RECYCLING

Recycling is a critical component of the Zero Waste Action Plan, and both residential and commercial sectors of the community are required to properly recycle glass, plastic, aluminum, paper and cardboard materials. If you are unsure whether a specific material is recyclable or not, do not place the questionable item in the recycle bin.

RECYCLE STEPS

1. Remove all caps and lids and place in recycle bin.
2. Remove labels from bottles and tin, if possible.
3. Empty and rinse all containers.
4. If it is plastic or metal, crush the item to reduce its size. Flatten all boxes.
5. Remove non-recyclable packing materials, such as peanuts and foam from boxes.
6. Place all items in the polycart or bin with the recycle symbol on it. Do keep all fibrous materials, such as cardboard, pressboard and mixed paper together to the side of the commingled items.

RECYCLABLE & NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

**Aluminum, Tin, Steel**: aluminum and tin cans, wire hangers, metal lids and bottle tops

**Glass**: all colored and clear glass bottles and jars; no mirrors, vases or beverage glasses

**Plastics**: all plastic labeled #1 – #7; no plastic wrap or plastic bags

**Paper & Cardboard**: separate commingling from paper materials within the recycling bin
  - cereal, cracker and pasta boxes (minus cellophane)
  - corrugated cardboard (ridged, non-wax)
  - pizza boxes (take food out); empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls
  - newspapers, advertisements, magazines, catalogs and phone books
  - all junk mail
  - white paper, fax paper, white envelopes (with or without windows)
  - brochures and pamphlets, construction paper (no neon), manila file folders, card stock
  - no beer or produce cartons coated with wax for waterproofing or freezer storage
  - no water repellant papers, tissue paper or metallic paper.

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**Zero Waste** means using all possible resources to ensure little or no waste is disposed of by buying environmentally friendly supplies, recycling and composting as much trash as possible. In 2008, Mountain Village recognized that the placement of materials in waste disposal facilities, such as landfills and incinerators, is costly to taxpayers, causes environmental damage, wastes natural resources, and transfers liabilities to future generations. For this reason, a goal of Zero Waste, or Darn Close, by 2025, was adopted and we continue working steadfastly to make it happen.
ENERGY CONSERVATION
We count on coal and oil as two resources for most of our electricity. By using them less, we save natural resources and reduce air pollution. To help, please:

- turn off unnecessary lighting
- use outdoor lighting minimally
- keep appliances and personal items such as computers and phones unplugged unless they are being charged or used
- set thermostats at a temperature that saves energy yet still keeps you comfortable

DOGS
We know that dogs are a special and important part of many families. To ensure that Mountain Village remains clean and pet friendly, we ask that you follow a few simple rules:

1. Keep your dog on a leash whenever you are in public areas.
2. Remember to always pick up after your dog and dispose of the bag in the proper waste receptacles.
3. Well behaved, leashed dogs are allowed in marked gondola cabins.
4. Dogs may not be left unattended in any vehicle in any public parking area except South Village Center Parking lot and Town Hall Plaza Parking lot.

BLACK BEARS
Most bear encounters happen in the early morning hours between the months of March and November. Most conflicts between bears and people are linked to careless handling of food or garbage. Here are some simple tips to remember:

- Bag your trash tightly to contain odors and always keep your polycart locked
- Keep your BBQ grill free of food and grease
- Never leave human, livestock or pet food outside or in a vehicle

If you meet a bear:
- Stay calm
- Keep looking at the bear as you back away slowly; never run or climb a tree
- Speak in a normal tone
- Fight back if a bear attacks you

If you have personal contact with a bear or if property damage is done, contact the Mountain Village Police Department at 970-728-9281.

GREEN GONDOLA PROJECT
While in Mountain Village and using the gondola as your number one mode of transportation, please consider donating to the Green Gondola Project. Donation receptacles are located at gondola terminals or a larger donation may be made to the town. To learn more about the Green Gondola Project, visit www.townofmountainvillage.com/greengondola.

Visit our website, townofmountainvillage.com, for our event calendar, business directory, maps and so much more. We hope you enjoy your stay, and thank you for your cooperation.