

Baling Twine Recycling

NOW Available In The Billings Area

(No Mesh Please)

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society's Twine Collection & Recycling Site (TCRS) will be **opening Friday, June 14, & Saturday, June 15, (2019), from 8AM to 2PM.**

The TCRS' hours are 8AM to 2PM the 2nd and 4th Friday/Saturday of each month from May through October - weather permitting. It will be staffed with volunteers.

The TCRS is located 2½ miles north of Laurel on Buffalo Trail Road (¾ mile north of the intersection of Laurel Airport Road on Buffalo Trail Road). It is across the highway from the Laurel Container Site.

Like all plastics that are recycled, the twine needs to be dry and at least 90% clean.

We are not accepting net or mesh wrap since not all is recyclable. It is one of the most difficult plastics to clean and recycle due to the hay fibers, soil, and rocks that become embedded in the plastic.

For further information including a map, visit yvaudubon.org or email yvas.twine.recycle@gmail.com. You can also call and leave a message at: 406-591-8606.

Additional Info:

While we are aware that most baling twine is collected during wintertime feeding, we are unable to keep the recycling center open all year.

We rely on our volunteer workers to operate and maintain the TCRS. We do not have paid staff.

No money is made from this project. A full semi-load of dry, 90% clean polypropylene twine will bring a refund payment adequate to cover the cost of loading and shipping to a recycling facility in Minnesota. If contamination of the twine is more than 10%, the payment will not be sufficient to cover these costs.

We want this project to succeed and be a model opportunity for other communities. After the first year, we hope to have a much better idea of what to expect, how to expand, and how to revise or adapt.

For now, we are focusing our marketing efforts locally within 90 miles of Billings, however, we will not turn away any 90% to 100% clean, dry twine that is delivered to the collection site.

Most users of baling twine in Montana do not have access to an environmentally safe method for disposing of unwanted loose twine. Recycling is the only environmentally safe and legal way to dispose of twine and plastics.

