



Winter Waste & Recycling News

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Plastic Recycling ...It's in the Bag!

Recycling Pop Quiz:

Q: What do you do with empty yogurt containers after breakfast?

A: Recycle them!

Q: What about margarine containers after scraping them clean?

A: Recycle them!

Q: Where do empty plastic "veggie" trays go when the party's over?

A: Recycling Bin!

Are you getting the big picture? **You can now recycle more household plastics!** You no longer have to single out those with "threaded necks" and the numbers 1, 2, or 3 stamped on the bottom.

The only exceptions are:

- **Plastic containers must be 2-gallons or smaller.** Larger plastic containers can be taken to area recycling drop-sites.



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- **No plastic bags, shrink wrap, plastic wrap, or other filmy plastics.**

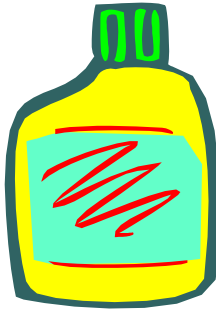
These items tend to blow off our trucks or get caught in the gears at recycling centers. Fortunately, your plastic bags can still avoid the landfill. Most grocery stores have "bag" collection bins and will accept bags in any condition.

- **No motor oil or pesticide containers.** These containers have hazardous residues that can be harmful to you and your pets. Trash these items!

- **No Styrofoam.** You may find recycling arrows on these items, but they are *not* part of the plastic family and cannot be recycled in Idaho.

We've expanded the list of acceptable plastics (#1 through #7), now it's up to you! Fill your bin and get it to the curb each week.

Remember to rinse and flat-



ten your plastic bottles and tubs *before* throwing them in the bin. Most can be easily squished, saving space in your bin *and* on our truck.

If you squish your plastics like a champ but you still can't squeeze your recyclables into one blue bin, no problem! Use additional recycling containers such as milk crates, plastic storage bins, small kitchen trash cans or cardboard boxes to hold your "overflow" recyclables. Label additional containers with "RECYCLING" and "SAVE" and set them next to your blue bin.

If you are not currently recycling but want to give it a whirl...now is the time! Recycling is a great New Year's resolution and we're here to ensure your success! Call Allied Waste at 587-4237 to request a bin. We will arrange to have one delivered to your house. Each bin comes with a sticker which shows the types of materials that can

be recycled in Mountain Home.

If you already have a bin but would like an updated sticker, shoot us an e-mail at: info@bfiidaho.com, and we will mail (or e-mail) one to you.

Curbside recycling is a great way to reduce the amount of trash you send to the landfill. Make a difference—Recycle!

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Mark Your Calendar

Allied Waste Will Observe the Following Holidays:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas



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Reminders:

Mountain Home residents can recycle motor oil Curbside—Read the set-out guidelines in “Common Recycling Questions” article below!



High school seniors planning on continuing their education can apply for a \$500 Allied Waste scholarship.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Grade Point Average of 3.0, or better (20%).
- Plan to attend an Idaho post-secondary school (10%).
- Recommendations from high school teachers (10%).
- Intent to enter a field of environmental science (20%).
- Need (40%).



Send your application letter, recommendations and a copy of your high school transcript to: Allied Waste, 11101 W. Executive Drive, Boise, Idaho 83713



Common Recycling Questions



What day will my recycling be collected?

Recyclable materials are collected the same day as your trash. Set your blue bin out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. in a place where it will be visible to the driver (preferably 3-feet or more from your trash cans.)

What if my bin is stolen or broken?

Call Allied Waste and request another bin. Allied Waste will replace your bin up to once a year if it is missing or damaged.

Do I have to use paper bags?

We prefer that you use paper bags. Paper bags are recyclable and driver-friendly. When your bags are worn out, your driver can throw them onto the truck. All grocery stores still stock paper bags, you just have to request them. For those of you with reusable canvas bags, most grocery stores will allow you to take 2-3 paper bags once in awhile at no charge.

What do I do if it is windy or rainy?

If it's windy, cover your bin with a piece of cardboard and weigh it down with a rock. If it's rainy, you can still recycle. Allied Waste picks-up soggy materials!

What do I do with my motor oil?

Place your motor oil in a transparent one-gallon jug labeled “USED MOTOR OIL” and set it NEXT TO YOUR BLUE BIN. Write “SAVE” on your jug if you would like to re-use the container. Motor oil will not be accepted if it is mixed with other fluids such as gasoline or antifreeze.

What do I do if my recycling is not picked-up?

If your recycling was not picked-up by the end of the day, you may have been missed and should call Allied Waste. Your setout will be collected the next service day. If only some of your material was taken, chances are something in your bin was not acceptable. Look for an “Oops” card indicating the problem.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Mountain Home Residents can “recycle” their Christmas Trees the week of January 8—12, 2007.

Please follow these guidelines when setting your tree out for collection:

- Cut tree into 4' lengths.
- Strip Tree—Remove lights, tinsel, stand and ornaments.
- No flocked trees can be composted.
- Place tree at curb on your TRASH day, a few feet from your cart. A second truck will be by to collect your tree.

