

## **YES, GALLUP REALLY DOES HAVE RECYCLING!**

Gallup doesn't make it easy to recycle, but like the old adage, "where there is a will, there is a way." This column is dedicated to all of those newcomers to our area who will be in shock until they figure out how and where to recycle in Gallup.

The McKinley Citizens' Recycling Council realizes how important recycling is to one's psyche. For individuals who have grown up recycling in other parts of the country / world, it is like brushing your teeth. It is just something you do without thinking. This is difficult to explain to those for whom recycling is fairly new, cumbersome, and just one of those things do-gooders do.

I changed the focus of this column, somewhat, after speaking to a friend who confided in me that she was distraught when she moved to Gallup and couldn't find where to recycle. She asked people at her work and at a class she attended; no one could tell her. This means that the City, the Solid Waste Authority, and the MCRC volunteer group still have a lot of work to do to get the word out to the public about *Where, What, Why, and How* to recycle.

The City of Gallup sponsored two public meetings and an online survey this summer for citizens to voice their opinions about curbside recycling. We applaud the City of Gallup leaders, the City of Gallup Solid Waste Department, and Cooney, Watson & Associates for their effort in polling the populace. If you missed the meetings in June and were not able to take the online survey which ended July 15, please share your concerns and questions with your City Council representative. To find contact information for the Mayor, City Manager, and your Council Representative go to the City of Gallup web site at [www.gallupnm.gov](http://www.gallupnm.gov). If you agree that saving water, energy, and our planet's finite natural resources is important please take the time to contact one of your City leaders. We look forward to the results of the survey and to next steps to increase recycling in our city and region.

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## **RECYCLING CENTERS IN GALLUP**

### **Location and Hours of Operation**

MWF 8-Noon Cultural Center / Train Station, 201 E. Highway 66

MWF Noon-4 Larry Brian Mitchell Recreation Center, 701 Montoya Blvd.  
SAT 10-2 Larry Brian Mitchell Recreation Center, 701 Montoya Blvd.  
Accepting Corrugated Cardboard, Greyboard (like cereal boxes)  
Tin/Steel Cans (rinsed / labels okay)  
Plastic #1& #2 Bottles with necks (rinsed / \*lids removed)  
Mixed Paper (junk mail, catalogs, magazines, newspaper, white/colored paper)  
Aluminum Beverage Cans, Clean Foil, and Pie Plates can be placed in a plastic grocery type bag (or other) and placed in the Steel/Tin bin.  
\*Plastic Lids can also be placed in a separate grocery type bag and given to the MCRC volunteer on Saturday duty. These will be given to area teachers.

M-SAT 8-4:30 Gallup Transfer Station, 107 Hasler Valley Road  
Accepting ALL OF THE ABOVE except the \*plastic lids.  
Accepting Electronics, Small Appliances, including Microwaves  
Call 863-5776 or go to [www.recyclegallup.org](http://www.recyclegallup.org) for a complete list of items.

**GLASS** is not being accepted in Gallup-McKinley County at this time. The cities of Albuquerque (761-8100 or [www.cabq.gov/solidwaste](http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste)), Farmington (327.6284), and Flagstaff (520.779.7621) accept bottle glass.

**For More Information about Recycling in Gallup-McKinley County and in our area, or how you can Volunteer** contact the McKinley Citizens' Recycling Council (MCRC) by calling 722-5142, through the web site [www.recyclegallup.org](http://www.recyclegallup.org), or send an e-mail to [betsywindisch@yahoo.com](mailto:betsywindisch@yahoo.com).

**MCRC Volunteers are available to present programs** to school classes; civic, faith, and youth groups; businesses; and government departments. Presentations will focus on the importance of recycling and the *What, When, Where, and How to Recycle* in Gallup-McKinley County.