

Recycle, Rockbridge!

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Operating Hours

Currently, the hours of the recycling centers are Monday through Saturday 7:00am–6:00pm (excluding Murat Recycling Center). These are seasonal hours, and will end on Saturday, March 13. On Monday, March 15, we will go back to the previous hours, Monday through Saturday 8:00am–7:00pm. If you have any questions about this, call us at 463-2437.

(Note: The hours at the Murat Recycling Center are Monday 7:00am–3:00pm; Tuesday 8:00am–4:00pm; Wednesday 10:00am–6:00pm; Thursday & Friday 8:00am–4:00pm; Saturday 9:00am–5:00pm.)

Education

The Recycling Bus recently made its stops at Natural Bridge Elementary and Mountain View Elementary. Grades K through 5 came on the bus at each school. Each class had a special lesson and activity. If time allowed, the students went outside at the end of class and drew on the outside of the bus with sidewalk chalk.

A special thank you to Mr. Matt Crossman, Principal of Natural Bridge Elementary School, and Mrs. Lori Teague, Principal of Mountain View Elementary School, for working with me on educating the students on recycling and the environment. The students at both schools are always a joy to teach.

I look forward to continuing education on the Recycling Bus at Natural Bridge and Mountain View.

Recycling Facts

- Each person creates about 4.7 pounds of waste every single day.
- In the US 33.4% of solid waste is either recycled or composted, 12.6% is burned in combustion facilities and 54% makes its way into landfills.
- In 2007, 99% of lead acid batteries were recycled, 54% of paper and paperboard were recycled, 64% of yard trimmings were recycled and nearly 35% of metals were recycled.
- The amount of recycling in 2007 saved the energy equivalent of 10.7 billion gallons of gasoline and prevented the release of carbon dioxide of approximately 35 million cars.
- The number of landfills in the US are decreasing while their size is increasing. In 1998 there were 8,000 landfills but only 1,754 in 2007.
- Each ton of mixed paper that is recycled can save the energy equivalent to 185 gallons of gasoline.
- Approximately 8,660 curbside recycling programs exist in the United States.
- Disposal of waste to landfills has decreased from 89% in 1980 to 54% in 2007.
- In 2007, the United States recycled and composted 85 million tons of the 254 million tons of municipal solid waste created.
- Only 27% of all newspaper in the US is recycled. So please start recycling more newspaper!!!

Thank you for recycling!