

Program Background

The Wrights Mesa Trash & Recycling Transfer Station located on CR-AA42, is operated by Bruin Waste Management, LLC under contract with San Miguel County and provides an opportunity for residents to dispose of non-hazardous household and garden refuse and recycling. As of June 1st 2019 there will be pay-to-throw fees for garbage, recycling will remain free to the public, San Miguel County pays the costs for recycling.

The station is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday 9a.m. to 5p.m.

The Transfer Station accepts commingled recycling materials outlined on the inside page of this brochure.

This center is not intended or licensed as a landfill. A privately owned Broad Canyon landfill is located on State Highway 141 about 3 miles west from the highway 145 intersection toward Dry Creek Basin. The contact phone is (970) 258-2014, hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This location provides more extensive disposal opportunities such as construction waste and larger refuse that the Norwood Transfer Station can't accommodate.



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San Miguel County Trash & Recycling Transfer Station

Public Information Update



**Operated by
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San Miguel County Solid Waste Disposal District

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the SWDD? The San Miguel County Solid Waste Disposal District was formed in 1991 authorizing a .5 mill tax on unincorporated area properties to support safe and convenient refuse disposal and recycling.

How does the tax revenue cover services?

Initially the mill levy generated an average of \$100k annually. Over the almost 30 years since it was first approved, this tax levy declined to .192 and as of 2017 only generated about \$44k annually, not enough to support the programs the County had in place. In November of 2018 unincorporated County voters approved a .4 mill property tax providing an estimated \$90k in funding annually. This remains an insufficient funding source for existing programs, but the Commissioners wished to minimize taxation and be more efficient in the SWDD programs.

What programs and services are covered by SWDD funding?

- Annual Spring Cleanup, Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Disposal Events.
- Holiday Tree Collection/Chipping
- Contracted operation of the Norwood Transfer station, mostly serving west end residents for over 20 years. Up until this year (2019) as a free service., now a pay-to-throw fee service for refuse, and no-cost for recycling.

Guidelines for Single-Stream Recycling

Bruin operates a single stream sorting facility in Montrose. Materials are sorted and baled for shipment to various markets. To lower recycling costs the Norwood Transfer Station has recyclable materials separated into the following receptacles:

- Corrugated cardboard—Flatten and remove packing materials.
- Co-mingled aluminum and other metal cans, plastics 1-7, and glass
- Co-mingled paper including newspaper, office paper, junk mail, magazines & catalogs, phone books and paper board such as non-waxy cereal or snack boxes.
- Scrap metal including appliances, (no electronics or units with Freon such as AC-units, freezers, or refrigerators)

Contamination of recycled materials may turn it all into trash!

Do not place plastic bags, food, liquids or food contaminated paper, Styrofoam containers, peanuts or other packing material. electronics or other hazardous materials in with recycling.

Other Disposal No-No's:

Propane tanks, light bulbs,
batteries of any kind,
Call for info 800 559-2149

Bruin Waste Management Fee Schedule-June 2019

Norwood Transfer Station:

Up to 32 gallon \$5.25
55 gallon can or bag \$9.25
Loose uncontained trash
\$34 per cubic yard

DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS ONLY ACCEPTED AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Cash accepted at the
County Finance Office
Summit Avenue Glockson
Building Monday—Friday

Residential and Commercial
Curbside Pickup Available
Call for a quote. Weekly,
bi-weekly & on-call pickup

800-559-2149



On-line bill
pay available