garbage there, but that doesn't stop everyone. City staff members are finding bags of trash in and around the Dumpster.

The illegal dumpers may be caught by surprise when they receive a visit or phone call from the police. Violators convicted of this misdemeanor could face a fine of up to \$1,000.

The City of Fort Collins asks all of its residents to respect the rules at the drop-off facility, which is there to help citizens recycle more conveniently. The site is located at 1702 Riverside Ave. and is open to residents seven days a week during daylight hours. Recyclables accepted there include: glass, steel, and aluminum containers, plastic bottles #1 and #2, paperboard, office paper and junk mail, newspaper, magazines and catalogs, corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags.



Please act responsibly, and don't dump your trash at the Fort Collins recycling drop-off. Enforcement measures are being put into place, and you could be fined if caught.

Waste Reduction Tips...

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- Practice good maintenance to prolong the life of copiers, computers and other equipment.
- Reclaim reusable parts from old equipment.
- Use refilled or rebuilt fax and printer cartridges and other office supplies like pens, stamp pads, etc.
- Use retreaded tires on company vehicles.
- Install reusable heating, ventilation and air conditioning filters.
- Use rechargeable batteries where practical.
- Use hand blowers or cloth towel dispensers in bathrooms, or purchase recycled and unbleached paper towel rolls.

Communications

- Remove yourself from unwanted mailing lists.
- Use recycled-content cork boards, paper, pencils, pens, etc.
- Use fax "stickies" instead of full-page cover sheets, or even better, write on or stamp the first page of the fax to convey transmission information.
- Invest in a program that allows faxing directly from your computer or send documents by e-mail instead of printing a copy to fax.
- Design mailings so the address can be

- printed right on the document and no envelope is needed.
- Keep mailing lists current to avoid duplication or mailing to invalid addresses.
- Don't pre-stuff packets for me'participants take the handouts they think they will use.
- Route magazines and other subscriptions rather than ordering copies for individual employees.
- Donate old magazines or journals to hospitals, clinics, libraries, your dentist's office or your favorite hair salon.

Food and Personal Services

- Purchase less toxic cleaners.
- Use products in non-aerosol containers where possible.
- Use reusable towels, tablecloths, napkins, dishes, flatware, cups and glasses.
- Encourage employees to bring their own mugs and utensils. Ask food vendors to offer discounts on beverages served in a customer's own mug.
- Buy reusable coffee filters or unbleached disposable filters.
- Reuse trashcan liners or eliminate them where possible.

Consumer Choices

- Teach your customers about the importance of waste prevention. Effective tools for getting the message across include promotional campaigns, brochures and newsletters (using recycled paper, of course!), banners, newspaper ads, product displays, and store signs.
- Encourage customers to bring their own bag(s), and compliment them when they do.
- Offer customers a rebate when they reuse grocery bags, containers, mugs and cups.
- If you serve beverages in cans or bottles, place a recycling bin in the dining area for your customers' empty containers.



Internet Resources

Recycling lingo explained:
www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/ecoalrt.htm

Greening your business:

www.smartoffice.com
www.sustainablebusiness.org
www.nrc-recycle.org/brba

Choosing green products:

www.greenseal.org/recommendations.htm#product

Packaging guidelines:

www.packaging.hp.com/enviro/environm.htm

Cutting down on paper use:

<http://eetd.lbl.gov/paper>

Getting off mailing lists:

<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/nwpc/bizjunkmail.htm>

Preparing Your Recyclables

We're glad you're recycling! And you can help us even more by preparing your recyclables properly. By following the guidelines below, you'll not only help make the jobs of the recycling drivers and recycling center workers easier, but you'll also ensure that the best use is gained from your recyclables. Remember – dropping off recyclables at the Larimer County Recycling Center is FREE! For more information on where to recycle, call (970) 221-6264 (Fort Collins), (970) 962-2529 (Loveland) or (970) 498-5760 (Larimer County).

The following may be picked up curbside:

These things can be mixed together and are called "commingled" recyclables:

- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles
- Steel (Tin) Cans

This must be kept separate from the commingled items:

- Newspaper



Glass Bottles & Jars

Remove lids and rinse. Paper labels can stay on. No plate glass, drinking glasses, oven cookware, light bulbs or ceramics.



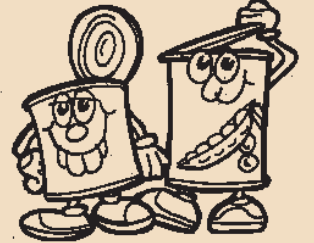
Aluminum Cans

Rinse. Don't flatten.



Plastic Bottles

Remove lids and rinse. Type #1 PETE and #2 HDPE, screw-top bottles ONLY. Includes soda, milk and most household bottles. No snap-top containers such as yogurt or margarine tubs. No chemical or pesticide bottles.



Steel (Tin) Cans

Rinse. Metal lids are okay. Labels can stay on. Empty aerosol cans without lids are okay.



Newspaper

(Including all inserts) Bundle in brown paper bags. No other papers, boxes, bags or string.

You can recycle all of these materials at:

The Larimer County Recycling Center & Landfill
5887 S. Taft Hill Road
Fort Collins
(970) 498-5760

Loveland Solid Waste Division
400 N. Wilson Ave. (yardwaste and scrap metal, too)
or 105 W. 5th St. (for used motor oil only)
Loveland
(soft-bound books not accepted in Loveland)
(970) 962-2529

The following must be taken to a recycling drop-off site:

- Corrugated Cardboard & Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Office Paper & Junk Mail
- Paperboard & Low Grade Paper

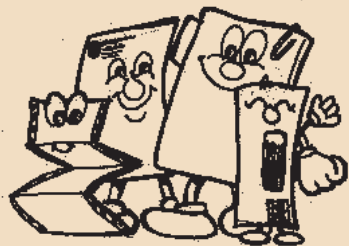


Corrugated Cardboard & Brown Paper Bags

Flatten boxes. No wax-coated or food-contaminated boxes (i.e. pizza boxes).



Magazines & Catalogs



Office Paper & Junk Mail

These items may be mixed together. *Please open your mail first and sort it accordingly.

- White paper – letterhead, typing, copier, index cards, loose-leaf paper.
- Computer paper – white, blue and green bar.
- Colored paper – pastels only. No neons or deep tones.
- Envelopes – with or without windows. No self-adhesive labels; no tan or brown paper envelopes.
- Coated paper – fax, glossy brochures, advertisements. No plastic-coated papers such as ream wrappers.
- File folders – manila or pastel.

Please remove:

Rubber bands, metal fasteners, sticky notes, plastic tabs, wire or plastic spirals, and tape.

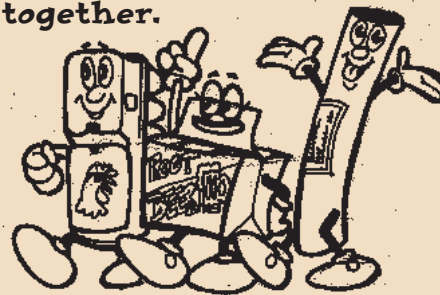
No need to remove:

Paper clips, stamps and staples.

Paperboard & Low Grade Paper

These items may be mixed together.

- Cereal/cracker boxes
- Gift/shirt boxes
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper tubes, any size or thickness
- Shoe boxes
- Six-pack holders/boxes
- Soap and tissue boxes
- Kraft paper and envelopes (dark orange)
- Greeting cards
- Paper bags (brown bags go with corrugated cardboard)
- Wrapping paper (including tissue-type packing paper)
- Hanging file folders
- Fluorescent and dark-colored paper, blueprints
- Phone books



Phone Books & Soft-Bound Books

Recycle with paperboard. (Except in Loveland, recycle separately.) No coated sulfite, neons or brights, paper covers or glue fiber.

These items are NOT recyclable:

- Used paper towels
- Used paper plates/cups
- Used tissues/napkins
 - Pet food bags
 - Charcoal bags
 - Foil-lined boxes
- Waxed paper and waxed cardboard
- Frozen food and fast food containers
 - Carbon paper
 - Photographs

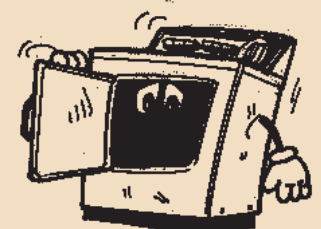


Automotive Batteries

Inquire at the landfill gatehouse for disposal information.

Used Motor Oil

Place in non-breakable containers and empty into the tank by the recycling bins. Motor oil only. Containers are not recyclable.



Appliances

Appliances are accepted for recycling at the landfill for a fee. Inquire at the landfill gatehouse.

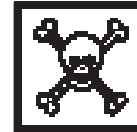
Recycling in Larimer County

For information on preparing your materials for curbside recycling see page 4. For more information or to learn where to take "harder-to-recycle" materials call the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources at (970) 498-5760.

	Aluminum	Brown Paper Bags	Corrugated Cardboard	Glass Bottles & Jars	Magazines & Catalogs	Newspaper	Office Paper/Junk Mail	Paperboard/Low Grade Papers	Plastic Grocery Bags (#4)	Plastic Bottles (#1 & #2)	Steel (tin) Cans	Telephone Books
FORT COLLINS												
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Aragon Iron & Metal 516 N. Highway 287 484-2577	•										•	
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Colorado Iron & Metal 1400 E. Mulberry 482-7707	•											
King Soopers 4503 JF Kennedy Pkwy. 223-5759 2325 S. College 482-8855 1015 S. Taft Hill 221-4943	•		•			•						
Larimer County Recycling Center 5887 S. Taft Hill 226-1101 Mon-Sat 8-4:30	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rocky Mountain Battery 1475 N. College 484-5384	•			•	•							
BERTHOUD												
Good Deal Recycling 988 Second St. 532-4338	•											
Larimer County Drop-off 248 Welch 498-5760 or 532-2643	•		•	•		•			•	•		
Town of Berthoud 248 Welch 532-2643			•									
ESTES PARK												
Estes Park Recycling Center Transfer Station on Elm Road 568-5740	•		•	•		•	•				•	•
LOVELAND												
Albertson's 1365 E. Eisenhower Blvd. 669-0020 1451 E. Eisenhower Blvd. 593-9779									•			
City of Loveland Drop-off 400 N. Wilson 962-2529	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
King Soopers 253 E. 29th St. 669-6222 1275 Eagle Dr. 663-4125	•		•			•						
Larimer County Recycling Center 5887 S. Taft Hill (N. Wilson Ave.) 226-1101 Mon-Sat 8-4:30	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rocky Mountain Battery Service 2929 N. Garfield 667-4059	•											
WELLINGTON												
Larimer County Recycling Drop-off Town Garage, 6th & Grant 498-5760	•		•	•		•					•	•
RED FEATHER LAKES												
Larimer County Recycling Drop-off Glacier View 1417 Green Mountain Dr. 498-5760	•		•	•		•					•	•

Check with specific recyclers for hours and drop-off locations for recyclable items – special containers may be outdoors or indoors.

If your business recycles any of these items, and you want to be included on future lists, please call (970) 498-5772.



For Household Hazardous Waste Questions Call (970) 498-5760.

Subscription curbside recycling is available in most areas throughout the County. For more information, call your local trash haulers.

Motor oil is accepted at the following locations. Please call first.

FORT COLLINS

Checker Auto Parts
1006 N College (970) 493-8244
4372 S. College (970) 223-5329

Larimer County Landfill
5887 S. Taft Hill (970) 498-5770

Rams BP
1001 S. Taft Hill (970) 482-7710



LOVELAND

City of Loveland Drop-off
105 W. 5th St. (970) 962-2529

Larimer County Landfill
5887 S. Taft Hill (N. Wilson Ave.) (970) 498-5770

ESTES PARK

Estes Park Recycling Center
Transfer Station on
Elm Road (970) 586-5740

Styrofoam packing "peanuts" are accepted at local mail service centers for reuse. Call first. Rigid Styrofoam packaging currently cannot be recycled.

Consider Using Trash Hauler Services

You, or maybe someone you know, may choose to haul your trash to the Larimer County Landfill yourself. What you probably do not know is that the number of self-haul customers increases the County's operating costs. It takes more staff, more "working face" on the landfill, and consequently more "daily cover" soil to accommodate self-haulers. If you live in a community served by commercial trash collectors, please consider using their services. You may find that it's a break-even proposition, since it will save you the time it takes to visit the landfill.

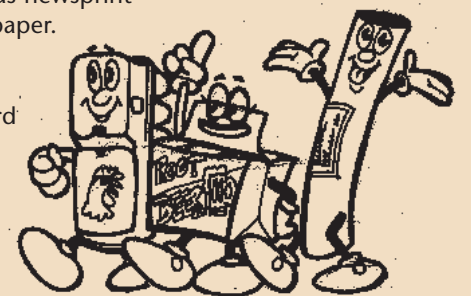
Wait 'til Your Bin is Full

Please don't set out your recycling bin if it's only partially full. Instead, just set it out every other week; you will be helping your hauler be more efficient and keep collection costs down.

At the Larimer County Recycling Center:

When in Doubt – Put It with Paperboard

Office paper is a very high-grade commodity in the recycling marketplace. But it's easy to ruin its value – or even get rejected by the recycling mills – if it contains lower grade paper such as newsprint-quality wrapping paper. So when in doubt, throw those items into the paperboard recycling bin.



Thanks to Our "Read the Label First" Participating Retailers

In May and June, Larimer County joined Weld and Boulder Counties as participants in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Read the Label First" project. The project is designed to promote consumer awareness of the chemicals found in common household cleaners and pesticides, and the effect these chemicals can have on human health and the environment.

Thirteen stores in Larimer County participated by allowing us to place "shelf-talkers" near the items in question. The shelf-talkers did not target any brand names, but simply alerted shoppers to be aware of what they were purchasing. Also in the stores, we placed take-home educational materials that discussed hazardous household cleaning facts and safer alternatives.

We'd like to thank the following stores for their participation:

In Fort Collins:

Albertson's Food & Drug Stores
3660 S. Mason St.
1636 N. College Ave.
731 S. Lemay Ave.

Longs Drug Stores
932 W. Drake Rd.
1538 E. Harmony Rd.
743 S. Lemay Ave.

King Soopers
2325 S. College Ave.
1015 S. Taft Hill Rd.
4503 John F. Kennedy Parkway

In Loveland:

Albertson's Food & Drug Stores
1325 E. Eisenhower Blvd.
1451 W. Eisenhower Blvd.

King Soopers
1275 Eagle Dr.
253 E. 29th St.



America Recycles Day is November 15

Join millions of Americans across the country in celebrating America Recycles Day (ARD). Visit www.americarecyclesday.org to learn more and to pledge to buy recycled, recycle more or support a recycling event on November 15. Those who fill out the online pledge card are eligible to win prizes.

Locally, Colorado State University is planning a community event to celebrate ARD at the Lory Student Center plaza. Call Jacquie Guerrero at (970) 491-5854 for more information.

Business Owners Should BHAPE!

Larimer County businesses are not only encouraged to recycle, but those that produce hazardous wastes also must abide by specific regulations dealing with the safe disposal of such wastes. Here's where the county's hazardous waste program, BHAPE, can help.

BHAPE stands for the Business Hazardous [Waste] Assistance Program and Education. BHAPE can help qualified businesses save money when managing hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, ensure that business wastes are disposed of or recycled properly, and offer suggestions for waste minimization.

What businesses are eligible to participate in BHAPE?

Eligible businesses are those that:

- operate and generate hazardous wastes in Larimer County
- are classified as a CESQG (see below)
- generate wastes that are approved by BHAPE
- generate wastes that are non-hazardous but are restricted from the landfill, such as latex paint, etc.

What is a CESQG?

A Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator, or CESQG, is a business that's exempt from most state and federal hazardous waste disposal regulations as long as it generates only small quantities of hazardous wastes and

ensures delivery of such waste to a facility that's permitted to receive it. Specifically, a CESQG:

- generates no more than 100 kg (about 220 lbs. or 25 gal.) of hazardous wastes in any calendar month
- generates no more than 1 kg (about 2.2 lbs.) of acutely hazardous wastes in any calendar month
- never accumulates more than 1000 kg (about 2,200 lbs.) of hazardous wastes on-site

Examples of participating businesses include auto repair shops, woodworkers, exterminators, print shops, photo shops, painting contractors, and more.

Want to know more?

Call Larimer County Natural Resources at (970) 498-5760 and ask for an information packet. A field representative can provide free technical assistance as well. Your business does not have to be classified as a hazardous waste generator to get free technical assistance or to safely dispose of non-hazardous wastes with BHAPE.

Business hazardous wastes are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the Larimer County Landfill by appointment only. A fee is charged for each delivery.



Used Motor Oil

Why is disposal of used motor oil a problem?

Coloradoans throw away more than a million gallons of used motor oil each year. Used oil is a valuable, reusable resource. Discarding oil wastes this resource and even poses an environmental hazard. Improperly disposing of oil by pouring it on the ground, dumping it down a storm sewer or throwing it in the trash threatens the quality of our water supplies because used motor oil contains a variety of contaminants.

Waste oil disposed of in landfills or dumped on the ground can seep into the groundwater, thus contaminating drinking water supplies. When dumped into storm sewers, the oil is carried into lakes and streams. Using waste oil to control dust on roads or allowing your car to leak oil poses the same environmental hazards – the oil can seep into the groundwater or be carried by rain and snowmelt as polluted runoff into lakes and streams. **One quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water!**

What can I do with my used oil?

Recycle it! Oil can be reused as an industrial fuel supplement or it can be re-refined for reuse as a lubricant. Although oil picks up metals and acids as it circulates through the engine block and crankcase of your car, these contaminants can easily be removed in the re-refining process. Re-refined oil never loses its lubricating properties and works well for lubricating engines and other machinery.

How do I recycle used oil?

After you change the oil in your car, truck or other motor vehicle, pour the waste oil into a clean, unbreakable container with a tight-fitting cap. A 1-gallon plastic milk jug works well. Do not mix anything else in with the oil, and make sure it's free from dirt, leaves and other debris. Take the oil to a used oil collection site (see page 5).

For more information about the disposal of household hazardous wastes, contact Larimer County Natural Resources at (970) 498-5760.

Visit our Web sites!

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources
www.larimer.org/natural

Fort Collins Natural Resources Department
www.fcgov.com/naturalresources

City of Loveland Solid Waste Management Division
www.ci.loveland.co.us/inside/utilities/trash/recycle.html



Recycling as a Business



Anita R. Comer dreamed of protecting the environment and helping others do the same. So what did she do? She founded Waste-Not Recycling, a company that offers custom recycling services to businesses, governments, schools and construction sites in Northern Colorado, the Denver-Boulder metro area and Colorado Springs.

"I didn't know what I was going to do when I committed to working to help the planet," Anita says. "But after doing some research, I learned that recycling our waste was one of the best things we could all do to help."

Since starting Waste-Not in 1989, Anita has watched the company grow from "a pickup truck and one person to a fleet of trucks, equipment, 34 employees and hundreds of customers all recycling over 1.5 million pounds each month." Today, Waste-Not can also provide the education and training, as well as containers, labor, pickup and marketing of a variety of recyclable commodities including office paper, excess equipment, cardboard, metal, electronics, construction waste, and much more. In addition, Waste-Not helps companies establish or enhance their "Green Teams," and assists them in developing environmental goals and policies. It also helps make businesses' operations procedures more environmentally friendly and assists companies in sustainable building projects. Waste-Not offers the Environmental Stewardship Action Program, too, designed to recognize and reward companies that show a commitment to setting and meeting their environmental goals, largely through recycling and waste reduction.

To learn more about Waste-Not Recycling and how it can help your business reduce waste, call (800) 584-9912, e-mail recycle@waste-not.com or visit www.waste-not.com.

If Anita can establish an entire company based on her desire to help the environment and reduce wastes, surely all of us can do our part by making sure the businesses we own or work for reduce their wastes, too. (And she'll even help you!)

SAFELY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AT:

Larimer County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility and Drop 'N' Swap

Located at the Larimer County Landfill
5887 S. Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins
(970) 498-5760

Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and the second and third Saturdays of each month

Estes Park Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site

at the Estes Park Solid Waste Transfer Station
455 Elm Road, Estes Park
(970) 586-6478 or (970) 586-5740
Call for hours or more information.

Fall 2002 Leaf Drop-Off Program

By Shirley Bruns, City of Fort Collins Natural Resources Department

As beautiful as the turning leaves can be, they signal the inevitable annual ritual of cleanup and disposal. You must do something with them, so the City of Fort Collins is once again providing its residents with coupons in their September utility bill. The coupons entitle Fort Collins residents to two free visits to Hageman Earth Cycle for dropping off leaves from October 28 through November 16.

Each coupon is good for one load of bagged or loose leaves per household. Hageman Earth Cycle, a local commercial composting business, is located at 3501 E. Prospect Road. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Participants must empty their bagged leaves or loose loads of leaves at the designated area, then take their empty bags or containers back home with them. It's okay to have garden plants, grass clippings and small twigs mixed in with the leaves, but rocks, trash or tree limbs are not accepted. Anything smaller than a pencil constitutes a twig. For a fee, Hageman Earth Cycle will accept tree limbs.

Here are some other ideas and tips for recycling your leaves:

- Mow/mulch as often as possible during fall leaf drop; it's more efficient and effective to mulch thin layers of leaves. Mowing your leaves right into your lawn makes a great fall fertilizer. If you don't own a mulching mower, it may take several passes to shred the leaves. (Breaking the leaves into the smallest pieces possible increases the surface area for the microbes to work and



- quickens breakdown of the leaf debris.)
- Rake your leaves into a pile, mow them with your mower to shred them, and add them to your garden as mulch, or rototill the leaves directly into the garden.
 - Mulch leaves when they are dry.
 - If you have a lot of leaves or branches, rent or purchase a chipper. Ask a neighbor or two if they would like to join you and share the cost.
 - Add leaves to your compost pile. If you're not already composting, fall is a great time to start. Purchase a bin from a hardware, garden or department store. (See page 2 for composting help.)

Recycling is Brewing at New Belgium Brewery

New Belgium Brewery (NBB), the Fort Collins brewer of "Fat Tire" and other microbrews, takes pride in its successful recycling program. The company recycles cardboard, commingled containers (aluminum, glass, tin and plastic bottles), Styrofoam, keg caps, pallets, office materials, paperboard, wood, wire, magazines, ink cartridges, computers, plastic bags, newspaper, malt bags, oil, steel, spent solvents, mercury, packaging peanuts and stretch plastic wrap. At the end of 2001, for example, NBB minimized its production's environmental impact by recycling 96 tons of amber glass, 31 tons of cardboard and nine tons of shrink plastic wrap.

In addition, New Belgium buys products made from recycled materials. NBB offices have Studio Eg furniture, made of compressed newspaper and woodchips, recycled tires and cardboard. The carpet comes from Interface and is manufactured using recycled plastic bottles. Wall hangings are made from recycled and recyclable fibers and cellulose. And NBB also has a TREX deck, which was built using recycled plastics.

Everything from the office paper to the toilet paper used at NBB is made from recycled material. NBB bottles, mother cartons, chipboard dividers and 6-pack carriers all contain recycled material and are recyclable. Most of the shirts NBB sells are Patagonia Beneficial Ts, which are made from organic cotton and use non-toxic dyes. In fact, NBB is the largest consumer of Patagonia's organic cotton shirts in the country. The brewery also recently introduced a handmade cookbook that's constructed from reused/recycled materials.

The recycling doesn't stop with the brewery. NBB employees are encouraged to bring from home their recyclables that can't be picked up curbside. They can also



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Transfer Stations:

Transfer stations are located in outlying areas of the county and are designed to make it easier for residents in these rural areas to rid themselves of household wastes. The wastes collected at the transfer stations are periodically transported to the Larimer County Landfill. For 24-hour information relating to any of the transfer stations listed below, please call (970) 498-5770.

Transfer stations cannot accept any large items such as furniture or fencing materials, nor will they accept appliances containing refrigerants. These items are accepted at the Larimer County Landfill.

Checks are not accepted at transfer stations. All waste – regardless of type, size, or weight, and even if placed in plastic bags – must be completely enclosed with a cover and secured to your vehicle. This policy is strictly enforced. Uncovered loads are charged double fees. Waste from outside Larimer County is charged two-and-a-half times the in-county fees.

Wellington

Location: County Road 70 (also known as Owl Canyon Road), between County Roads 7 & 9.

Hours of operation: Open Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also open Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day only.

Berthoud

Location: South of Highway 56 off of County Line Road, east of the gun club.

Hours of operation: Open Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Red Feather Lakes

Location: Just west of Parvin Lake

Hours of operation: Open every Saturday from May through October from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and only the first Saturday of each month from November to April from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Estes Park

Location: 455 Elm Road

Phone: (970) 586-5740

Hours of operation:

October 1 through April 30–Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May and September–Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June, July and August–Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Recycling drop-offs:

The Larimer County Department of Natural Resources also maintains roll-off recycling containers in Berthoud, Wellington, Glacier View Meadows, Estes Park, and at Rocky Mountain National Park headquarters. Call (970) 498-5760 for information about these sites, or see page 5.

Reuse Tip

I take my daughters old jeans and sew them into bags. They have great built-in pockets! I use the leg part that I cut off to make handles. Overalls work great, too, and the denim is nice and strong.

Lisa Valley, Estes Park

Garbage Garage Update

In mid-September, we received a building permit from the county for the Garbage Garage, Larimer County Natural Resources' waste education center. As this goes to print, a sprinkler system is being installed in the building. The sprinkler system is required to meet fire safety standards. Next, we'll have to upgrade the HVAC system and begin work on the parking area, after which we can start actually building and installing the interior displays. Unfortunately, it has taken much longer than expected to obtain the necessary permits and approval from fire and county officials, and it has required more work than first thought to meet their building and safety standards. But there are valid reasons for these standards, so we are, of course, willing to do what it takes to get the Garbage Garage building up to speed. Meanwhile, we've been working behind the scenes putting together the design, text and graphics of the displays, so that we'll be ready to go once the building is ready. We'd like to thank our contractors, Lela Emmons from Studio Oz and Jeff Down from Down Zankay Construction, for their never-ending patience and enthusiasm for the project.

add their organic waste to the company vermiculture. The resulting compost can be used on the 10x10 garden plot provided for each employee.

As much as New Belgium recycles, the company also realizes the importance of reusing materials. Brewing byproducts are maintained onsite to be used by the local community. Spent grain and trub (protein, hop and spice solids) are mixed and blown into an onsite silo and made available 24 hours a day to dairy farmers as cattle feed. Hard to recycle and unique items are donated to local schools and other programs for use in craftmaking.

Earlier this year, Colorado Recycles (a statewide consortium of recyclers) honored New Belgium as one of the recipients of the annual Recycler of the Year awards, which recognizes innovation and community involvement in promoting recycling. The brewery won the "Outstanding Business or Commercial Award."

And as if that's not enough, New Belgium Brewing Company is the first wind-powered brewery in America (eliminating 1,800 metric tons of CO₂ emissions each year). So, as you kick back with that Fat Tire beer in your hand, you can enjoy it even more knowing you're supporting a local business that's taking care of the environment while it's taking care of business.