PLASTIC BALING TWINE IS 100% RECYCLABLE

WHAT IS BALING TWINE?
- POLYPROPYLENE PLASTIC USED TO TIE HAY INTO A BALE

BASED ON THE USDA LIVESTOCK CENSUS
IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A COMBINED TOTAL OF 9 MILLION POUNDS OF TWINE IS DISCARDED ANNUALLY IN JUST LARIMER AND WELD COUNTIES.

BASICALLY EVERY COUNTY THAT HAS ANY LIVESTOCK WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TWINE BEING DISCARDED. I RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM ALL OVER COLORADO, ESPECIALLY FROM THE GUEST RANCHES IN THE MOUNTAINS.
ALL THAT PLASTIC TWINE IS EITHER THROWN INTO THE LANDFILL OR PILED ON PRIVATE LAND

• SOME PEOPLE BURN IT, RELEASING TOXIC FUMES
• SOME PEOPLE PLOW IT INTO THEIR LAND
• AND SOME PEOPLE JUST LEAVE IT IN A PILE ON THEIR LAND WITH OTHER TRASH

THE LANDOWNERS WE WORK WITH ARE VERY HAPPY TO RECYCLE THEIR POST-CONSUMER TWINE.

• After 4 years of our Larimer County recycling program, landowners state that they PREFER to recycle their twine.
• This summer over 200 landowners signed support for the program at just one collection location.

WHY RECYCLE BALING TWINE?

• PROTECT WILDLIFE
A study in Montana calculated that 10% of osprey chicks die of strangulation by twine annually.

Both domestic livestock and wildlife will eat the twine. It forms a ball in their gut and without surgery they can die.

Discarded twine can also cause problems when it tangles in equipment.

In 2012 we started twine collection in Larimer County. It was not easy to convince anyone to receive the twine. But after one business started, there was an article in the newspaper and then other businesses wanted to collect. We currently have a total of 10 collection sites in Larimer County, Weld County, Alamosa and Monte Vista.
WE COLLECT TWINE INSIDE FEED STORES, VET SUPPLIERS AND HARDWARE STORES

WE COLLECT TWINE OUTSIDE RANCH SUPPLY STORES

THIS YEAR WE SET UP TWINE COLLECTION AT TWO DAIRIES

THE SAN LUIS VALLEY LANDFILL HAS ALSO STARTED COLLECTING.
IT TAKES SOME TIME AND PR FOR LANDOWNERS TO PARTICIPATE

CLEAN TWINE IS STORED IN TOTES

AFTER THE TWINE IS COLLECTED, IT IS SORTED TO REMOVE TRASH AND HAY

AFTER SEVERAL TOTES ARE FULL THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO A RECYCLER
THE RECYCLER BALES THE TWINE WITH A REGULAR BOX BALER

ABOUT 6 TOTES, EACH HOLDING ABOUT 250 POUNDS OF TWINE, MAKE ONE 1,500 POUND BALE OF TWINE

THE RECYCLER WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH, WASTE-NOT RECYCLING, SELLS THE BALES WITH OTHER PLASTICS. HOWEVER, SOME COLLECTORS STORE THE TWINE UNTIL THEY HAVE A SEMI-TRAILER FULL. THAT IS ABOUT 34 BALES. THEN THEY TRUCK IT TO A MAIN PROCESSOR WHO PAYS MARKET RATE. THE TWINE IS CHOPPED AND MADE INTO POST-CONSUMER MANUFACTURING PELLETS.

OUR WEBSITE IS: TWINERECYCLING.COM
KEEP COLORADO BEAUTIFUL.
RECYCLE BALING TWINE!