



Summit County Opens Community Recycling Center

First recycling center in Coalville

Summit County is excited to announce Wednesday December 16th at 3:00 as the opening day of the new Summit County Community Recycling Center located in Coalville. The Recycling Center will be a community drop-off location for recyclables including cardboard, paper, newspaper, plastics, and aluminum. The recycling center is located at 44 South 50 West in Coalville and will be open to the public Thursday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In August of 2008 the County approved the Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan that identified a waste diversion plan with a goal of 50% diversion by 2020. To help reach that goal, the plan identified that the County needed to expand recycling options. A recycling drop-off area at the Three Mile Landfill in Wanship was designated and the County is taking on the initiative to create more recycling drop-off locations to divert recyclable material from the landfill.

Cliff Blonquist, the Summit County Waste Manager, leads this initiative and went to work locating a site in the North Summit area for a recycling center. A convenient site was identified in Coalville just west of Main Street. Cliff has been working with Coalville City over the last few months to obtain the required planning permits and to clean-up the site. Now that the site is ready for opening day, Cliff remarked that: *“this recycling center is not only fulfilling a waste management need for the County, but is truly an enhancement to the area and the community.”*

The County recognizes the need for a recycling collection location on the east side of the County and especially near commercial areas, such as Main Street in Coalville. Coalville City Mayor Duane Schmidt is pleased with the facility and added that *“Coalville is excited to see the recycling facility here. It’s a good deal for the community and it’s the right thing to do.”* This is the second collection center on the east side of the County and if the facilities remain successful the County hopes to find other areas in the east side of the County for recycling drop-off locations.

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