

# Welcome to the GUNNISON VALLEY WASTE GUIDE!

Reducing your waste can be a challenge. This guide gives you the tools to reduce your landfill contribution to next to nothing.

All of the organizations accepting items for reuse or recycling – or those serving as resources for information – are listed at the end in the Directory.

If you're planning an event or throwing a party, contact ORE to get a copy of our Sustainable Event Guide. ORE can also provide consulting to green your event.

Contact ORE to receive the full High Altitude Composting Guide.

For more info about anything in this Guide, contact the Office for Resource Efficiency (ORE). ORE is a non-profit organization promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in the Gunnison Valley.

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ORE's Waste Guide online:

www.resourceefficiency.org/recycling



## REDUCE

The first step in addressing your waste streams. Try to use reusable items and purchase second-hand.

## REUSE

Before disposing of goods or downgrading via recycling, find new uses or homes.

Free posting at the Gunnison Country Shopper.

Free posting at the Gunnison Freecycle site.

Sell/give away at other forums, e.g. Craigslist, Facebook, or eBay.

Kick to the curb with a "FREE" sign for a few days.

Contact Salve and Such to donate building & raw materials, home equipment and furnishings.

Have a yard sale.

Sell at local thrift stores and consignment shops: Six Points, Boom-A-Rang, All Sports Replay.

Get creative and find inventive new applications for "junk."

Support these avenues of reuse by sourcing your own second-hand goods!

## RECYCLE

Curbside Recycling in Gunnison

**Instructions:** Put out recyclables, properly sorted and cleaned, with regular trash by 8 AM on pick-up day. The bins must be dry and ice free. Protect from inclement weather.

Each customer's property can receive up to 4 bins. Separate materials as noted below into these bins. Place bundled cardboard & paper goods beside bins. Replace missing bins at the City Public Works Department

**ALUMINUM:** Beverage cans only; remove all liquid and crush.

**TIN:** Food cans only; remove all labels, lids and rings, rinse thoroughly and flatten. No loose tin can lids. No sheet metal.

**GLASS:** Brown, green & clear only, sorted by color. Remove liquids, food, residue, lids, caps, rings, corks and foil. Paper labels are OK. No plate, window or drinking glass, ceramics, porcelain, Pyrex, mirrors or light bulbs.

**PLASTICS:** #1 & #2 accepted. Rinse & smash.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Lay bundled newspapers, magazines & catalogues (glued & stapled back) in paper bags or beside bins. No phone books.

### CARDBOARD

**Corrugated:** Flattened. With more than 10 pieces, bind in 2 directions with twine into bundles not more than 30"D x 36"W x 12"H. Brown paper bags can be included. Place beside bins.

**Smooth:** Flattened and bound. Cereal boxes, six-pack cartons, etc. are accepted. No waxed/coated cardboard.

**OFFICE PACK:** Home and office pack accepted in brown paper bags beside bins. No brown paper mailing envelopes and neon bright paper.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

in Crested Butte & Mt. Crested Butte

Waste Management provides curbside recycling.

**Instructions:** Co-mingle plastics, glass, aluminum and tin in a single bin. Bundle co-mingled magazines, newspapers, office pack and cardboard together.

Crested Butte pick-up is Thursdays during regular trash collection. Mt. Crested Butte recycling must be curbside by Wednesdays at 8 AM. Mt. Crested Butte commercial cardboard customers have Friday pickup.

The Riverland WM Transfer Station provides bins and free recycling drop off.

**PLASTICS:** #1-#7 accepted (see bottom of container).

Remove lids and co-mingle with containers. No frozen entree microwave, food or party trays (even if #1-#7), plastic wrap, plastic bags, anything marked "compostable" or chemical (auto), pesticide or Styrofoam containers.

**GLASS:** ALL colors accepted. Remove lids and co-mingle with bottles and jars.

**ALUMINUM:** Crushed beverage cans only. No foil.

**TIN:** Food cans only. No sheet metal.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Glossy junk mail, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogues, spiral notebooks and phonebooks accepted.

**OFFICE PACK:** White paper, envelopes with/without plastic windows, manila folders, flyers, index cards and pastel colors accepted. No neon paper, craft paper, paper towels.

**CARDBOARD** Corrugated and paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes) accepted. No frozen food containers or beer boxes.

## GUNNISON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

Located at 10th and Rio Grande by the airport, the Center is open for free drop off 24/7 with attendant on duty Monday-Saturday, 8 AM-4 PM. For questions: 970-641-0044.

**Instructions:** Drop off accepted recyclables any time. Separate into marked bins.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:** Clean corrugated cardboard, brown paper bags and egg cartons accepted. Does not have to be collapsed. No waxed or plastic-coated cardboard, Styrofoam, packing peanuts, paper, compressed cardboard (e.g. mailing tubes).

**PUBLICATIONS:** Newspaper, all supplements/inserts, and magazines and catalogues with glued & stapled backs. Does not have to be bundled. No phone books.

**OFFICE PACK:** White paper, envelopes, window envelopes, flyers, index cards and pastel colors accepted. Bring in bags or other containers to empty into the bin and reuse. No neon bright papers, manila envelopes, paper with excessive amounts of red ink, copied items that are mostly black.

**ALUMINUM:** Cans only. No foil.

**TIN:** Food cans only. Remove labels and rinse.

**GLASS:** Brown, green and clear accepted. Separate, rinse, remove caps, lids and plastic/metal rings. No co-mingling.

**PLASTICS:** #1 and #2 accepted. Rinse and smash.

## RECYCLING OF OTHER OBJECTS

**CELL PHONES:** Recycle with attachments at Radio Shack (CB & Gunnison), Six Points, the CB Visitor's Center, True Value in Gunnison and the Jubilee House.

**PHONE BOOKS:** Bring to the Waste Management Riverland Transfer Station. Annual drop-off locations in the spring at the Gunnison County Recycling Center, Gunnison Savings & Loan and at the CB 4-way stop.

**COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS (CFLs):** Bring BULBS to Ace Hardware (Gunnison), Gunnison County Electric Association and Mountain Colors Paint & Design. Bring TUBES to Mountain Colors Paint & Design (\$1 per tube) or for free at the Montrose Home Depot.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** Anything reusable can be posted in the Gunnison Country Shopper or on Gunnison Freecycle.

**BATTERIES:** HOUSEHOLD (alkaline) accepted at the Gunnison and CB Post Offices. RECHARGEABLE accepted at Radio Shack (CB & Gunnison) and at Gunnison and CB Post Offices. CELL PHONE batteries accepted at True Value (Gunnison). NICAD accepted at Radio Shack (CB) and Napa Autoparts (large maintenance NiCad). CAR batteries accepted at Radio Shack and True Value in Gunnison.

**INK JET CARTRIDGES:** If you can't send back to the manufacturer, cartridges from copiers and printers can be recycled at Radio Shack (CB), CB Visitor's Center, Mountain Colors Paint & Design and the Paper Clip (some types).

**PLASTIC BAGS:** City Market, Safeway and Wal-Mart.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Includes waste/oil paints, vehicle batteries, brake fluid, garden products, kerosene, toxic cleaners and other toxic products. Local collection occurs annually or bi-annually, typically in the fall. Call the County or City Public Works Departments or check ORE's site to find out the next date. Collections vary between BOPA (batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze) and expanded collection. Drop-off fees are collected (e.g. \$1/gallon).

**OIL & TIRES:** USED oil recycled for \$1/gallon at Precision Automotive. COOKING oil can be picked up and recycled free through Summit Greaserecycling. Contact them to get on their pick-up list. TIRES recycled for \$5 each at Precision Automotive or the Gunnison County Landfill.

**TREE SLASH & YARD WASTE:** Gunnison City Tree Dump (open Apr – Nov) accepts tree limbs, grass, wood (no plywood), yard waste and barnyard waste. Pick-up costs \$6 and \$12 per trailer load (>8 ft of material). Grass & leaves free to drop off. Gunnison County Landfill accepts as well.

**ASPHALT & CONCRETE:** Gunnison City Tree Dump (open Apr-Nov) accepts at a cost of \$10 per cubic yard. Gunnison County Landfill accepts as well.

**CONSTRUCTION WASTE:** Contact Salvage and Such to drop off or purchase building materials, raw materials, home equipment and furnishings (970-275-6603). Look for piles of clean wood at the landfill (to pick up, contact landfill staff and sign required waiver). Designate and sign areas at your construction site for unwanted materials. Alert the construction community about unwanted materials and let them know where/how to pick them up via Gunnison Shopper or other networks.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The State of Colorado now classifies electronic waste as hazardous waste.

**SELLING YOUR E-WASTE:** Cell phones and other electronics can be sold online to be refurbished, recycled or reused. Some will mail you a container with prepaid shipping costs and labels. **Gazelle** accepts cell phones, digital cameras, MP3 players, laptops, GPS units, camcorders, gaming consoles, iPhones and more. Items are refurbished and resold at retailers. *Gazelle.com* **Buymytronics** recycles used, new and and broken electronics and pays cash within 48 hours of receipt. *Buymytronics.com* **Greenphone** provides a free postage label to print and mail in. Once your phone is received and its condition is verified, Greenphone will cut you a check! *Greenphone.com*

### LOCAL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SERVICES

**City of Gunnison Public Works Shop** Drop off on Mondays (except holidays) between 1:30 and 4:00 PM. No drop off recycling at any other time. For large loads, call ahead to schedule a drop-off time. Refrigerators not accepted.

#### Shipping and processing rates:

Lightweight (e.g. phones, keyboards) ..... \$5  
Mid-weight (e.g. monitors, stereos)..... \$10  
Heavy (e.g. whole computers, large TVs) ..... \$20  
Very heavy ..... \$.25/lb.

**Paragon Computers** (Hwy 135 in the parking lot just north of Wal-Mart/City Market) during regular business hours.

#### Rates:

Small non-electric components (e.g. ink tanks, CDs) ..... \$.50/ea  
Small electronics (e.g. cell phones) ..... \$5  
Printers/Laptop & Desktop Computers..... \$25  
Computer system (CPU & monitor – 17" or less)..... \$45

### REUSE OPTIONS FOR OLD COMPUTERS

In with the new, recycle the old! Apple, Dell and HP have recycling programs.

HP: [hp.com](http://hp.com) | Apple: [apple.com](http://apple.com) | Dell: [content.dell.com](http://content.dell.com)  
Navigate or search for 'recycling.'

## COMPOSTING

### WHAT IS COMPOSTING?

A small ecosystem designed to decompose organic materials with the help of microorganisms (bacteria & fungi) and macroorganisms (earthworms & other critters). All composting piles need activators (materials containing microorganisms that decompose organic material).

#### TO COMPOST

##### Organic materials:

Manure  
Shredded paper goods  
Lint  
Coffee filters  
Paper towels  
Uncooked fruits & veggies  
Plants, garden and yard waste  
Moldy food  
Hair

#### NOT TO COMPOST

##### Never add non-organic materials, pesticides or herbicides:

Mud, sand or gravel  
Glass, metals, plastic or Rubber  
Cooked or baked food  
Meats, fats or dairy products  
Colored papers  
Diseased plants  
Toxic chemicals

### OVERCOMING LOCAL OBSTACLES

**COLD:** protect your compost with a small greenhouse, a tarp, tilling it into the ground or with an indoor method. During the winter, insulate a compost pile with hay until spring thaw.

**ARIDITY:** add moist materials (e.g. manure). Water your compost or add snow. Don't over do it; the pile should be moist like a wrung-out sponge, not wet or sopping.

**BEARS:** cover your compost with hay, a tarp or a small greenhouse. Or use an indoor method.

## COMPOSTING SUPPLIES

### ACE Hardware Gardening Department

carries composting items like activators, lime, hay, peat moss and sheep manure

**NAPA Autoparts** carries hay, straw and woodchips

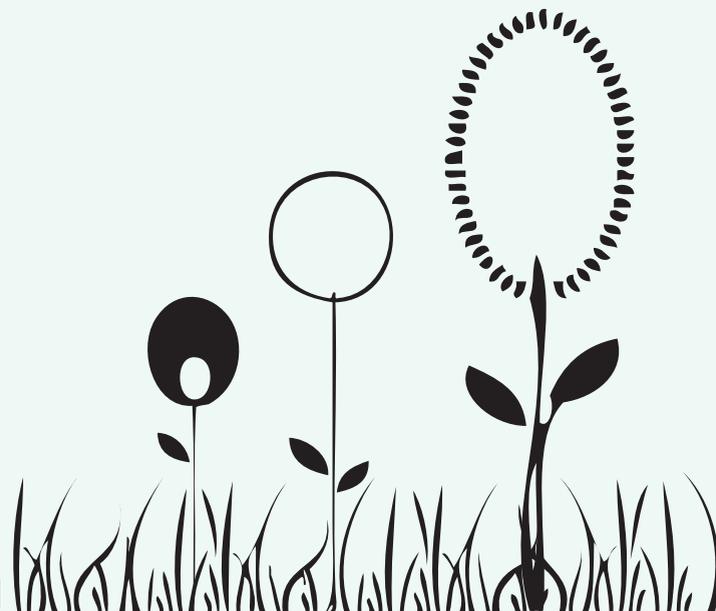
**Local Ranchers** can provide horse manure:

Ronda Hoffman (970-596-1540), Chris Henkel (970-596-1817) or Lory Smock (970-641-1104)

## COMPOST RESOURCES

ORE Composting Guide (online or request hard copy)  
Let It Rot: The Gardeners' Guide to Composting (ORE library)  
Colorado State University Gunnison Extension Office

[ars.usda.com](http://ars.usda.com) | [compostcouncil.org](http://compostcouncil.org) | [plantea.com](http://plantea.com)



## DIRECTORY

Recycling providers, used goods and waste resources in the Valley.

### All Sports Replay

970-641-1893  
[allsportsreplaygunnison.com](http://allsportsreplaygunnison.com)

### ACE Hardware

970-641-1212

### Boom-A-Rang

970-641-3115

### City of Gunnison Public Works Department

970-641-8020  
[cityofgunnison-co.gov](http://cityofgunnison-co.gov)

### City of Gunnison Tree Dump

Tuesdays-Saturdays  
9 AM - 3 PM, seasonal  
970-641-8020

### City Market

970-641-3816

### Colorado State University Gunnison Extension Office

970-641-1260  
[gunnison.colostate.edu](http://gunnison.colostate.edu)

### Crested Butte Visitor's Center

970-349-0619  
[cbchamber.com](http://cbchamber.com)

### Freecycling - Gunnison

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gunnisonfreecycle>

### Golden Eagle

Trash Service  
970-641-3230

### Gothic Mountain Waste Solutions

970-349-7012  
[gothicmountain.com](http://gothicmountain.com)

### Gunnison County Public Works

970-641-0044  
[gunnisoncounty.org/public\\_works.html](http://gunnisoncounty.org/public_works.html)

### Gunnison County Recycling Center

970-642-7377  
[gunnisoncounty.org/public\\_works\\_solid\\_waste.html](http://gunnisoncounty.org/public_works_solid_waste.html)

### Gunnison Country Shopper

970-641-3148  
[gunnisonshopper.com/info.html](http://gunnisonshopper.com/info.html)

### Gunnison Valley Disposal Service

970-641-4238

### Jubilee House

970-641-2712

### Mountain Colors Paint & Design

970-349-9200  
[mountaincolorsincb.com](http://mountaincolorsincb.com)

### NAPA Autoparts

970-641-2900

### Office for Resource Efficiency

970-641-7682  
[resourceefficiency.org/recycling](http://resourceefficiency.org/recycling)

### Paper Clip

970-641-1107

### Paragon Computers

970-641-6438  
[paragonpc.net](http://paragonpc.net)

### Post Office - Crested Butte

970-349-5568

### Post Office - Gunnison

970-641-1884

### Precision Automotive

970-641-4040  
[precisionauto.net](http://precisionauto.net)

### Radio Shack/Electronic Solutions - Crested Butte

970-349-5432

### Radio Shack - Gunnison

970-641-1212

### Salvage and Such

970-275-6603  
[salvageandsuch.com](http://salvageandsuch.com)

### Six Points

970-641-3081  
[sixpointsgunnison.org](http://sixpointsgunnison.org)

### Safeway

970-641-0787

### Summit Greasecycling

970-485-4900  
[summitgreasecycling.com](http://summitgreasecycling.com)

### True Value

970-641-3332

### Waste Management

970-349-1033

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