

Recycle Baling Twine

Ft. Collins Conservation District

A rancher's question, an article from our NRCS Range Conservationist, and a cordage company all worked together to initiate our baling twine recycling program.

Our District Conservation Technician discovered consistent interest throughout the communities in our district for a place where people could take baling twine to be recycled. She contacted Bridon Cordage in Minnesota and learned that they recycle twine into more twine. They explained that when our district can collect a semi-load they will send a truck to get it and pay market price per clean pound (at least .08/pound for loose twine and .11/pound for baled twine). The twine needs to have 8% or less contamination from dirt, stalks or other non-twine items. The company can be contacted for the specific guidelines at : 507-320-7002.

on a pallet for easy moving. He was willing to use his larger bins and a storage barn. It was important to start the collection in a place where it would be semi-supervised so that people wouldn't confuse the container with a trash bin. We started about 2 weeks ago. Then the local newspaper featured the program on their front page and more businesses contacted us.



When we start a business in the program we make a laminated poster for them to display and print out about 80 handouts on photo cardstock so they'll be durable. The handouts are about 4 to a page and look like this: So far so good. With limited funding for the project, we decided that we better just get started and work out the details

BALING TWINE RECYCLING

WHERE?.....AT WELLINGTON ACE HARDWARE

WHAT?.....PLASTIC TWINE ONLY, NO TRASH, NO DIRT PLEASE

WHY?.....TWINE CAN BE RECYCLED INTO MORE TWINE,

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Thanks to Doug & Ian Anderson at Wellington Ace Hardware in cooperation with the Fort Collins Conservation District. Email questions: ftcollinsconsvdist@qwestoffice.net

as we go. We are greatly encouraged by the way this program has brought a lot of community members together; so many people helped us come up with ideas. Hopefully we'll have more good news and maybe some tips in the next issue of the conservator.



Seemed like a great idea, so we investigated different aspects. We needed a collection site, containers, and some kind of storage as the pile grew. We asked local waste management companies if they were interested or could donate containers. No luck, so far. We asked at auction yards and businesses, we even asked school ecology clubs if they would help. No luck. Finally one business owner wanted to help (see image above).

He had some great ideas about setting up the collection bin

