

YES, GALLUP REALLY DOES HAVE RECYCLING!

Gallup doesn't make it easy to recycle, but it is happening. This month's column is dedicated to all newcomers in our area who will be in shock until they figure out how and where to recycle in their new environs.

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.

Thank you to all for whom recycling / saving energy and Planet Earth's natural resources is a no-brainer. Don't get distraught. The information provided below will help newcomers get oriented and locals, take note of some important changes in what is being accepted.

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 the Following Items:

Corrugated Cardboard

Tin/Steel Cans (clean / lids and labels okay)

Plastic **ALL #1& #2** (clean / lids okay)

Please put in the bin **ONLY** #1 or #2 plastics.

DO NOT CONFUSE with #5s (margarine, cottage cheese containers, etc.)

Ice tea and other beverage containers are often #6s or #7s. Check the Δ.

Mixed Paper (junk mail, catalogs, magazines, newspaper, white/colored paper, greyboard -like cereal boxes, and telephone books). **NO** milk/juice cartons.

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.

NEW ITEM – Batteries of All Types**

Collected at LBM only on Saturdays / Place in a bag or box.

Transfer Station Recycling Center

M-SAT 8-4:30 Gallup Transfer Station, 107 Hasler Valley Road

Accepting ALL OF THE ABOVE except the *plastic lids.

Electronics, Small Appliances, including Microwaves

Call 863-5776 or go to www.recyclegallup.org for a complete list of items.

**Batteries of All Types – place in a bag/box and put in the Electronics Trailer.

Contact for free pick-up of large quantities Mitch@ecyclenewmexico.com 240-2547 / 879-6745.

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

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The McKinley Citizens' Recycling Council (MCRC) is a local non-profit, 501c-3, working to increase recycling through education, community outreach, and partnership with local governments/agencies. Our mission includes promoting the 3 Rs-reduce, reuse, recycle and enhancing the quality of life in our community.

MCRC meets first Saturdays of the month - 2 pm at the Red Mesa Center, 105 W. Hill Street (next to the Octavia Fellin Public Library). For more information about recycling in Gallup-McKinley County or how you can volunteer contact the McKinley Citizens' Recycling Council (MCRC) by calling 722-5142, through the web site www.recyclegallup.org, or send an e-mail to betsywindisch@yahoo.com .

Volunteers are needed to help monitor the recycling bins on Saturdays at the LBM Recreation Center, to sort donated items in the Recycling Depot, and assist at MCRC events.

MCRC Volunteers are available to present programs to school classes; civic, faith, youth and adult groups; businesses; government departments, staff and teacher in-service training. Presentations will focus on the importance of recycling and the *What, When, Where, and How to Recycle* in Gallup-McKinley County. If you need help in setting up a recycling program, give us a call.