

Recycling contract implemented at Kirtland

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Solid Waste Program

While Team Kirtland has been recycling for many years, April marks the beginning of a new era in our recycling program bringing many opportunities. Kirtland Air Force Base will be launching a new Integrated Solid Waste Management contract.

The new contract, awarded to Mark Dunning Industries, will be a great tool to help Team Kirtland improve our recycling diversion as mandated by Executive Order. MDI has experience working with other military installations on their ISWM programs, and has partnered with Team Kirtland to upgrade our refuse and recycling programs to mandated standards. We can't do it alone. We need your help to achieve the goal of 50 percent diversion by 2015.

Beginning April 4, Team Kirtland's recycling program will accept a wider variety of materials. These materials will also be accepted at the existing drop-off location in the northeast parking lot of the base commissary, except for toner cartridges and shredded paper. Corrugated cardboard will continue to be accepted in white dumpsters across the base.

Because the new ISWM contract does not provide services internal to the buildings, all office and shop recycling programs will receive weekly curbside service starting April 4.

This change is necessary to accommodate the increased volume from adding new materials while maintaining collection route efficiency.

Civil Engineering is working with facility managers

Recycling Tips & Tricks

Pay attention to the labels: If your item isn't listed on the label, it will contaminate the bin. Even trash can be contaminated with recyclables.

Be considerate: Break down your cardboard boxes so others can use the cardboard dumpsters, too.

Help keep things neat: All shredded paper must be contained in clear plastic bags. There are specific requirements for pulverized shred disposal.

Be a good wingman: Help others in your area to recycle properly.



Team Kirtland Recycles

- White paper
- Shredded (non-pulverized) white paper
- Mixed paper (news, colored, magazine, junk mail, chipboard, e.g. cereal boxes and soda cases, etc.)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Aluminum containers, e.g. soda cans, new aluminum bottles
- Plastic containers No. 1 and No. 2
- Toner cartridges

NOTE: Labeled containers will be supplied to each facility as the program ramps up.

and recycling points of contact to ensure a smooth transition. Your flexibility and

patience during the transition period is appreciated.

To effect these changes, CE has hired a new full-time solid waste and recycling program manager, Katrina Wheelock. She brings a wealth of recycling knowledge and operational experience to our team. Her e-mail is ceanc.recycle@kirtland.af.mil.

A successful Team Kirtland recycling program not only collects lots of recyclable materials, but also benefits you, because supplemental program revenue is used for basewide quality of life initiatives. The best way to ensure success is for everyone to participate. Every wheeled recycling cart will be clearly labeled, showing what is acceptable for recycling in that cart.

Make it your responsibility to know how to recycle in your office or shop. Pay attention to what's being thrown away. There may be more opportunities to divert waste.

If you have questions, ideas, or need assistance in improving recycling in your building, don't hesitate to send us an email. Thanks to your efforts, the new generation of Team Kirtland's recycling program will be flying high in no time.

■ KAFB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER
Beginners framing: 6-8 p.m. Today, April 14 and 28. Cost is \$20 plus materials. For more information, call 853-3003 or 846-1070.
Kids Krafts: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 26. All ages welcome. The cost is \$10 per student.

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Salinas Pueblo tour: 8-5 p.m. March 29 or April 23. Visit the Salinas Pueblo Missions south of Albuquerque and learn about the history of the ancestral pueblos known as the Anasazi and the Mogollon. The cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and entry fee.
Kids Rock: 4:30-5:30 p.m. on March 31 or April 21. Kids learn how to rock climb. The cost is \$10.
Wine tours: 11-4 p.m. March 26 or April 9. Enjoy tasting great wines from Albuquerque wineries. The cost is \$35 and includes

transportation and tasting room fees. Bring a picnic lunch.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS
Children and separation issues of deployment: 4:30-5:30 p.m. March 29 at the Maxwell CDC. For more information, call 835-5510 or 846-1103.
Child care: The CDCs have full-time spaces open for immediate care for ages 2-5 at the Gibson and Maxwell centers. Spaces open for children of active-duty, DoD civilian, contractors, Sandia Labs and DoE.

NAF HUMAN RESOURCES
Full or part-time jobs: Find current jobs listings, the forms to apply and start a career with the Force Support Squadron. Apply at the Nonappropriated Funds Human Resource Office, in the northwest corner of the Consolidated Support Building, behind

the U.S. Post Office. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 846-1522 or visit www.nmfjobs.org.

BOWLING CENTER
Learn to bowl: Hook Up 2 Bowling is a beginners program that teaches students the proper mechanics of bowling. It also helps experienced bowlers correct bad habits.

After-school bowling: Monday-Friday, all school-aged youth may bowl for 25 cents and rent shoes for 25 cents.

Nightly bowling specials: The Bowling Center offers nightly bowling specials throughout the week.

LIBRARY
College 101 Workshop: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Designed to help teens to seniors who are considering going to college or a technical school. Call 846-1071

