

## Suggestions:

Composting assistance would be a great help to the community as these things do not need to end up in a landfill if we can find a way to utilize them locally.

As I work week day and weekends I can not take time off in the middle of the day to recycle at the center.

**I think the Recycling Center in RL should have expanded days and hours at minimum cost to the tax-payers.** That can be accomplished by having one less employee on each day and by cutting 1 hour off on Wednesday and Saturday (less busy in afternoons, so have hours on those days 10-3) and add another day or two of 10-3 service (Monday and or Friday from 10-3 or 10-2). I think all employee vehicles should be parked outside the fence to give the consumers more area to unload their recyclables. **As part of way-finding program, better signage at the Recycling Center and better signage along highway to direct people to the Recycling Center.** I think additional recycling containers in town will encourage bad habits from people (especially during the busy summer season) to throw non-recyclable material(s) into those containers, so I am against that process.

Currently recycle through Republic, as they pick up at our business... was more convenient for the amount of recycling that we have. So we bring in our household recycling and add it to the bin here...

Between recycling and compost, we have one sometimes scant bag of garbage a week. Still, there are things the center doesn't take: vegetable bags or any bags beyond grocery; glass. I have often thought it would be nice to have a drop off area for people to pick up jars, etc., for reuse. Something on that line would be a good idea.

**Would it be possible to have the 24/7 receptacles available AND the recycling center at no additional cost? Would the 24/7 receptacles be single stream? That would be awesome. Also it would be nice to have public trash receptacles for tourists. Other tourist towns provide trash and recycling receptacles for visitors.**

**24/7 recycling and trash receptacles located at both ends of town would be great. I know that the city pays a lot of money to BI to operate the recycling center. The extra \$1,000 per month paid to BI, over and above the \$1,500 paid to BI for workers wages, would go a long way to pay for 24/7 recycling and trash receptacles in town - maybe at the Chamber, Public Restrooms, and Rotary Park. We are a tourist town. We should provide those amenities to visitors and even to those folks who live in the county and bring their trash and recycling to town. There are always going to be those folks. We need to get over it and just deal with it. \$1,000 per month will take care of that issue.**

Hard to get to recycling center when they close without notice and they are only open until 4:00

We pay a lot more to Beartooth Industries for recycling center than we did when I worked there. LOTS more. It seems we could spend that money better and keep the recycling center and add 24/7 receptacles around town.

The city pays about twice as much as it did a few years ago to keep that recycling center open and we don't even have the curbside pickup any more. It seems that we could pay the guys at recycling AND have 24/7 receptacles for what we're paying now. And trash dumpsters for tourists, too.

I would like to recycle glass and plastic bags. I sometimes go weeks without getting to the recycling center due to conflicts with the hours they are open. It would be easier if I could do it whenever I had time. My garage and mud room would be appreciative of the space.

**I appreciate the ads in the Carbon County News that explain which things can be recycled in Red Lodge.**

Exactly where can you take recyclable material in Red Lodge?

Great ideas, thanks for getting this survey out!

I already recycle, so I am committed, even though it takes extra effort to get places on either Wed or Sat (not always convenient) and the recycling center is bummed if everything is not sorted for them ahead of time. I do now separate shiny paper from office paper. Thanks for caring about recycling!

Recycling is great! I'd also love to see more cloth shopping bags. And recycling at the Christmas Stroll would be nice. Do they recycle at RLM? They started charging for water cups :(

There is a need for glass and plastic shopping bag recycling options in town. In both cases they currently need to be taken to collection locations out of town. In the case of plastic shopping bags Albertson's in Billings or Cody. Which by the way gives me an opportunity to do my grocery shopping there rather than Beartooth Market which has no recycling options.

Thank you so much for offering a survey! I would love to see more recycling available around town, especially personal commingled bins for homes and commercial businesses. Additionally, the option to recycle glass somewhere in the state would be amazing!!

Recycling bins at parks would be nice

**Let's figure out plastic grocery bags once and for all**

I think residents should have the option to have curbside recycling. I know from other work I do and relationships that there is a possibility we could have all in one recycling from Republic Services yet we are worried about Beartooth Industries. I want to support them as well but having all in one curbside would be nice for busy lifestyles. Limited access to the recycling area is very frustrating unless you are super committed to recycling.....**closing before we are done with work and open in the one day a weekend when we are typically running kids to sports, etc???** We will always be committed to recycling and reusing but it needs to be simpler for those that waiver on their commitment if our community wants to make a difference. Good job getting a survey out. Please get curbside, I hate going to the recycling center.

The lack of recycling options and education is a maddening aspect of Montana. Get it together MT!! This isn't hard. It just needs to become habit.

Would also appreciate more days of large item (construction) recycling. Seems like I always miss the 2x per year it's offered.

We are use to recycling most of our trash but not easy to do in Red Lodge.

Curbside pick up please!!

I recycle but understand why people in Red Lodge currently do not. It is a hassle. With curbside recycling I think everyone would recycle!

Would like to have more opportunities for large recycling (such as construction materials) etc. Thanks!

**I don't want to pay to recycle**

**I'm totally satisfied with the voluntary recycling program in the city. I am not in favor of establishing a tax-payer subsidized, city-wide program.**

I currently drive all my recyclables into Billings since they have 24 hr containers for nearly all items.

Recycling in highly populated states is required. Why, when we have a beautiful state worth preserving, we aren't more proactive is mind blowing.

I think our recycle center should explore expanding its capabilities, to handle almost anything. And I suggest it have a set schedule, with a person being there, (perhaps two days a week, for four hours, say Saturday morning, and Wednesday late afternoon, to assist folks in putting their recycled items in the right place when they go. It would be a part time, paid position, and that person would have to be qualified as to what to accept, and what not to accept.

I would recycle everything that has a local place to recycle it. Thanks for your work on this!

I am very happy that we have recycling in Red Lodge. It is very important.

would probably attract animals

Good survey for those that do not recycle, not so much for those of us that recycle to the fullest extent that we can.

I do not believe the choice is no curbside recycling or paid-for-by-owner curbside recycling. There is no reason we can't have curbside recycling without any additional cost to homeowners.

Would love to see curbside pickup in town. I do not drive, so bringing my recyclables to the recycling center in any capacity is extremely difficult. I would be more than happy to pay a fee for this service.

This was a bad winter for recycling- they seemed to closed a lot

Very upset that the city failed to notify residents when the garbage co. stopped picking up bags of recycle items next to the garbage cans. I carefully bagged and set out recycle items, as instructed by the city some years ago, for over a year when I discovered they were throwing them in with the regular trash. Distressing! It was a waste of my effort and time, not to mention all those bags going into a landfill. When I contacted city hall to verify the real story, they seemed to care less. Needless to say, I was angry. I now take my recycle items to the recycle center. But not all residents have that capability. Help! Glass recycling please! ♥

Happy with the level of recycling right now. **We don't have the funding to do more; and I don't want our taxes going up any higher than they are now.**

**it would be great to have a couple evening hours once a week (after 5:00)**

community compost would be great!

It'd be great to find ways to recycle additional odd items like glass, odd plastic bags (bread bags, ziplocks, packaging), styrofoam, electronics, etc.

Failing to find ways to continue support for Beartooth Industries AND recycling would be disgraceful - period. Our community needs to become better not regress and we all need to do what we can to help.

Document publicly the poundages collected each month/year. Have Republic play a role in household recycling. Develop a consistent multi-faceted outreach program.

"I like Red Lodge's recycling opportunities, but they could be expanded (maybe an additional day or more bins). I think the amount of recycling could be expanded by pressuring businesses and big employers (note the hospital and the Post Office DO NOT RECYCLE!) to recycle more; maybe even require it by law as they do in the big cities. After all, the goal is to keep waste from the landfills, which costs us taxpayers big bucks. So, a public relations campaign should be an on-going part of city recycling. Make people more aware of the ease, the need and the savings of recycling.

Consider buying a glass crusher and contracting with local private, city, county and state construction businesses to buy and use the crushed glass.

Also, push harder to have better conditions for the recycling crew. After years of no heat in the building, they finally have it. But it is inadequate and wasteful. Improve on that situation with lower ceilings and smaller doors for cold weather."

I'll bring them up at the next meeting.

I would recycle glass if there was a place that takes it

I'm glad you're doing this

The present set up is good~ not a problem to take things at all.

I compost at home  
know its needed~ just haven't

Composting is gross

I bring it in from Joliet  
in from Joliet

**I use Republic Services pick up. I have a designated can and pay \$16/month. It is co-mingled.**

cardboard box pick up.  
Need plastic and can recycling centers.

Please do alley pickup in Red Lodge

I also want to add it makes me mad to see people bring in their recycling unsorted just all in one container. Maybe an article in the paper listing the different categories would work. Since Don became the manager of recycling it has improved 100%~ His staff is eager to help unload the car, they're efficient and friendly. He has also cleaned up the building made it a nicer place to come to~ whatever Don is getting paid, it's not nearly enough.

Leave it alone  
Beartooth Industries does a great job, stop listening to the two whiners!

The Red Lodge recycling option is a win-win. Not only does it provide meaningful employment for our developmentally disabled adults it provides a much needed service for keeping useful items out of the landfill dump. Please continue your support

We just recently moved from Billings where we could not recycle nearly as many things. we are quite impressed with the program and the fact it helps support Beartooth Industries. Please find a way to keep the program viable.

Great program important program keep it going

keep supporting the recycling program and Beartooth Industries

keep recycling in Red Lodge