



FRIEDMAN

RECYCLING COMPANIES

21st Century Recycling

Within the last year our sister cities of Farmington and Albuquerque have implemented single-stream recycling facilities. The Material Recycling Facility (MRF) in each city reflects a major commitment to saving natural resources, saving landfill space, and saving money. Farmington partnered with Waste Management and Albuquerque partnered with Friedman Recycling Companies.

Friedman Recycling Companies operate from three state-of-the-art processing plants in Phoenix, Tucson, and El Paso. For over 30 years Friedman has been a leader in providing recycling, solid waste control, and secure data destruction services in the Southwest. “Not your run-of-the-mill recycler...” They are family owned, hands-on, and customer based. Their web site also states, “Going green saves a lot more than the planet. You want to protect the environment and your operating budget at the same time. We have good news: it actually costs less to recycle than to dispose of waste. We should know. We’ve been recycling and hauling trash for . . . over half a century. We were going green before going green was cool. We’ve learned how to make recycling even more cost-effective by customizing, computerizing and economizing your recycling services. We’ve taken the waste out of waste control, streamlining and optimizing the entire process. We run a tight ship with one of the most technologically advanced and cost-efficient operations in the Southwest. Along the way, we’ve learned a lot about earth-friendly practices and steps we can all take to lessen our impact on the environment. “

Albuquerque chose to make a major investment in their solid waste operation. A 16 million Industrial Revenue Bond made it possible. Friedman has a 12 year contract with the city which will provide 35 long term jobs and up their recycling rate from 6% to 24%. An extensive

curbside program will make this happen.

Gallup cannot compete with Albuquerque or Farmington, but we can learn from them. Recycling is big business and important to the economy and environment. However, as Gallup begins the discussion of the value of curbside recycling we as a community can use the Friedman facility as a model for education, efficiency, and economy.

Avid recyclers go to one of the 14 recycling locations in Albuquerque to drop off items we cannot recycle here in Gallup at our *three drop-off sites. Glass, grayboard (cereal boxes and the like), and all plastics #1-#7. All materials except glass go to Friedman. Glass is handled by another company. For more information about what and where to recycle in Albuquerque go to the City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Department web site cabq.gov/solidwaste/recycling.