

Why is Recycling Important?

Recycling 1 aluminum can = 3 hours of energy to power a TV

Recycling a 3 foot high stack of newspaper – 1 tree preserved

Recycling 5 plastic bottles = 1 XL T-shirt or 1 sq. foot of carpet

New Mexico has a 10.96% recycling rate. This is the equivalent of removing 115,789 passenger cars from the road this year in greenhouse gas emission reduction. (NMED)

Nationally, Americans recycle 32.5% of discarded materials. (EPA)

Nationally, Americans generated 4.6 pounds of garbage per day per person. (EPA)

2006 U.S. Waste Breaks Down Into Paper 33.9%, Yard Trimmings 12.9%, Food Scraps 12.4%, Plastics 11.7%, Metals 7.6%, Rubber/Leather/Textiles 7.3%, Glass 5.3%, Wood 5.5%, Other 3.3% (EPA)

About 80% of what Americans throw away is recyclable. (EPA)

Recycling creates 5 times as many jobs as landfilling. (EPA)

The U.S. is 5% of the world's population but uses 25% of its natural resources. (EPA)

A quart of motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water. (EarthWorks Group)

Americans use 100 million steel cans a day. We throw away enough steel every year to build all the new cars made in America. (EarthWorks Press)

Recycling Drop Off Sites

- Santa Fe County Recycling
 - Eldorado Transfer Station US 285
 - Tues-Sun Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00
 - Jacona Transfer Station NM 502
 - Wed-Mon Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00
 - La Cienega Transfer Station CR 54B
 - Open Sat-Wed Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00
 - Nambe Transfer Station CR 503
 - Open Fri-Tues Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00
 - San Marcos Transfer Station CR 42
 - Open Wed-Sun Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00
 - Stanley Transfer Station CR 17A
 - Open Sat-Wed Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00
 - Tesuque Transfer Station NM 592
 - Open Thur-Mon Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00
- Rancho Viejo Temporary Recycle Center
 - Fri & Sat Summer hours 8-5:00; Winter hours 7-4:00

(All Transfer Stations close for lunch from noon-1:00 pm)

Waste Disposal

Household trash may also be brought to the Transfer Stations (not the Rancho Viejo Recycling Center). New residential and commercial solid waste permits are available for purchase. If you have questions about purchasing a permit, please call 992-3068

REDUCE, REUSE AND THEN RECYCLE

- Eliminate Junk Mail
- Compost in Your BackYard
- Reduce Packaging: Select products with recyclable packaging
- Bring Your Own Bags When Shopping
- Bring Your Own Mug
- Buy Recycled and If Not Available, Request It
- Make Double-sided Copies
- Save One-Sided Paper for Reuse or Notes

Use the New Mexico Recycling Coalition website and directory www.recyclenewmexico.com

How Long Does It Take for Items to Decompose In A Landfill?

Glass Bottle	1000+ Years
Styrofoam Cup	500+ Years
Plastic 6-Pack Rings	450 Years
Diapers	300+ Years
Aluminum Can	80-100 Yrs
Tin Can	50-100 Yrs
Paper Milk Carton	5 Years
Cigarette Butts	1-12 Years



Santa Fe County Guide to Waste, Recycling and Reuse

For more information contact
Phone: 505-992-3025
Email: mbarela@co.santafe.nm.us
www.santafecounty.org

For more information about
Waste Management's Curbside service
in some areas of the county
call 473-0982

Recycling Saves Energy!

It takes 90% more energy to make an Aluminum can from virgin materials than from recycled materials!

RECYCLE!

Currently, there are seven Transfer Stations and one Temporary Recycling Center within Santa Fe County that all accept recycling.

Items accepted are clean corrugated cardboard, paper bags, office paper, newspaper, junk mail, catalogs and magazines, plastic #1 and #2, aluminum cans/foil, steel cans and glass (all colors).

There are also designated areas for phone books and plastic bags.

When bringing items to the transfer station, please remember the following:

- Loads must be covered
- All household refuse must be bagged, except over-sized items
- Ashes must be cold for at least 24 hours
- Recycling of cardboard, newspaper, office paper, junk mail, and magazines is mandatory. Pursuant to Santa Fe County Ordinance 2005-05 Section

Recycle These Items Today!

The following material can be recycled at the Rancho Viejo Recycling Center and ALL Transfer Stations unless otherwise noted:

- Appliances – no freon (*all Transfer Stations except Tesuque*)
- Scrap Metal (*all Transfer Stations except Tesuque*)
- Aluminum & Steel Cans
- Aluminum Foil
- Motor Oil (*5 gallon maximum per trip accepted only at Stanley, Eldorado & Nambe*)
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Mixed Paper (*junk mail, magazines, office paper, etc*)
- Phone Books
- Plastic (#1 & #2 bottles)
- Glass (*bottles and jars only*)
- Tires (*8 per month included with permit fee*)
- Yard Waste (*accepted only at Jacona, Eldorado & Stanley*)

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Corrugated Cardboard

Accepted at ALL

Transfer Stations & The Recycling Center

Metal (Steel & Aluminum Cans & Aluminum Foil)

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Newspaper, Mixed Paper & Phone Books

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Rechargeable Batteries

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Tires

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Yard Waste

Accepted at the Jacona,

Eldorado & Stanley

Transfer Stations

Glass (Bottles & Jars only)

Accepted at ALL

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More Recycling Information

- Re-use Area at the Eldorado Transfer Station
- Annual Electronics Recycling Special Collection Events - call for dates
- Used Cell/Mobile Phones Recyclable at all Transfer Stations

To learn more about recycling in Santa Fe County, please call the County Solid Waste Department at 505-992-3025