



## RECYCLERS ARE FACING TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

Craig's Recycling Facility is Slated to Close

Higher processing costs and lower commodity prices are making life difficult to the industry. Jamie Gormley is the Business Development Manager for Centennial Recycling in the metro Denver area and he says, "this is the most difficult I have ever seen the market." When he says the market is difficult, he is including the great depression, when commodity prices plummeted for recycled materials.

Apparently, the industry does not have a clear path after the biggest buyer of recycled materials produced in the U.S., China, has pulled back their purchases of plastic and fiber. The industry just got too dependent on China for this market according to Juri Freeman, a senior consultant with RRS.

Just to provide a few examples, over the past year the value of cardboard has dropped close to 70%, aluminum is down over 30% and plastics range from 30% to 50% lower.

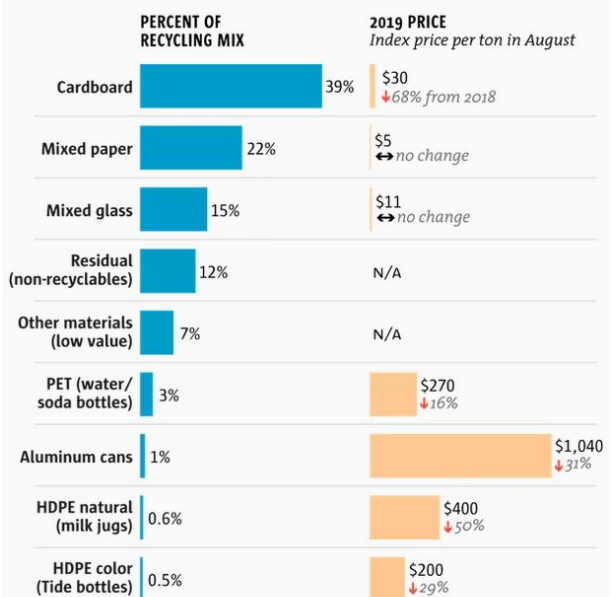
Contamination in the recycle streams has become a major factor and purity standards are affecting costs along with increased processing costs which have escalated dramatically. Not long ago the City would transport loads to Milner and there were no tipping fees associated with the load. Our cost-of-delivery was in mileage, transportation, labor and overhead costs like insurance. Today the tipping fees have climbed to \$79/ton and the contamination fee is calculated at an additional \$62/ton. Unfortunately, many of our loads are contaminated according to the contamination standards of the facility and in many cases are being rejected.

The industry is changing, but not going away. Processing recyclable materials is becoming a service industry like the landfill. This means that processing costs will need to be bore by the generator, or to put it more succinctly, by the individual business or household.

The City of Craig will continue to monitor the situation and look for ways to efficiently participate in recycling. In the meantime, we will discontinue the mixed paper, cardboard, and co-mingled recycling program until further notice. The recycle drop-off location at 1775 Yampa Avenue will close except for

### Recyclers face tough economics

Prices for cardboard, which accounts for 40 percent of the mix at Alpine Waste and Recycling, the state's largest recycler, are down 68 percent over the past year. At the same time, processing costs have risen as recyclers try to meet higher purity requirements from buyers of materials.




Source: Alpine Waste & Recycling

The Denver Post

the onsite used oil receptacles as they city will continue to accept clean, used oil. Recyclers will need to find other avenues to transport and pay for their recyclables until a better solution is determined.

The Yampa Valley Sustainability Council is an excellent recycling resource for residents in Moffat and Routt County. Please visit their website [www.yampavalleyrecycles.org](http://www.yampavalleyrecycles.org) and review their 2019 recycling guide below for more information.

**2019 A-Z RECYCLING GUIDE**




check app  
or website  
for more items

**YAMPA VALLEY  
RECYCLES**  
[yampavalleyrecycles.org](http://yampavalleyrecycles.org)

**RECYCLING COMPANIES**

ABA Refrigeration (970) 879-5514  
Ace Hardware (970) 879-8014  
Aces High Waste and Recycling (970) 870-6500  
Advance Auto Parts (970) 879-6386  
Annie's Home Consignment (970) 870-1300  
Axis Steel (970) 824-3256  
Bargain Barn (970) 871-6264  
Boomerang Sports Exchange (970) 870-3050  
Blue Sky Pottery (970) 846-9349  
City Market, Steamboat Springs (970) 879-3290  
City Market, Craig (970) 824-6515  
Classic Crank Bicycle Shoppe (970) 846-5112  
Community Budget Center (970) 824-7898  
D & D Enterprises (970) 870-1767  
Déjà Vu Boutique (970) 879-9056  
Doc's Auto Clinic (970) 871-1346  
Downtown Conoco (970) 879-9735  
Elbe Gray's Thrift Store (970) 826-9844  
G & S Mountain Recyclers (970) 736-2364  
JDW Inc (970) 879-0642  
LiftUp (970) 870-0727  
Miller Family Appliance (970) 824-9380  
Milner Mall (970) 879-6985  
Moffat County Landfill (970) 824-4347  
Moffat County Sheriff's Office (970) 824-4495  
Moxie Home Consignment (970) 879-9866  
NAPA Auto Parts (970) 879-0909  
PostNet (970) 871-9000  
Routt County Environmental Health (970) 870-5588  
Routt County Sheriff's Office (970) 879-1090  
Rummagers (970) 819-5282  
Sears (970) 879-4604  
Sherwin-Williams (970) 879-6166  
Ski Haus (970) 879-0385  
SRC Recycle and Refuse (970) 367-3227  
Twisted Trails Running Company (970) 761-2379  
Twin Enviro Services (970) 879-6985  
Waste Management (970) 879-2400  
Westside Automotive (970) 879-1252  
Winn Supply (970) 879-8168  
Yampa Valley Electric Association (970) 879-1160  
Yampa Valley Tire Pros (970) 879-7779  
YVSC Office (970) 871-9299

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#### ANTIFREEZE

Advance Auto Parts  
Yampa Valley Tire Pros

#### APPLIANCES & SCRAP METAL

Recycling Only  
(Proof of Freon Removal Required)  
Aces High Waste and Recycling  
Axis Steel  
Moffat County Landfill  
SRC Recycle and Refuse  
Twin Enviro Services  
Waste Management (No fridges or freezers)  
Freon Removal & Recycling  
ABA Refrigeration (Freon removal only)  
D & D Enterprises  
JDW Inc  
Miller Family Appliance  
Sears

#### BATTERIES

Button Cell, Rechargeable & Vehicle  
Ace Hardware  
Aces High Waste and Recycling  
Advance Auto Parts  
Axis Steel  
D & D Enterprises  
Downtown Conoco  
G & S Mountain Recyclers  
NAPA Auto Parts  
Westside Automotive

#### BICYCLE TIRES & TUBES

Ski Haus  
Yampa Valley Tire Pros

#### BUILDING SUPPLIES & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Milner Mall  
Waste Management  
Winn Supply

#### CARDBOARD (CORRUGATED)

Aces High Waste and Recycling  
Twin Enviro Services  
Waste Management

#### CELL PHONES & CHARGERS

Aces High Waste and Recycling  
G & S Mountain Recyclers  
Routt County Environmental Health  
SRC Recycle and Refuse  
YVSC Office

#### CLOTHING & SHOES

Bargain Barn  
Boomerang Sports Exchange  
Community Budget Center  
Déjà Vu Boutique  
Elbe Gray's Thrift Store  
LiftUp  
Rummagers  
Ski Haus  
Twisted Trails Running Company

#### CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Aces High Waste and Recycling  
SRC Recycle and Refuse  
Twin Enviro Services  
Waste Management

#### ELECTRONICS

Computers, TVs, etc.  
Aces High Waste and Recycling  
G & S Mountain Recyclers  
SRC Recycle and Refuse  
Twin Enviro Services  
Waste Management

#### FLOURESCENT LIGHT BULBS

CFL Only  
Ace Hardware  
Yampa Valley Electric Association

#### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, FURNITURE & DECOR

Annie's Home Consignment  
Bargain Barn  
Community Budget Center  
Elbe Gray's Thrift Store  
LiftUp  
Milner Mall  
Moxie Home Consignment  
Rummagers

#### INK CARTRIDGES

YVSC Office

#### MEDICATIONS

Moffat County Sheriff's Office  
Routt County Sheriff's Office

#### MOTOR OIL

Advance Auto Parts  
Doc's Auto Clinic  
Downtown Conoco  
NAPA Auto Parts  
Yampa Valley Tire Pros

#### PACKING MATERIALS

Bubble Wrap, Packing Peanuts  
Blue Sky Pottery  
PostNet  
UPS Store

#### PAINT & STAIN

Ace Hardware  
Sherwin-Williams

#### PLASTIC BAGS

City Market, Steamboat Springs  
City Market, Craig

#### PLASTIC & VELOUR HANGERS

LiftUp

#### SPORTING GOODS

Axis Steel  
Boomerang Sports Exchange  
Classic Crank Bicycle Shoppe  
Community Budget Center  
LiftUp  
Milner Mall

#### TIRES

For a complete list of state-certified tire recyclers in Routt and Moffat County, visit [www.yampavalleyrecycles.org](http://www.yampavalleyrecycles.org).

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