



Clean Valley Recycling

"Recycle Today For a Better Tomorrow"

Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Grant Program Final Report

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II. Work Plan:

Task/Deliverable	Scheduled Duration/ End Date	New Deadline (if applicable)	Actual Date Completed	Reasons Deadline Not Met (if applicable)
Install horizontal baler	9/13/2013		10/17/2013	Procuring the right baler and waiting for the baler to be factory-refurbished and installed on our site.
Complete updates to website and Facebook page	12/6/2013		10/1/2013	
Install new signage at the Swink facility and Rocky Ford center	12/6/2013		10/29/2013	
Print and distribute 500 brochures	12/6/2013		9/26/2013	
Install plastics sorting system	12/6/2013		11/20/2013	
Establish new drop-off site in Fowler	12/6/2013	12/31/2014		Continued inability to find site coordinator
Begin storing segregated plastic bales by type	2/28/2014		10/25/2013	
Print and distribute 500 brochures	6/6/2014		5/29/2013	
Establish new drop-off site in Las Animas	6/6/2014	10/1/2014		Inability to secure affordable location

1) Executive Summary:

The 2013 RREO Grant afforded us the purchase a horizontal baler as well as money for advertising and installation of a plastic sorting system. We also increased the number of bags in our “pay as you throw” system. Our infrastructure has become more robust and our operations more secure mechanically. Advertising in the form of flags, signs, brochures and a banner give our business more public exposure. Clean Valley Recycling processes more materials more efficiently as a result of the RREO grant.

Our goal of being able to quickly bale large quantities of cardboard has been realized. The horizontal baler far surpasses our older vertical baler in both through-put and ease of operation. One volunteer easily bales all incoming cardboard in a couple days – even as the quantities increase.

Clean Valley’s plastics recycling operation has been transformed from a bag-and-ship model into a full on-site processing facility. Our sorting table has provided the means for our volunteers to segregate plastic types for baling. The horizontal baler makes short work of the compacting operation so that we maintain ample floor space for efficient operation. We have now accumulated sufficient quantities in order to make our first plastics sale.

We accept other materials as well as we strive to be the “one stop shop” for local recyclers while keeping our prices low. We have begun accepting paper from the public, baling and stacking it for sale. Advertising our electronics recycling service brings recyclers to our door, keeping business local.

As a result of our infrastructural improvements and expansion into new material types, more businesses and members of the public are choosing to recycle with CVR instead of throwing the materials away. This translates into less waste, decreased landfill usage and increased landfill “lifespan”.

As word gets out, more material comes in, thus augmenting CVR’s financial situation. We now sell cardboard at a regular rate of one semi-trailer load per month, less sporadically than before. We have hired a full time general manager and more recently, a part time driver.

2) Project Description & Overview of Work Completed.

Clean Valley Recycling set out to become more efficient in recycling cardboard and plastics (our primary business). Because another company recycles glass, metals and paper locally, cardboard and plastic have been our main focus. We began to diversify along the way in order to better serve the public – becoming a one-stop-shop for recyclers. Along the way we began electronics recycling, filling a vacant niche in SE Colorado.

In this rural region of the state, the demand for cardboard services is relatively high. Factoring in is the increase of landfill tipping fees from nothing (free) to a nominal fee. Farmers and businesses that formerly landfilled cardboard, now save money by bringing it to CVR. Our pick-up services also expanded and we quickly outgrew our vertical baler and knew we needed to ramp up production. Our plastic was being sent out un-baled which is quite inefficient in terms of fossil fuel and labor use.

Our goals for more efficient cardboard and plastics processing necessitated the procurement of a bigger, more powerful baler with integrated conveyor. The baler system in turn required increased electrical capacity. As a result of the RREO grant, we contracted with Matthews Electric, who beefed up our service both inside the building and on the outside service main. New conduit and wiring were installed from a new expanded breaker box to the baler. Outside the building, the electrical service was increased from 100 to 200 amps to prevent system overload. The upgrade has allowed continuous operation without problems such as tripped breakers.

Following the “reuse” concept, we located a used Cram-A-Lot baler and opted for a factory refurbishment. Many people, including Otero County workers, assisted in its installment and service initiation. The factory refurbished J.V. Cram-A-Lot horizontal baler with integrated conveyor was installed October 17, 2013. The baler has been operable since that date with only minor adjustments necessary. After some learning curve ascent, our volunteers and 1.5 employees have become fairly proficient with sorting and baling plastics. Baling cardboard is now easier, safer and more streamlined for employees and volunteers.

Alex Szyleyko designed and built our plastics sorting system. The wooden sorting table has a capacity of 500 bags of recyclables per week. Alex refined our floor plan so recyclables are systematically stored – both before and after baling. In addition, he installed lighting to illuminate the sorting table and above the horizontal baler. As part of his consultation work, Alex guided changes to our floor-plan which have developed into an efficient system for processing recyclables His services also included short cuts, tricks and tips for efficient baling of cardboard, plastics and other materials.

The money granted for advertising went for signs, a website, and brochures. Local company Signs and Designs, made a 48 ft. banner, easily visible from HWY 50. They also made metal signs for our Swink center as well. Some grant funds covered banner installation labor.

Grant funds purchased four feather “recycle” flags with CVR logo - one for each of our centers in Rocky Ford, La Junta, Swink and Ordway. The signs are erected during open hours, alerting the public that our recycling centers are open.

Our website (www.cleanvalleyrecycling.org) was designed by Catherine Joy. The site was tailored to fit our needs, including several links to view and print flyers and membership forms as well as a calendar to post

events. Part of the website construction fee included instruction on how to edit the site so that as grow, we will be able to change the site easily.

The Rocky Ford High School business department printed our tri-fold brochures we use to inform the public of our services and prices. Students have assisted in printing over 1000 brochures so far.

As part of our “pay as you throw” model, CVR offers 40-gallon sand bags to the public for plastics recycling. In August, we purchased 3000 of these and contracted with CVR Manager Stephen Nielsen to string and stencil them with the CVR logo. These woven poly-pro are now commonplace in even outlying rural areas and serve to get our name in circulation.

As a result, more people in the local communities are recycling materials to our four centers in increasing quantities. More material is diverted from the landfill to be remanufactured, reducing pressure on virgin natural resources. Southeast Colorado is stepping into a more sustainable modern era. Recycling enhances quality of life and makes rural folks feel they can contribute environmentally.

3) Summary of Findings & Results:

As a result of Clean Valley’s infrastructural improvements, we are recycling in a safer, more efficient, more effective manner. This shows in increased numbers of both recycled materials and in the people participating with Clean Valley Recycling.

On the matter of cardboard recycling, our modernization has helped both the business side of CVR and the volunteers that help in Swink. In the first four months of the grant work period (July – October, 2013), we diverted around 11 tons of cardboard per month from the waste stream. In the last four months of our grant work period, CVR has processed and sold more than 23 tons per month. This accomplishment comes without a concomitant increase in labor – the new baler makes shorter work of baling tasks.

We are hopeful that the various forms of advertisement, from radio spots to brochures to word-of mouth, keeps this volume up. Most businesses that subscribe to our cardboard pick-up service save money on waste collection – important in this low-income area. Word-of-mouth and other communication has resulted in increased cardboard recycling. Our subscriptions have increased by some 20% over the year. We continually seek out new entities and individuals for source material.

As for plastics, Clean Valley Recycling has been transformed. We no longer send out un-baled plastic in box trucks bound for Pueblo West – a 130 mile round trip. This is saving some six gallons of gasoline per ton of plastic. Instead, with the new plastics- sorting table and system, we now sort plastics into #1s, #2 natural, #2 colored, #s 1-7 mixed and now #5s. We bale the plastic efficiently in the Cram-A-Lot and stockpile it for sale. During the grant work period, we made more than four bales per month, thus diverting on average some 1.75 tons from the waste stream monthly.

Our pay-as-you throw plastics program continues with RREO help in the form of 3,000 new stenciled bags. The bags also serve as advertisement with the Clean Valley logo and green color. Clean Valley currently takes in around 500 bags per month from the public to be sorted, baled and sold as described above. Most plastics recyclers are regular customers. Some drop out because of the cost involved. Most new and returning recyclers are enthusiastic at the opportunity to recycle plastics rather than landfill them.

The goal for electronics recycling has been realized. Our goal for 2014 was 6.6 tons, or 0.55 tons per month. We are already recycling approximately 0.75 tons per month of electronics. We attribute this success to recent legislation that prohibits dumping E-waste in landfills as well as our efforts to inform the public of our E-waste services.

4) Summary of Unanticipated Outcomes or Roadblocks:

Some setbacks and disappointments have accompanied CVR's successes.

One roadblock to the establishment of a collection site in Fowler is a lack of volunteer help. We were offered indoor space to collect materials but finding an individual to coordinate the site has been difficult. We continue to talk with our contacts there to come up with a solution. One possibility is offering curbside recycling service through the private trash service haulers in Fowler.

One unanticipated positive outcome has been CVR's successful collaboration with recyclers in Lamar CO. Lamar Partnerships Inc. opened a Saturday center for the recycling of plastics and electronic waste. Lamar residents have previously recycled steel, aluminum, glass and paper with Southeast and East Central Recycling Association. Now, Clean Valley Recycling and Lamar Partnership Inc. are working together so that residents recycle plastics and E-waste as well. The 65 miles separating Clean Valley and Lamar increases transportation costs, so we lowered our margin & accept less financial return from this distant collection center. Lamar partnerships Inc. have brought in four shipments of material (E-waste and plastics) so far and we look forward to continued collaboration.

Similarly, Clean Valley has not established a recycling center in Las Animas CO. We have lacked a venue but have a couple of potential volunteers. Recently however, we received a tentative offer of recycling space from Bent County. An older garage that is little used may be available to CVR for Saturday plastics & cardboard drop-off. We await word from the county entity and are hopeful.

The plastics program has seen only small increases locally, but with the addition of a collection site in Lamar and the Crowley County Correctional Facility; we may reach our goal of 144 bags per week in 2014. Part of the reason for low participation in plastics recycling is the fact that we charge for this service. If we had financial partnership with county and/or city entities, we might then offer this service for free which would likely increase participation significantly. A small per-capita charge could cover our recycling costs while reducing municipal landfill use and so could be cost-neutral or nearly so. We will continue to push for local support.

In metals recycling, Clean Valley lags behind our goal of recycling nine tons of metals per annum. In the grant work period, we recycled a total of around 2.4 tons of metals. The local Dionisio scrapyards pay for metals while we do not. However, many recyclers bring us metals despite this competition. In cooperation with CVR, Dionisio has pledged a roll-off to place at our Swink center so we can accept larger scrap and increase our metals recycling.

5) Communication Of Project Findings:

As stated previously, word-of-mouth communication is the de-facto gold standard in rural areas. Volunteers from our La Junta, Rocky Ford and Ordway centers spread the word about what's happening at our hub in Swink. We invite recyclers and others to tour the 27,000 square foot Swink center. In addition, we host an annual barn dance to get acquainted with locals and share a good time. On May 31st, 2014 around 250 guests enjoyed food, drink, live music and dancing in Swink.

Some other ways in which we communicate with local population:

Monthly radio time on local radio program "TTO – This, That and the Other" on KBLJ, 1400 AM.

There is a weekly Recycling report in the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette newspaper.

Frequent articles in the La Junta Tribune Democrat newspaper cover CVR's activities.

La Junta Chamber of Commerce Public Service Announcements on their scrolling marquee features Clean Valley Recycling and is easily visible along Hwy 50.

On November 16, we celebrated America Recycles Day with an Open House event showcasing our new baler and plastic sorting system. About 100 people attended, taking self-guided tours through six stations focusing on sorting, baling, material collection, repurposing, reducing impacts, and composting. Featured also were children's activities and an educational film.

In October of 2013, we partnered with the city of Rocky Ford to promote our recycling program by including an informational flyer with each utility bill. Distribution of this flyer coincided with the start of our "buy one get one free" recycle bag promotion, offered for the entire month of November. These methods of advertising may reach a group of people who may not read the paper or listen to the local radio station.

Clean Valley Recycling conducts educational tours for school groups and others. In September 2013, a class of 200 students from La Junta Intermediate School came to our Swink Recycling Center for an educational field trip. We also had a college class from Otero Junior College visit our operation in September. In January 2014, some 30 home-schooled students and parents toured our facility. In May, the entire La Junta 8th grade toured through five interactive recycling stations.

In October 2013, we began a membership campaign. Forms were distributed outlining different levels of membership and associated benefits. Membership allows community members to become more involved and have influence on the direction of CVR.

Having representatives at community event booths brings Clean Valley Recyclers into contact with hundreds of potential new recyclers. In this last year CVR had representatives at the La Junta Pedal the Plains and Early Settler's Day festivals in La Junta in September of 2013 and Cruisin' Into Summer in Rocky Ford on June 7th. Our truck also appeared in the Arkansas Valley Fair Parade in August, 2013.

Dee & Stephen attended the June CAFR Summit on Recycling in Colorado Springs, making contacts with businesses and recyclers from across the country.

By attending so many events, inviting so many into our centers and advertising so extensively, we slowly gain statewide recognition even with our out-of-the-way location.

6) Future Impact of the Project:

We are hopeful that our current project will expand and continue into the foreseeable future, thus diverting increasing proportions of resources from the waste-stream. As the only significant recycler of cardboard, plastics and E-waste in SE Colorado, east of Pueblo, Clean Valley is poised to make a difference over a significant area of Colorado. Our challenges are to increase the number of spokes supplying our hub in Swink and to educate rural residents on the environmental and economic importance of reducing waste. By reaching young people with environmental education at the schools and of our centers, we recruit a new generation of recyclers. As we continue to upgrade infrastructure, our diversion impacts can increase with our increasing volumes.

We are currently working with a number of individuals and entities, providing volunteer opportunity and some paid work. Experience with recycling is educational and some skills acquired at Clean Valley, could be imparted to other recyclers and other businesses. Also, recycling is no franchise, every start-up forges new methodologies and markets for resources. There is much sharing of knowledge among Colorado recyclers and we at Clean Valley make our contribution. We hosted the manager from Southeast East Central Recycling last summer & visited their facility this summer. We are currently collaborating with another non-profit organization on a possible cardboard furniture start up. Clean Valley's participation in the CAFR Summit on recycling keeps us up with developments in recycling industries. The free flow of ideas available through this kind of interaction is encouraging and we continually query others in the areas of electronic waste, pallet recycling, glass and other materials.

7) Financial Summary:

A rough breakdown of grant fund spending is included in table below. In kind contributions included \$169.75 Clean Valley pail electricians above grant allowance. Monthly radio spots for advertising accounted for \$240.00 in in-kind contribution. The usage of leased 27,000 square foot building was included as a \$5,000.00 in kind amount. We also give 1/3 of bag sales proceeds to volunteer groups helping at Clean Valley recycling centers. Our in-kind contributions during the grant work period totaled \$3,992.33 (placed in Fringe Benefits in table).

An approximate iteration of grant spending follows in rough format. Details of purchases and service contracts are detailed in submitted invoices. The J.V. Cram-A-Lot horizontal baler with integrated conveyor cost was \$41,852.26. Matthews electric's electrical upgrades were \$3,649.72 (new wiring) and \$2,832.56 (amperage upgrade). Cost of Alex Szyleyko's consultation work and construction was \$4,410 with an additional charge of \$322.99 for banner installation. The CVR banner cost was \$1,335.00 and signs flags and decals were \$696.68. Website construction was \$1,000 plus \$143.76 for the domain. The 3,000 bags were \$1,957 with \$4,000 paid for string attachment and stenciling. Printing of 1,000 brochures ran \$200. The purchase of the La Junta recycling trailer cost \$2,5000 with the trailer stairs at \$500.

Description	Grant Funds Spent	Matching In Kind Amount (If Any)	Total Amount
Personnel Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuition/Fees	\$0.00	\$3,992.33	\$3,992.33
Travel Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Materials/Supplies/Equip. (under \$5000)	\$8,957.03	\$0.00	\$8,957.03
Equipment Purchases (over \$5000)	\$48,334.54	\$0.00	\$48,334.54
Contractors/Subcontractors	\$0.00	\$169.75	\$169.75
Consultants	\$4,710.00	\$0.00	\$4,710.00
Training/Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marketing/Advertising	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Other Direct Costs	\$3698.43	\$0.00	\$3698.43
Indirect Costs	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$75,102.35	\$0.00	\$75,102.35
Total Award	\$65,700	\$9,402.08	\$75,102.08

8) Conclusion:

The notion that our resources are limited and valuable is not universally shared but is becoming more commonplace. Recycling is more difficult in rural areas with municipal services strained due to limited tax revenue and other factors. There is no "curbside" here - yet. However, citizens come to Clean Valley Recycling excited by the opportunity to recycle their surplus materials. Most individuals recycle to avoid waste and to make a positive environmental contribution. Some recycle just to save money on waste disposal. Our recycling centers accommodate all these motivations and have become places for concerned citizens to meet and have discussions on conservation and other topics. One attraction of our Swink center is that we recycle most materials in one location. The RREO grant program has made this possible with the new equipment, materials, advertising and consultation.

Clean Valley Recycling's income from sales of materials recycled is significant at about \$2000 per month in cardboard sales. CVR services earn another \$2000 from CVR's pay-as you-throw plastic service, cardboard business pick up subscriptions and electronics recycling. Operational costs are quite significant however with equipment maintenance, payroll, etc. While our earned income basically keeps us afloat (barely), it does not cover large expenditures for infrastructure improvements such as balers, plastic sorting systems and electrical upgrades. We, like most small recyclers, benefit greatly from the RREO grant program from the Colorado Department of Public Health & the Environment. It is largely to CDPH's RREO grant program that we owe our start up success. Our goal is to become self sustaining going forward but the benefit to CVR from RREO cannot be underestimated.

9) Appendix:

a) Grant Metrics Table: See attachment

b) Community Leader Contact Information:

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Keith Goodwin, Otero County CO Commissioner, 719-468-2047 & 719-383-3000, kgoodwin@otero.gov

Matt Heimerich, Former Crowley County Co Commissioner / ICAST Board Member, 719-980-5173, mheimerich@wildblue.net

Ian Kaiser, Rocky Ford CO City Manager, 719-469-4847, ikaiser@ci.rocky-ford.co.us

c) Manuals, Brochures, Print Advertisements, Pictures, Educational Materials, etc.:

Find attached our brochure, agricultural chemical-jug recycling promotion, theater add PowerPoint and utility add flyer. Also, Bette McFarren, who reports for the La Junta Tribune Democrat, has written a series of articles on our activities. Find the URLs below and navigate to the recent articles and accompanying photographs.

Field Trip to Clean Valley Recycling:

<http://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/article/20131024/NEWS/131029929>

Clean Valley Open House Survives Dust Storm:

<http://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/article/20131118/News/131119925>

Clean Valley Recycling and SE Colorado Partnership Honored:

<http://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/article/20140109/News/140109942>

Get Ready for the 2nd Annual CVR Barn Dance:

<http://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/article/20140401/News/140409967>

Barn Dance Saturday Night:

<http://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/article/20140530/News/140539989>

Barn Dance a Stompin' Success:

<http://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/article/20140602/NEWS/140609988/2056/ENTERTAINMENT>

Swink Sugar Factory Takes Electronics, Cardboard, Plastic:

<http://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/article/20130228/NEWS/130229908/1001/NEWS?template=printart>

Grant Metrics

Date project fully operational:

July-14

Based on deliverables. Provide the month during which the grant project increased diversion/created jobs/increased number of customers.

Diversion Rates:

Choose one material per box. Only list materials diverted as a direct result of the grant project. **Must be listed in tons.** See tab labeled "Conversion Tables" if needed.

Material Diverted #1	
Cardboard	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	
August-13	22
September-13	23
October-13	
November-13	23
December-13	
January-14	23.5
February-14	
March-14	23
April-14	23
May-14	23
June-14	23.5
Total	184

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #2	
Newspaper/Office paper	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	0.5
August-13	0.7
September-13	0.8
October-13	0.75
November-13	0.75
December-13	0.7
January-14	0.9
February-14	0.95
March-14	0.85
April-14	0.75
May-14	0.9
June-14	0.95
Total	9.5

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #3	
Plastics (#1-7)	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	1.84
August-13	1.9
September-13	2.1
October-13	1.47
November-13	2.09
December-13	1.26
January-14	1.9
February-14	1.5
March-14	2.85
April-14	1.6
May-14	2.24
June-14	1.97
Total	20.88

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #4	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	
August-13	
September-13	
October-13	
November-13	
December-13	
January-14	
February-14	
March-14	
April-14	
May-14	
June-14	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #5	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	
August-13	
September-13	
October-13	
November-13	
December-13	
January-14	
February-14	
March-14	
April-14	
May-14	
June-14	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #6	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	
August-13	
September-13	
October-13	
November-13	
December-13	
January-14	
February-14	
March-14	
April-14	
May-14	
June-14	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #7	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	
August-13	
September-13	
October-13	
November-13	
December-13	
January-14	
February-14	
March-14	
April-14	
May-14	
June-14	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #8	
Tons Diverted	
July-13	
August-13	
September-13	
October-13	
November-13	
December-13	
January-14	
February-14	
March-14	
April-14	
May-14	
June-14	
Total	0

Other div. material:

End use of diverted materials:

Describe where materials are going (e.g. MRF, new products, reuse)

Baled cardboard is being brokered by WeRecycle in Pueblo West and delivered to Biopapel in Prewitt, NM. Mixed baled ONP and all baled plastics will be brokered by Angel of Shavano Red

Number of Permanent Jobs Created:

Include full-time & part time paid positions. 1 FTE = 40 Hours Per Week

1.3

Type of Permanent Job(s) Created:

Provide titles of jobs created

General Manager and Truck Driver

Average Salaries of Jobs Created:

Average of all jobs created

\$15,001 - \$30,000

Average Monthly Customers for FY 2014:

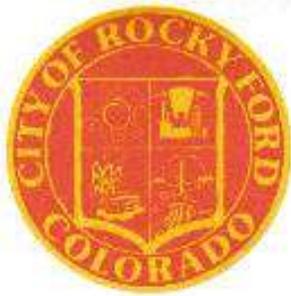
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

500

Average Monthly Customers for FY 2014:

Estimate or refer to customer list

Avg. Monthly Amount	
July-13	450
August-13	450
September-13	475
October-13	475
November-13	450
December-13	450
January-14	500
February-14	500
March-14	500
April-14	550
May-14	550
June-14	600
Ave. / FY 14	500



Why Recycle?

It's Fun, It's Easy
It's the Right thing to do



The city of Rocky Ford and Clean Valley Recycling are launching a joint effort to promote greater participation in recycling. For the month of November we will be offering a special on our pay-per-bag recycling program –

buy one bag, get one free (limit two per visit).

Come visit us at our Rocky Ford Location
at 111 North 9th Street, across from the Gobin Building.

We are open every Saturday morning.

Here are several reasons why it is important to recycle:

1. Recycling Saves Energy and Prevents Pollution:

Producing new plastic products from recycled materials uses one-third the energy that making products from raw materials uses, so recycling plastics frees up that energy consumption for other products and uses. In 2007, the US recycled over 4 billion pounds of plastic, which saved enough energy to heat over 2.1 million homes.

2. Recycling Preserves our landfill and saves taxpayer money:

Landfills are very expensive to build and to maintain and we all have to bear this cost with taxpayer money. You can easily decrease the amount of trash you send to the landfill by more than half if you recycle your plastics, cardboard, glass, aluminum, tin, steel, and paper.

3. Recycling creates jobs:

Recycling enterprises employ 1.1 million workers nationwide. The more you recycle the more jobs we can create and that is good for our economy!



Ranchers and Farmers

You can now recycle your plastic woven
feed/seed bags, twine, and your supplement tubs

at

Clean Valley Recycling

Just save your feed/seed bags, tubs and your twine,
keep them separate from your other recyclables,
and bring them to us at the Swink Sugar Factory.

Twine needs to be clean of hay or straw and
tubs should be fairly clean

We are open every Wednesday 9am – noon and 1 – 4pm

There is no reason that these items should end up in the
landfill or be burned on the farm – they can be melted
down and recycled!

There's No Excuse For Single Use!



Recycling Locations

La Junta

Trailer at 3rd & Adams
Saturday mornings
April – October 8:00-noon
November – March 9:00-noon

Swink

Old Sugar Factory
Wednesdays 9am – 4pm
Saturday mornings 9am-noon

Rocky Ford

202 South Main
Saturday mornings

Manzanola

Lions Club collection bin

Ordway

311 Main – Saturday mornings

Lamar

Thriftway, 204 South 6th
Every 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Clean Valley Recycling is a comprehensive recycling hub proudly serving Southeastern Colorado. We provide a wide variety of recycling services and promote environmentally sustainable practices while offering community service and fundraising opportunities for local youth groups and the general public.

A portion of the proceeds from our plastics recycling program benefit student organizations and other nonprofits who volunteer to help recycle on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in scheduling your organization to help, call:
468-4279 for La Junta
468-6226 for Rocky Ford
468-8083 for Ordway

We gratefully acknowledge our supporters and contributors who make Clean Valley Recycling possible:

Colorado Dept. of Health & Environment;
WeRecycle-Pueblo West; Cities of Rocky Ford, Ordway, La Junta, and Lamar, Manzanola; Triad Computer Systems; Sustainability; our business partners and our many community volunteers and supporters.

Thank you!

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It's easy

It's fun

It's the
right
thing to
do

Recycle

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Pay-Per-Bag Plastics Recycling

Simply purchase a recycling bag, fill it with your clean recyclables, and drop it off at one of our drop-off locations

1. Cost: \$3.00 per bag
2. Bags: hold up to 40 gallons.
3. Please remove lids and make sure containers are clean.

Acceptable Material:

Plastic bottles and containers #1-#7

1. PET: Soda bottles, water bottles
2. HDPE: Milk bottles, detergent bottles, spray bottles, large supplement tubs, triple-rinsed chemical jugs.
3. PVC: loose-leaf binders, plastic pipes
4. LDPE: squeezable bottles, shrink wrap
5. PP: Medicine bottles, drinking straws, ketchup bottles, sour cream, hummus, butter tubs, etc
6. PS: Compact disc jackets, plastic tableware, etc
7. Other: Reusable water bottles, certain kinds of food containers, Tupperware, large supplement tubs, triple-rinsed chemical jugs

Non Recyclable Plastics:

1. Styrofoam is not recyclable
2. No grocery or produce bags, no ziplock or trash bags or pet food bags.
3. No plastic film – bubble wrap, clear plastic wrap, 6-pack plastic, frozen vegetable or meat bags.

Tip : Always look for a number #1 - #7 when recycling your plastics.

Free Drop Off at Swink:

- Aluminum
 - All metals: steel, tin cans, washers, dryers, (no freon)
 - Paper: newspaper, office, shredded, magazines
 - Glass
 - Twine (must be clean)
 - Plastic seed/feed bags
 - Cardboard
 - Triple-rinsed ag chemical jugs
- Call Stephen for questions: 468-0254

Cardboard

Cardboard is the single largest component of waste from businesses going to our landfill and it is one of the easiest items to recycle. So don't throw it in the dump – recycle it!

1. Break down and flatten your cardboard, corrugated cardboard or paper board (cereal boxes, etc) and stack in an intact box.
2. Do not include any cardboard that has been contaminated with oil, grease, food or chemicals.
3. Bring your cardboard to one of our drop-off locations.
4. We would be happy to come and pick up cardboard at your place of business for a minimal fee. Call Stephen to set up a schedule 468-0254.

Electronics

Electronics Recycling is available at the Swink Sugar Factory location only. We are partnering with “Sustainability” to ethically recycle your electronics while providing meaningful jobs in Colorado.

Recycling fees:

No charge:

Computer towers*, Laptops, Servers, Cell phones

20 cents/lb:

General e-waste, AV equipment, IT components, printers, scanners, small appliances, toner cartridges...

25 cents/foot:

Fluorescent U-tubes

30 cents/lb:

Computer monitors, TV's

50 cents each for CFL bulbs

Batteries – Ask us – 468-0254

* For data destruction, take your computer to Triad Computer Systems at 1321 E 3rd in La Junta. They will certifiably erase all personal data and then recycle your computer through Clean Valley.

Paint

Recycle your leftover Latex paint!
Recycling fee of \$2 per gallon
Paint will be repurposed.