

# GOING GREEN:

## Recycling in Portales

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### **Aluminum Cans**

Habitat for Humanity recycles aluminum cans. First Community Bank has a collection box for aluminum cans for Habitat. Contact them at 359-1256. Bank lobby hours are M – F 9 – 5.

ENMU has several collection boxes for aluminum cans for Habitat. Clovis Recycling (762-2333) pays for aluminum cans. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Clovis Recycling (762-2333) is at 505 S. Prince St. in Clovis. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. They pay for all items.

### **Appliances**

Includes appliances with Freon. Clovis Recycling (762-2333) is at 505 S. Prince St. in Clovis. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. They pay for all items.

Habitat for Humanity has a Re-Store at 308 North Main – at the corner of Railroad and N. Main. The hours are 5 PM to 7PM on Fridays and 8AM to 1PM on Saturdays. They take appliances in good working condition. Contact Habitat at 575-359-1344 if you need to arrange a pick up.

### **Auto radiators, clean steel, steel cans, brass, copper, and iron.**

Clovis Recycling (762-2333) is at 505 S. Prince St. in Clovis. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. They pay for all items.

The Portales Convenience Center (356-8664) at 1230 N. Avon collects metal items and sells them to a salvage yard in Clovis. Open 8 – 5 M – F and 1 – 5 on Saturday and Sunday.

### **Batteries**

Wal-Mart collects all types of batteries at the jewelry counter. They recycle them.

### **Building Materials and Paint**

Habitat for Humanity has a Re-Store at 308 North Main – at the corner of Railroad and N. Main. The hours are 5 PM to 7PM on Fridays and 8AM to 1PM on Saturdays. They take building materials, appliances, fixtures, doors, sinks, power tools, etc. in good working condition. Contact them at 575-359-1344 if you need to arrange a pick up.

### **Car Battery**

Clovis Recycling (762-2333) is at 505 S. Prince St. in Clovis. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. They pay for all items.

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### **Cardboard**

Call Larry Bittick (562-2511) to make sure he will be there when you come by. The recycle center is on N. Ave O. across from the president's residence. Go to the first corrugated metal building. The hours are 7 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Clovis Recycling (762-2333) is at 505 S. Prince St. in Clovis. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. They pay for all items.

### **Cell Phones**

Call Dolores Penrod (356-5980) or bring to 2120 S. Ave. I Place. She takes cell phones to the Sundance Ranch Feline Sanctuary in Clovis.

### **Clothing**

Pilar Moreno (749-2061) will take your used clothing to distribute to low-income people in Roosevelt County.

You can save clothing for the Democratic Party Garage Sale, which is held each September.

You can also bring clothing to the Consigning Women on the Square. They give clothing to families in need.

### **Eyeglasses**

The Lions Club has collection boxes for your old eyeglasses to send to New Eyes for the Needy. Portales National Bank on 2<sup>nd</sup> St near the Square has a collection box in the lobby. Their hours are M – Th 9 – 3 and F 9 – 5. The Chamber of Commerce on the Square also has a collection box in their lobby. Their hours are M – F 8 – 5.

### **Glass**

There is no market for glass now. None of the surrounding communities (Amarillo or Lubbock) are recycling either because they cannot find buyers.

### **Household goods**

Pilar Moreno (749-2061) will take household goods to give to low-income people in Roosevelt County.

You can save them for the Democratic Party Garage Sale in September.

You can also bring household goods to the Consigning Women on the Square. They give items to families in need.

### **Newspapers**

First Community Bank in Portales and in Clovis collects newspapers. Contact them at 359-1256. Bank lobby hours are M – F 9 – 5. Portales Community Bank calls ENMU to pick up the newspapers. ENMU does not have a purchaser for the newspapers yet, so they are just stockpiling them for now.

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### **Paperboard**

Paperboard (cracker boxes, cereal boxes, non-corrugated cardboard) must be taken to Lubbock. Put in a **doubled** Wal-Mart bag or tie up with twine or string. See the two Lubbock facilities below. They also accept newspaper.

Jarvis Metal Recycling Inc.  
Commercial Drop-Off  
7825 Olive Ave  
Lubbock, TX 79404  
(806) 744-7091

American Fibers  
Commercial Drop-Off  
2002 Weber Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404  
(806) 762-1525

### **Paper of Good Quality**

White paper such as copy and printer paper and stationery is collected at ENMU (**no coated paper or magazines, colored paper is okay, envelopes are okay**). Call Larry Bittick (562-2511) to make sure he will be there when you come by. The recycle center is on N. Ave O. across from the president's residence. Go to the first corrugated metal building. The hours are 7 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. This paper is sent to Arizona & Colorado for processing.

### **Plastic Bags (#2)**

Wal-Mart recycles plastic grocery bags. Fill a plastic bag with as many others as you can. There is a bin at the front of the store.

Albertsons in Clovis recycles plastic grocery bags as well as dry-cleaning bags and newspaper wrapper bags.

### **Plastic Bottles**

There is no market for plastic bottles now. Collecting plastics to ship off for recycling is not cost effective. We need a local processing/composting solution.

### **Ink or Printer Cartridges**

Call Dolores Penrod (356-5980) or bring to 2120 S. Ave. I Place. She takes printer cartridges to the Sundance Ranch Feline Sanctuary in Clovis.

Toner cartridges are recycled or remanufactured at The Copier Supply Company at 314 N. Main in Clovis. Hours are 8 AM – 5 PM Monday through Friday. Call Craig Ham at 800-201-1775.

### **Toys**

Take your good used toys to Brenda Fenton at the Fire Department (356-4406), 301 S. Ave. C. She will restore them and contribute to the toy distribution which Pilar Moreno does every Christmas.

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### **Kitchen waste (wet)**

Uncooked food waste such as fruit peels, vegetable peels, coffee grinds and filters, tea bags, egg shells, nut shells, plant trimmings, etc. can be composted. You need both wet and dry waste to have effective compost. You may want to purchase a compost drum to keep flies to a minimum and to make turning the compost easier.

### **Yard waste (dry)**

Dry leaves, dry grass, straw, sawdust, tissue paper, shredded paper, and shredded egg cartons can be composted. You need both wet and dry waste to have effective compost. You may want to purchase a compost drum to keep flies to a minimum and to make turning the compost easier.

Any additions or corrections to this list should be sent to Dolores Penrod, 2120 S. Ave. I Place, 356-5980, [dolorespenrod@msn.com](mailto:dolorespenrod@msn.com) or to Joan Brown at [joan.brown@enmu.edu](mailto:joan.brown@enmu.edu).

Envirocycle Systems makes a composting drum that has wheels to help with the turning. This one cost \$170.00 including shipping. I found it on Amazon.com and it was sold by GreenFeet. It works really well and does not have a lot of smell or a lot of flies. If at all possible, I recommend getting a pair of these. Then you can have one drum finish composting while you are loading the other drum with waste!



For the kitchen collection bucket, I got a [Norpro 94 Stainless-Steel Composter Keeper](#), also available at Amazon.com or try ebay.com. This cost \$40 and is very durable and handsome on the counter top. It has a filter in the lid so that the compost waiting to be dumped doesn't stink up your kitchen!