

THE RECYCLING PROCESSING CENTER



Larimer County residents recycle! The Recycling Processing Center, opened at the landfill in 1992, sorts, processes and sells more than 26,000 tons of recyclables each year.

Bring your recyclables to the center's collection bins located on-site, or drop them off at one of the five recycling drop-off sites situated throughout the county. A buy-back area located at the Recycling Processing Center offers money for some recyclable goods. The center collects the following materials:



- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans
- Steel (tin) cans
- Plastic narrow-necked bottles (Type #1 PETE and #2 HDPE)
- Newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags
- Paperboard
- Office paper and junk mail
- Phone books
- Used motor oil and car batteries



Although owned by Larimer County, the Recycling Processing Center is currently operated under contract by Waste Management, Inc.

Larimer County recycling drop-off sites can be found in Berthoud, Wellington, Glacier View Meadows, Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. Call 498-5760 for more information about these sites.

For more information on Larimer County's Integrated Solid Waste Management Program, please contact:

Larimer County
Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 1190
Fort Collins, CO 80522-1190
(970) 498-5760
(970) 498-5770 (24-hour
Landfill Information Line)
(970) 498-5780 (fax)
www.co.larimer.co.us/natural

Or, stop by our offices at:
200 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, CO

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources

Working For YOU

Did you know...

**...that the average
Larimer County resident
generates 6.8 pounds of
garbage every day?**

**What happens to all this
garbage? Where does it go
once it leaves your house
or office?**



The Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is responsible for the County's Integrated Solid Waste Management Program, which includes:

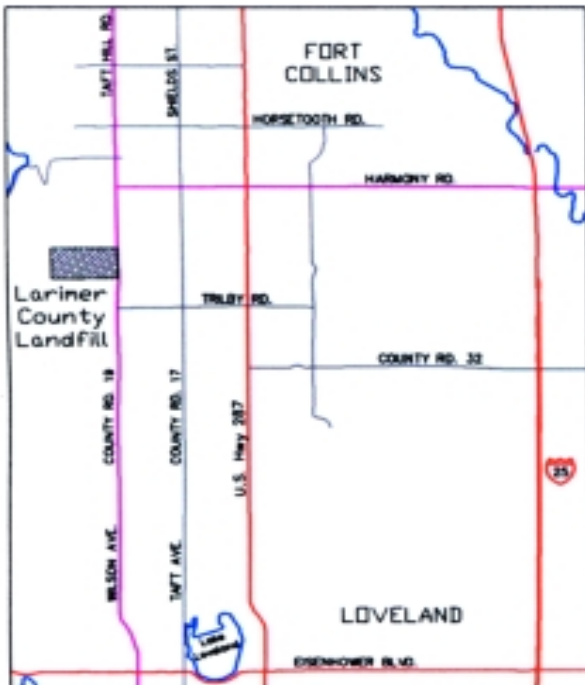
- A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
- A Recycling Processing Center
- A Sanitary Landfill
- Four Waste Transfer Stations
- Five Recycling Drop-Off Sites



Larimer County's Integrated Solid Waste Management Program is funded solely by the revenues generated from its operations. This means that no tax money is used to support the program.

The Larimer County Landfill, Recycling Center and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility are located at 5887 S. Taft Hill Rd., Fort Collins, CO.

We offer tours of all these facilities, and we'd be happy to give a presentation to your classroom or group. Just let us know how we can help. Remember, we're working for YOU!



THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

What are household hazardous wastes (HHWs)?

REACTIVE **CORROSIVE** **FLAMMABLE** **TOXIC**

Substances with the above characteristics, if buried in the landfill, could potentially contaminate the groundwater, create poisonous fumes, or even react with other chemicals and cause explosions. HHWs include the tub and tile cleaner you use to keep your bathrooms sparkling, the herbicides you use to keep your lawn looking healthy, and the lighter fluid you use to impress your friends with your barbecuing skills.

Bring leftover HHWs to one of our Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities. Since their openings in 1989 and 1990, the collection facilities have diverted more than 8 million pounds of HHWs from the landfill!

Location and Hours:

Larimer County Landfill

5887 S. Taft Hill Rd., Fort Collins, CO
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. -- Tues., Thurs., Fri. and the 2nd and 3rd Sat. of each month

Estes Park Collection Facility

455 Elm Road, Estes Park, CO
Call 970-586-5740 for hours.

Come to our Drop N' Swap store at the Fort Collins facility, where you can pick up unused portions of others' household items—such as paint, solvents, camp-stove fuel and more—all free of charge!



Through our Business Hazardous Waste Assistance Program and Education (BHAPE), the collection facility accepts small quantities of some business and commercial hazardous wastes (by appointment only) for a fee. BHAPE offers businesses free technical assistance, too. Call 498-5760 for a free information packet.

THE LARIMER COUNTY LANDFILL

If it's not a hazardous waste, and it's not a recyclable material, then the last stop for a piece of garbage in Larimer County is probably our sanitary landfill. What's a sanitary landfill? As opposed to a "dump," a sanitary landfill covers waste daily with a layer of dirt or other material. This keeps away pests, controls odor, keeps trash from blowing away and minimizes the risk of fires.

The City of Fort Collins opened the landfill in 1963. Today, it is jointly owned by Larimer County (62.5%) and the Cities of Fort Collins (25%) and Loveland (12.5%).

County scientists continually monitor the groundwater and air quality at the site. Any problems found are handled promptly in accordance with state and federal regulations.

The Larimer County Landfill is proud of its reputation for environmentally sound waste disposal.



The landfill receives roughly 800 tons of trash every day!

The county also operates transfer stations in Berthoud, Wellington, Estes Park and Red Feather Lakes. Here, local residents and refuse haulers unload wastes, which are then transferred to the Larimer County Landfill.