

Recycle Rockbridge

Edition 2

April 2008

Grand Opening

The Glasgow Convenience Center celebrated its grand opening on March 29, 2008. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at 9:30am. Hunt Reigel, Maynard Reynolds and Sam Blackburn did the honors of cutting the ribbon.

Saturday's event started off with the Glasgow Ruritans doing a road side pick up going up Sailings Mountain and ending at the new site. They were greeted at the gate and escorted in after the ribbon cutting.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony everyone enjoyed hot dogs, drinks and cake along with interesting conversation. Throughout the day refreshments were served, information sheets were passed out, questions were answered and flowers were planted around the center.

This is the newest edition to the solid waste collection sites in Rockbridge County. The only other site of this nature is in Goshen. The Goshen site opened last year. The convenience centers are being established in preparation for the pending landfill closure in 2012. The current open container sites located throughout the county do not provide the opportunity for waste separation and recycling. They also do not have a staffed person on site to prevent the misuse of the containers. Many of these open sites are being used by residents of neighboring counties. This practice would be very expensive for the residents of Rockbridge County upon the landfill closure. By providing these gated facilities the county can offer waste diversion options such as recycling. Other sorting options that may be

provided in the future are yard waste programs for mulching, possible composting and swap shop facilities. A swap shop is a location where usable items or building materials that may be of no use to the owner but are too good to throw away are displayed and available for the taking. These are just a few of the ideas being tossed around by the solid waste committee. Ideas from the public are always welcome and may be submitted by email to recycling@co.rockbridge.va.us.

The next convenience center scheduled for the county is in the Fairfield location. The current recycling center and trash site will be converted to a facility similar to the one in Glasgow.



Freecycle

Did you know that there is a website where free items are listed? It's called Freecycle and the address is www.freecycle.org. There is also a local one called Lexington Freecycle. It can be reached by the same address as Freecycle. This is a really good way to get rid of unwanted items or to find items that you may have been looking for. It also prevents unwanted belongings from ending up in our landfill. Give it a try!

Earth Day 2008

April 22, 2008 is the annual Earth Day celebration. In honor of this day Rockbridge County would like to invite you to visit the Lexington Recycling Center located at College Square Shopping Center. We will be grilling hot dogs from 11am until 3pm and cold drinks will be available. There will be balloons for the children along with sidewalk chalk to decorate the parking lot and containers.

While you are there sign up for the drawing that will be held at the end of the day. Items to be given away will be on display at the recycling center on the day of the event. We will have parking cones placed in the lot. Please do not drive past the cones. We hope to have children decorating our parking lot and the cones are for their safety. We hope to see you there!!

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Civic Groups & Clubs

Rockbridge County Recycling will do presentations for your civic groups or clubs, both young and old, and businesses. To schedule an event or presentation all you have to do is contact the recycling office at 463-2437. We will need an approximate number of people attending, time and location. We will provide hand outs.

The presentation will be tailored to fit into your time frame and topics discussed may include recycling, landfill issues and the future of our solid waste plan. This is a wonderful way to support your environment and encourage your friends, neighbors or coworkers to recycle.



Market Update

In this issue and future issues of the Recycling Newsletter I plan to provide what I call a market update. This is the approximate value of recyclables sold. This dollar amount may vary and changes monthly but it will give you an idea of the value in recycling.

Corrugated	\$ 125.00 per ton
Newsprint	140.00 per ton
Mixed Paper	90.00 per ton
Mixed Plastic	200.00 per ton
Tin	16.00 per ton
Aluminum	.85 per pound