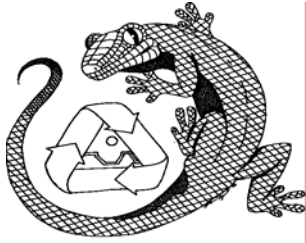


Providing Grand Junction with recycling services:

- Residential curbside recycling within the City of Grand Junction
- Commercial Recycling
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CURBSIDE RECYCLING INDEFINITELY, INC (GJ CRI)

Waste Not, Grand Junction!

Have you noticed that Earth Day (April 21st) is no longer celebrated on a large scale in the Grand Valley? Have you been looking for (and not finding) recycling bins at local events, concerts, and public buildings? Have you asked yourself why Colorado's waste diversion rate (currently 2nd lowest in the nation) is not being addressed aggressively at the state and local level? And why are public education and awareness campaigns noticeably absent through the media?

The events, media coverage, and ongoing activities associated with Earth Day have in the past provided a public forum for addressing local and global environmental concerns. These concerns included the dumping of trash in the desert, resource depletion, the problems of mounting municipal waste, rising energy costs, and water and air

pollution. The Earth Day forum also presented the opportunity for the public to learn practical solutions to apply in daily living: like recycling and installing home water filtration and solar systems. It allowed both children and adults to participate in educational activities like the desert clean up and interactive wildlife demonstrations. Most of the concerns of the past still exist, as do more recently identified issues which can (and do) affect your health and well being- issues such as pesticide spraying, fluoridated water, improper electronics disposal, global climate changes, and toxic emissions .

In November, a small meeting was held to talk about future Earth Day efforts and the reformation of the **Grand Valley Earth Coalition**, the non-profit entity which once organized such events and served as a meeting ground for local officials and concerned groups

and citizens. The decision was made at this meeting to assess the current private and public sector interest in reviving the **Coalition**.

Are we to wait until increased growth and population impact living conditions in Western Colorado to the extremes that prompted the first Earth Day events in the 1970's? Other areas of the country have waited until forced to pass mandatory recycling standards and remedial environmental legislation. Can we instead be proactive and come together as a community of involved, connected, and educated citizens to lead the Grand Valley to a new era of awareness and positive action? We pose the question.

Should you wish to become personally involved in planning and actively supporting future Earth Day events phone Pat Garland at 242-5866 or Elaine Foss at 242-1036.



From Waste REDUCTION to..... ZERO WASTE!

Zero waste policies are being deliberated and adopted in communities across the country. Some Colorado communities are joining in to take bold action in addressing problems associated with waste. Summit County has passed the first Zero Waste resolution in the entire Mountain West and the City of Boulder has already set an ambitious 50% waste reduction goal.

This past summer Boulder's

progressive environmental organization, Eco-Cycle, worked with the weekly local Farmers Market to produce the first ongoing Zero Waste event in the nation. That's right a *Zero waste event*- a concept that, in part, establishes that everything brought to or leaving an event be either recycled, reused or composted!

Grand Junction loves its festivals, concerts, & other events. These events are perfect ways

to demonstrate to our community creative ways to come together to celebrate without generating the types of waste that degrade the very surroundings we enjoy. Zero Waste principles learned at such events are transferable to smaller gatherings! If you would like to join a committee looking into ways to help community organizers and vendors incorporate *zero waste* in events in the Grand Valley, give us a call at 242-1036!

“MINI” GUIDE FOR RECYCLING “HARD-TO-RECYCLE” ITEMS

Welcome to Curbside Recycling Indefinitely, Inc.'s *guide to recycling “hard-to-recycle” materials—those items that typically end up in a landfill (and shouldn't be there!)*. This is designed for the committed recycler like you who is willing to go that extra mile to recycle everything you can. With efforts like yours, we're keeping more resources out of landfills, preventing toxins from entering our soil and groundwater, and preserving natural resources for generations to come. Some items are still “hard-to-recycle” and at this time non-recyclable. But hopefully some of these tips will help you to clean out your storage space, closets or that junk pile by the shed. *Save landfill space and do the right thing!*

AUTOMOBILE TIRES

TDS Tire Distribution Systems

410 North Ave. 242-3021

Accepts junk tires \$2.50/tire

Discount Tire

2820 North Ave. 242-0444

\$3.00/tire disposal fee

BATTERIES

Batteries Plus

578 25 Rd. 245-7000

They will accept any rechargeable batteries, phone batteries, and car batteries for free.

Hensley Battery & Electric

459 28 1/2 Road 243-6323

They accept all alkaline, rechargeable, phone, camera, and car batteries. NO Ni-cad (Nickel-cadmium)

Interstate Batteries

568 32 1/2 Rd. 434-4237

They accept different batteries, call to find out details.

PLASTIC GROCERY SACKS

All **Albertsons** and **Wal-Mart** locations accept plastic grocery sacks for recycling. Check at entrances and ask at service counters. Don't forget to reuse them if you can!

PACKING PEANUTS & BUBBLE WRAP

Many packaging and mailing centers will gratefully accept your **clean** packing peanuts and bubble wrap.

C&D Mailing and Shipping

2678 US Hwy. 50 245-4631

Kangaroo Express

2487 Industrial Blvd 245-3522

The Mail Suite

202 North Ave. 241-8973

The Packaging Store

2454 Hwy. 6&50 Valley Plaza
Mall 245-4426

Fruita Copy and Shipping

316 Hwy 6 & 50 858-5088

MOTOR OIL

Many auto parts and auto repair businesses accept used motor oil to be re-refined and used again. If the U.S. recycled all of its motor oil we could save 1.3 million barrels of oil per day! Locally, used motor oil can be dropped off at:

Autozone

2848 North Ave. 243-3111
2522 1/2 Hwy. 6&50 255-9957

Checker Auto

2401 North Ave 245-9127

Midas Muffler

101 North Ave 243-1833

USED CLOTHING AND HOUSEWARES

Many outlets for your **Used Clothing, Shoes, Household items, Bedding, Dishes, Decorator items, Pots & Pans,**

Children's toys and Furniture, Record albums, tapes, or CD's, Small Appliances, Antiques, and Jewelry are available. Some accept items on consignment. Call for specifics!

Fashion Junkie

710 N. 1st 245-5936

Here is an outlet for all of your *in-season, in-style* clothing for men, women, and children. They will offer you a cash amount or a higher value in trade to use in the store. What a deal & what *FUN!*

Heirlooms for Hospice

635 Main St. 254-8556

Clothing for adults, household items, furniture, & small appliances. They have a no-cost pick-up service available for large items. Call to inquire.

Encore Shoppe and Gallery

2493 Hwy 6 & 50 242-3662

Clothing for the whole family, household items and furniture.

Salvation Army locations:

1235 N. 4th (main office) 242-7513

Pick-up service call 245-9231

1038 Ute Ave. 245-5439

510 30 Rd. 434-6030

1155 N. 4th St. 257-1984

Rescue Mission Thrift Store

2962 North Ave 245-5433

Second Chance Thrift Store

2905 F Rd 241-0691

I Sold It (on E-Bay)

2518 Broadway 242-7144

This is a newer business in the valley, and they will sell any item (with a value of \$25 or more) on E-bay. After evaluation of the item, they will do all the legwork for you for a 30% commission.

BUILDING MATERIALS***Habitat for Humanity Home Store***

1104 Pitkin Ave. 263-0858

They will accept donations of doors, windows, paint, tile, decorations, cabinets, sinks, plumbing supplies, building material, lumber, bricks, home furnishings, furniture, and appliances that are in good condition. They have a free pick up service available.

APPLIANCES, JUNK METAL, CARS***Van Gundy's*** 242-9500

(They are moving in early 2006, so call for location)

Van Gundy's does a great job of recycling all of your metals (among other things). They pay you for recycling your old junk. Some items they accept...electric motors, radiators, metal awnings, metal door frames, metal pipe, gutters, etc. All non-ferrous metals, steel, brass, copper, and aluminum. They can also recycle cars with the 4 tires mounted (no spare). NO tires, NO batteries, NO televisions, NO microwaves, NO computers, and NO electronics. They will accept appli-

ances (refrigerators with the freon removed and lines disconnected). Pick-up service may be available-call Van Gundy's for names and numbers. You may also try *Crazy Lady Junk Hauling @ 216-7283.*

Bonner Supply Company

2365 River Rd 241-2551

They will pay you for your metals (only). NO cars, NO batteries, NO appliances.

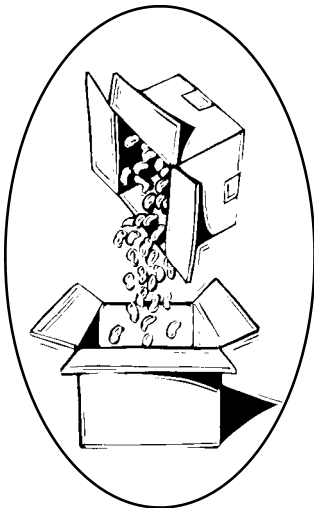
OTHER RESIDENTIAL WASTE

The **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** site is located at the Mesa Co. Landfill 3071 Hwy 50 257-9336 or 256-9543 (Friday & Saturday only 8-4:30) This is the place to take your (household only) latex or oil paints, aerosols, flammable liquids, cleaning supplies, batteries (car or household), solvents, adhesives, fertilizers, pesticides, antifreeze, toner or laser cartridges, light bulbs, and used or new motor oil. Unless you have a whole lot of these items, there will not be a charge.

Organic Composting Facility same location, 263-9319 (Tues- Sat 8-4:30). This is a great place to take your "green waste"...grass clippings, leaves, tree branches and stumps, manure and hay, pallets, and most weeds. They cannot accept sod or root balls. Call if you have questions.

Batteries Plus, 578 25 Road, can recycle electronics (computers, phones, faxes etc) and CRT's (monitors and TV's) for a small fee. Phone them at 245-7000.

For more information about electronics recycling or upcoming local electronics drop off events, phone Lifespan Technology Recycling (888)720-0900 or (970) 256-0182.

**TIPS FOR "GREENER" HOLIDAYS**

Whether celebrating Christmas or your child's birthday, there are simple, tasteful and creative ways to conserve as well as consume! Unwrap gently (yeah, right!) save wrapping, bows, ribbons, and tissue paper for other holidays. Paperboard (shirt boxes) are great for storing all of that saved wrap! Be creative with your own wrapping. Have the kids (or the kid inside of you) color on plain paper. You can also use recyclable paper bags as wrap, and put holiday stickers on the package. Have fun while conserving on special occasions!

According to their website, St. Jude's Ranch for Children is no longer accepting greeting card fronts for recycling.

Try this:

Have a stamp engraved with the words "This card has been recycled to conserve resources".

Then use it for your own recycled card fronts or give as a thoughtful gift. Your more resource conscious friends will appreciate it.

2005 IN REVIEW

The City of Grand Junction's residents, through Curbside Recycling Indefinitely, Inc., recycled two and three quarter *million* pounds (1375 tons) of material as of the end of November, 2005. We project that the total for the year will inch very close to the 3,000,000 pound mark! All of that material is picked up (*by hand*) by the GJ CRI crew and off-loaded at the River Road facility. There it is further separated into the required categories, bailed, and loaded onto trucks for delivery to mills and processors as far away as Ohio (1,583 miles!). Some of the sorting is done by Partners, Inc. kids who, as a group, have contributed 300 hours of court ordered community service. At the recycling facility they get a true taste of hard work. We appreciate these kids and thank Partners Inc. for being involved!

During the same period of time, (January-November, 2005) 35 million pounds of trash went into the Mesa County Landfill from City residences. This means almost 8% of the city's trash is being recycled! Each trash truck load averages about 7 tons of waste. At this rate we (YOU) have diverted 196 truckloads of waste from going to the landfill.

Be *Proud* of yourselves, but know that there is still room for much improvement in our community!



Christmas Tree Recycling

Here it is again, the Holiday season! We will be offering a home pick-up service for Christmas tree recycling on **Friday, January 13th**. No more putting the tree on top of the Cadillac! We'll be happy to pick-up your tree for a \$5.00 fee. Please call the Curbside Recycling office @242-1036, to schedule a pick-up. The tree must be free of all tinsel, ornaments, bows, etc.

The Solid Waste Dept. provides a drop-off location as well. The recycling starts the day after Christmas and runs through the end of January. The location has permanently moved from the City Shops to the Orchard Mesa Cemetery, located south of Hwy 50 and Unawep Ave. on Canon St. To get there, take the first right turn on Canon Street

onto the gravel road. Signs will be posted. City forestry crews will be chipping trees on a daily basis. The chips are available to the public to take free of charge (provide your own way of loading and containers).

Please **DO NOT** drop your tree off at the City Shops.

Call us and we'll pick it up for you!

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a green and wonderful New Year!

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<http://gjcri.com>

