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Global Economy Slows:

Recycling Commodity Prices Bottom Out

In November, 2008 as the global economy slowed and gas prices came down, recycling commodity prices dropped and mills closed due to the lack of demand for recycled products. There was a day when brokers paid Fauquier County upwards of \$100 per ton for mixed paper, for example, now there is no market for mixed paper. Mills all over the country are stock piling paper and plastic products waiting for the market prices to improve. Brokers are optimistic and look to early spring for movement in the recycling markets. One positive aspect of producing a quality product is that brokers are continuing to purchase some of Fauquier County's recycling despite the slow economy. Fauquier County will continue to produce a quality product as the markets improve in 2009.

Satellite Convenience Sites Close:

Sites to Close on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Due to budget cutbacks, satellite convenience sites which collect trash and recycling from area residents in Catlett, Marshall, Markham, Morrisville, and New Baltimore will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning January 1, 2009. The Remington site will be closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Corral Farm Convenience Site located adjacent to the county landfill will continue to be open 7 days a week for use by all county residents.

County to Increase C&D Tonnage:

Plans Call for C&D Marketing Strategies

Construction debris tonnage has dropped off as the economy has slowed. To eventually improve this problem, plans are being drawn up to market area builders, haulers and local governments with hopes to capture more construction waste from the region to be recycled and to support green building projects.

2nd Generation:

New Program Replaces Trash to Treasure

In November, Trash to Treasure, a reuse program located at the Corral Farm Convenience Site (adjacent to the landfill), was closed due to resident safety issues and traffic problems. In its place, 2nd Generation has been created to receive slightly used, in good repair items from residents that will be redistributed to needy families through local charities. Items may also be sold by charities to support needy families. This new program has been well received by residents wishing to discard useable items and local charities seem to be pleased with the donations.



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*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
Help Save Our Earth!*



Be Smart!
Do Your Part!
Recycle Today!



Children enjoy the department's bottle house at Children's Fest



Bradley Elementary celebrates America Recycles Day with Ed



Cedar Lee Middle School students learn about today's landfill technology

Education Continues Despite Cutbacks: Recycling & Litter Prevention Educ Programs Available

Minimizing the impact on recycling and litter prevention education due to county cutbacks, programs will continue to be scheduled but will be tight especially as Earth Day rolls around. Early scheduling is recommended. As always, Environmental Services will schedule programs on a first come, first serve basis.

Children's Fest at Crockett Park: Bottle House Provides Entertainment For All

Once again this past Fall, Environmental Services participated in the annual Children's Fest at Crockett Park. The Earth Wheel Game and the department's bottle house, made from reclaimed soda bottles were available for children's entertainment. Children climbed in and out of the bottle house, asking their parents to build them one. Children and adults alike were challenged by the Earth Wheel Game. A beautiful fall day drew thousands of children to the park.

America Recycles Day: Bradley Students Visited by Ed E. Earth

On November 14, Bradley Elementary students were greeted by Ed E. Earth, the Environmental Services' Nature Ranger Rabbit as they exited their buses and entered the school building. Ed's purpose was to remind the students that recycling is the right thing to do and that littering is definitely a "no-no." Ed E. Earth is available during the school year.

Layer of Barriers in the Landfill: CLMS Sixth Graders Learn About Landfill Design

Every year, sixth graders at most of the county middle schools learn about the county's state of the art municipal solid waste landfill through a hands on experience with the enviroscape interactive model. In December students in Robin Hoelen's Consumer and Family Science classes learned that the county landfill consists of two barriers to prevent ground water contamination, and recirculates the rainwater which is called leachate. As trash decomposes, methane gas is produced which is used to generate electricity for use in the immediate Warrenton area. A discussion on recycling and what happens to it after its baled and shipped out also took place.



Safety Tip of the Quarter:

Tips for Surviving Cold Weather

Never knowing what old man winter will blow our way, residents in this area need to be prepared for just about anything. Recent deep dips in the jet stream indicate some extremely cold weather ahead. Be sure to keep your furnace serviced, fuel tanks filled, for both your home and vehicle, keep emergency supplies available in case of power outages and broken down vehicles. When venturing out doors, dress in layers and don't forget to wear gloves and cover your head. A human body loses much of its body heat through the head. Use common sense when dealing with the extreme temperatures.



Landfill User Fee Schedule Changes:

Resident and Commercial Fees Adjusted

Fee adjustments came out this past fall that are applicable to both commercial and residential waste streams. Electronic wastes, appliances, yard waste, mulch, and residential construction demolition waste fee changes can be viewed on the Environmental Services department website under forms at www.fauquiercounty.gov.

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Newspaper Baled:

Recycling Center Allows for More Efficiency

The recycling and processing center has begun to bale the newspaper from the Corral Farm Convenience Site to increase revenues and efficiency. Newspaper previously shipped loose in walk in containers is now baled and shipped out by the truck load. The quality of the bales are such that even when newspaper is slow to move in the current market, buyers still want ours because they know that once the market turns around and starts moving again, product from Fauquier County will continue to be of the highest quality. As the commodity markets improve, baling newspaper from satellite sites will help decrease hauling costs and will increase revenue. To further assist in the efficiency of the baling process, residents can eliminate the brown bags and string from their newspaper which are considered contaminants.



Newspaper Baled

Ed E. Earth Makes Annual Appearance:

In the Warrenton Christmas Parade

This year's parade theme was "Candyland" and for that Environmental Services staff transformed its bottle house, made with reclaimed 2 liter plastic bottles into a gingerbread house using recycled cardboard and pvc pipes. Always a wonderful time, this year's parade was especially great because Ed was acknowledged by thousands of school age children.



Ed E. Earth makes an appearance in Warrenton Parade



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Earth Day is 4/22/09
www.earth911.org

America Recycles Day is 11/15/09
www.americarecyclesday.org

Satellite Convenience Sites

CLOSED

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Beginning on January 1

Landfill and Convenience Site Hours

Satellite Convenience Sites:

Mon, Thurs, Fri, 7am-3pm;

Sat, Sun 9am-5pm

Closed Tues, Wed

Remington Recycling Site:

Sun, Mon, Fri, 12-5pm;

Sat. 9am-5pm;

Closed Tues, Wed, Thurs.

Corral Farm Convenience Site:

Mon-Fri. 8am-5pm

Sat. 8am-4pm; Sun. 9am-5pm

Bulk Recycling Area Closed Sun

Corral Farm Landfill:

Mon-Fri. 8am-4pm; Sat. 8am-3pm

Talkin' Trash with the Staff: Fauquier County Recycles! But did you know?

- Fauquier County collects #1 PETE plastic drinking bottles of all kinds for recycling; any other #1 PETE, such as pill bottles and serving bowls, is currently landfilled.
- Plastic retail shopping bags should be taken back to the grocery stores and when possible, not used at all.
- Clothes, paired shoes, belts, purses, and linens should be brought to one of the convenience sites for recycling. Even those socks with holes are recycled.
- Mixed paper includes every kind of paper that is not contaminated by something, including junk mail, magazines and cereal boxes. Cereal and soda boxes are considered mixed paper and should not be included with recycled cardboard.
- Newspaper is newspaper and should not include magazines and catalogs, newspaper inserts are okay.
- Plastic bags of shredded white office paper should be left bagged and added to the mixed paper container. Bags are sorted out and white office paper is baled separately. No other plastic should be mixed in with any of the paper containers, including the newspaper container.
- Slightly used goods that are too good to be landfilled can be brought to the Corral Farm Convenience Site, adjacent to the landfill. A re-use program called 2nd Generation has opened and is designed to assist local organizations in the support of needy families.
- For sanitary and safety reasons, please put used hypodermic needles in sealed bottle and throw away in the trash.

Fauquier County accepts the following items to be recycled:

Appliances*	Mixed paper (magazines, junk mail, etc)
Books	Motor oil, oil filters and (antifreeze*)
Paperback books	Newspaper
Phone books	Plastic bottles/jars, #1 and #2
Cans, aluminum and steel	Printer cartridges
Cardboard	Propane tanks*
Cell Phones	Scrap metal
Drum barrels, 50 gallons*	Textiles (clothes, purses, belts, shoes)
Electronics*	Tires*
Empty paint cans*	Trash-to-Treasure (gently used items)*
Fluorescent light tubes and bulbs*	Tree stumps*
Glass bottles and jars	Vehicle batteries*
Household and rechargeable batteries	Wood pallets*
Household Hazardous Waste (1st&3rd Sat)*	Yard waste*

*Recycled exclusively at the Corral Farm Convenience Site, adjacent to the landfill