

A TRUE COMMUNITY EFFORT

The Can-Do Crew students, while getting job training and experience, do the real legwork in the Ashley Valley recycling program. Supporting partners include the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, Vernal City, Uintah County, Utah State University, and the Uintah Basin Applied Technology College.

The Chamber Conservation Issues Committee oversees the program and coordinates multi-agency participation, including city and county fiscal support. UBATC's truck driver training course transports collected materials to Salt Lake City for processing. A grant obtained by USU enabled the purchase of recycling bins for all district schools, and a baler that compacts materials for shipment. Some local businesses and agencies also maintain in-house recycling bins, and contract with the Can-Do Crew for regular collection.

WHY BOTHER TO RECYCLE?

Yes, recycling takes a little more effort than just tossing everything into a garbage can. However, when you make this effort, you're helping to:

- **Conserve finite natural resources** such as minerals and petroleum, and prevent using renewable resources (such as trees for paper) faster than they can be replenished.
- **save energy**; recycling aluminum, for example, takes 95% less energy than making new aluminum from bauxite ore.
- **Save water**; recycling paper takes less than one-fourth as much water as making new paper from virgin wood pulp.
- **Reduce air and water pollution**, both by saving energy and water in processing, and by keeping hazardous materials out of landfills and incinerators.
- **Create more jobs** than either landfills or incinerators do.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

OTHER ITEMS

LEFTOVER DRUGS

Don't flush unused or expired over-the-counter or prescription drugs, or pour them down drains, as this contaminates water supplies. You can safely and anonymously dispose of these and used hypodermic needles in the Sheriff's Drug Disposal Box in the Uintah County Public Safety Building, 641 East 300 South. Liquids should be in tightly sealed containers and placed in sealed zip-lock style plastic bags before disposal.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Used natural trees with all decorations removed may be dropped in the parking lot at the corner of 100 West & 100 North (Vernal City property behind Old Towne Printing), any time from Dec. 26 through mid-January. Trees will be chipped for landscaping mulch in local parks.

Want to do even more? Here are some ideas:

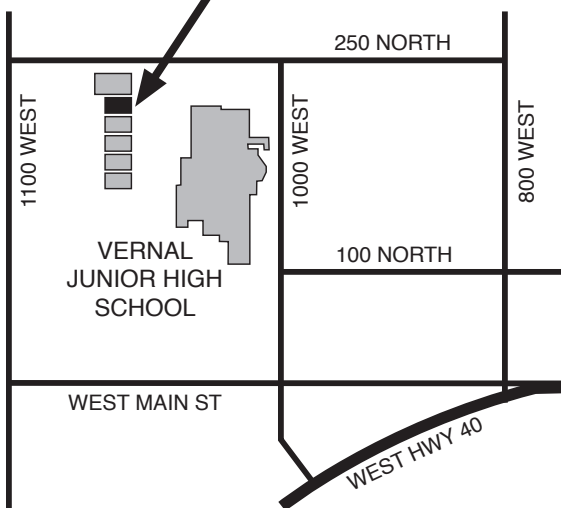
- Help support paper recycling by **buying paper products made with *post-consumer recycled content*** whenever possible.
- To reduce the amount of packaging to be disposed of, whether by recycling or not, buy food, beverages, pet foods, cleaning supplies, etc., in the largest size that's practical—which is usually also more economical.
- Only a small percentage of discarded plastics get recycled. **You can help conserve more resources, including the fossil fuels used to produce, transport, and reprocess plastics, by using *refillable beverage bottles and reusable shopping bags*.** Many stores give a small discount for bringing your own bag.
- Do you have clothing, furniture, housewares, decor, tools, sports gear, toys, surplus lumber, yard supplies, or other items that are still good, but you're no longer using? Donate them to a charity rummage sale, take them to Deseret Industries, or offer them online (must be free, no strings attached) on Freecycle: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Vernalfreecycle/>

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WHAT & WHERE YOU CAN RECYCLE IN VERNAL



**COMMUNITY
RECYCLING CENTER**
Building B
Vernal Junior High School
1061 West 250 North



The Can-Do Crew, as part of the Uintah School District's Community Employment Placement Project, collects, sorts, bales, and ships out recyclable materials from its base at Vernal Junior High School. The bins in front of Building B, behind the main school building, are the best place to drop off the recyclables listed above right, and on school days, staff are usually on site to help until about 10 a.m.

Additional drop-off sites are located at:

- 200 South just off 600 West, in the parking lot between Vernal Middle School and the old swimming pool building; be sure to use the **dark blue trailer with recycling logos**, not the light blue dumpster that may be in the same lot.
 - IFA parking lot in Naples, just off East Highway 40 at 1100 South; same style trailer.
- The trailers may be temporarily absent from these sites during pick-up, but bins are always available at the main Vernal Junior High site.

WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE IN THE COMMUNITY RECYCLING PROGRAM:

PAPER

ALL KINDS AND COLORS including newspaper, office/copier, envelopes (plastic windows okay), shredded paper (must be bagged), magazines, paperboard boxes (thin, cereal-type), phone books, paperback & hardcover books. No need to sort different types, but please keep sticky-label sheets, plastic cards (sometimes in junk mail), & food waste out. Our collected paper is currently recycled into building insulation.

ALUMINUM CANS AND STEEL (TIN) CANS

Please empty cans and rinse out food residues.

PLASTICS

The program now accepts the two most common plastics, #1 (most water & soft drink bottles, & some other containers) and #2 (most milk jugs & some other containers, including motor oil bottles); check the recycle logo & number, usually on the bottom of the item. Please empty and rinse out all bottles & containers.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Please remove any wood or plastic-foam inserts and flatten boxes.

WHAT ELSE YOU CAN RECYCLE AT OTHER SITES/BUSINESSES IN VERNAL:

SCRAP METALS

The following businesses accept most kinds of metal (iron, steel, brass, copper, and aluminum), such as aluminum cans, plumbing fixtures, lawn chair frames, gutters, appliances (no Freon), autos and auto parts, bicycles, etc. Plus, they'll pay you the current per-pound rate for each type of metal.

Basin Industries *	Montgomery Recycling
1120 E. 1500 South	1120 S. 1500 East
789-7111	789-2136

PLASTICS

Various stores including Smith's Food & Drug, Wal-Mart, Lowe's, & some others have bins near the doors to recycle **plastic shopping bags**. Wal-Mart also accepts **plastic beverage bottles**.

USED MOTOR OIL / AUTO BATTERIES

If you change your own oil, **never** pour it down a storm drain, which pollutes water supplies. Used oil accepted at the following sites can be re-refined into lubricants or fuels.

O'Reilly Auto Parts *	Wal-Mart Tire & Lube *
1025 W. Hwy. 40	1851 W. Hwy. 40
789-2066	781-8599
Uintah Auto & Homes	Western Petroleum
295 W. Main	1521 E. 1500 S.
789-5036	789-1832
Uintah County Landfill	
2801 E. 500 N. / 789-6018	

Sites marked * above and at left also accept auto batteries.

ELECTRONICS & MISCELLANEOUS

Staples (1149 W. Hwy. 40; 789-3870) accepts **computers**, monitors, printers & peripherals; inkjet & toner cartridges also accepted, with reimbursement on your rewards card.

Lowe's (2105 W. Hwy. 40; 781-9400), and Milt's Ace Home Center (690 W. Main; 789-2150) accept **compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and rechargeable power tool batteries** (under 11 lbs at Lowe's; cell/cordless phone batteries also accepted at Milt's). Lowe's also takes **Christmas lights**.

Tricounty Health (133 S. 500 E.; 247-1177) accepts **CFL bulbs and other mercury-containing items** such as older thermometers, thermostats, and many types of automotive switches.

Uintah County Landfill accepts **refrigerators**, with a \$15 charge to remove Freon. And Rocky Mountain Power will *pay you* \$30 for an older, still-working refrigerator or freezer (to encourage use of more energy-efficient models); see details at <http://www.rockymountainpower.net/res/sem/epi/utah/roa.html>