

An Array Of Recycling Opportunities

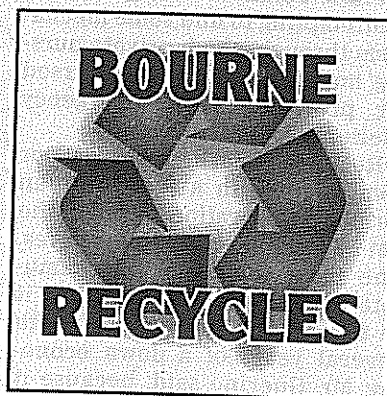
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Have you noticed that there are five very large piles of matter at the landfill? Some you take away from and others you add to. On the way to the recycling area you pass two piles on your left just before a huge metal building. The first pile is coarsely ground brush. It was sold as is for fuel as well as for mulch after further grinding and mixing with bark mulch. The second pile, which is reddish, is double-ground brush. Both are available and free to townspeople.

Once you pass the gatehouse and turn left, you find three large piles on your right. The first is obvious: asphalt, brick and concrete. A company is hired to come in and crush this until it is fine enough to use for temporary on-site roads.

The next pile is yard waste, which includes leaves, grass and pine needles that will eventually become compost. The third pile,

which contains brush, logs, and stumps, will be ground into wood chips. Both the wood chips and compost are available to townspeople. This area is monitored most of the time to keep these two



piles from being contaminated or intermingled. Continuing on down that road beyond the recycling bins, you will find a holding area way over on the left for compost and sand. Demand for compost has depleted the supply at present.

Here are some translations that helped me: Household Waste means trash, garbage, rubbish; Universal Waste includes thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, and items containing mercury. But rather than putting the above in the Universal Waste shed, it is preferred that you give them to the gate attendant for safety. At the Used Oil Filters and Batteries shed, batteries means car and marine (big) batteries. Again, give rechargeable, Ni-Cad (Ni-Cd), lithium (Li-ion), nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH), and lead acid (Pb) batteries to the gate attendant. Alkaline batteries, such as flashlight batteries, go right in the trash.

We are fortunate to have some 30 or so recyclable items accepted at the Residential Recycling Center, but it does take some diligence and patience to get things where they belong. All the workers are knowledgeable about recycling, so don't hesitate to ask for help.