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MRF Opens June 29th

The MRF has been in the works for PI since February of last year and has finally become a reality.

The prefabricated equipment was installed in May making it possible for the facility to open to the public on June 29th. However, the immense amount of work involved in the education, the business plan, the site visits and other preparation pales in comparison to the work now at hand to make the facility operational. That is the stage where PI finds itself.

DAVCO Steel, a leading builder of recycling equipment, built and installed the sort system and large conveyors needed for the site in a matter of five months. Under the oversight of Ricky Hardee, DAVCO Sales Manager and PI contact, the equipment was constructed with quality and safety foremost and was delivered as scheduled in early May. Hardee and his crew arrived shortly behind the equipment and worked to complete the installation by the middle of the month. Hardee took the latter part of the month to train PI staff to operate and maintain the equipment as well as advised staff on setup operations and proper sorting and baling techniques.

PI recycling staff spent the last few days of May strategizing

on how to train the remainder of the staff and employees (See calendar on page 4 for the scheduled MRF training days), determining who among the PI work force qualifies to work at the MRF and how best to phase in the many duties of the MRF with the differing needs of the clientele served at PI. According to Director Wanda Rogers, "every program participant who wants to and is able will get a chance to work at the MRF".

The current recycling center,



PI Staff learn to sort materials as they move along the conveyor equipment.

located at 601 N. Madison Boulevard, will close on June 27th. All customers are asked to bring their recyclables to the new MRF location at 741 Martin St.

What is a MRF?



The first run of recyclables at the new MRF

Now that the facility is almost at the opening stage, the persistent question is, what will we call it. Some say we can't call it a MRF because people don't know what a MRF is. So for the sake of clarification we will answer this question—What is a MRF?

A MRF, which stands for Materials Recovery Facility, is an enclosed building that contains equipment that can mechanically sort mixed recyclable material and bale it up for sale to the recycling market. The facility is made up of a series of conveyor belts and a mix of manual and automatic procedures to separate the materials and remove any unnecessary items.

The MRF, which will be named the Person County Recycling Center, will open on June 29th and is a joint venture between Person Industries and Person County Government. It is among the newest form of waste technology and is expected to significantly boost the levels of recycling done in Person County in the first six months of operation. The levels will increase thereafter as the MRF accepts more varied materials for recycling.

Question: What is the name of the new MRF?

Answer: Person County Recycling Center (PCRC)

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Friday
7:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday—8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Location:

741 Martin Street
(Off Hwy 158 W/Leasburg Rd
Old Irvin Industries Building)
Roxboro, NC 27573

Phone Number:

336-597-4437
(Functional June 29, 2009)
336-598-5444
(for current questions)

Visitors and Education

To tour the MRF or arrange for recycling education at your school or business, please call 336-598-5444.

Recycling Bins for Sale!

(Available July 1, 2009)

If you're ready to recycle and do not have a bin to store your materials until they're ready for the MRF, give us a call 336-598-5444.



\$125.00

Durable, 50
gallon, easy to
maneuver
rolling bins

What materials are accepted at the MRF?

A commonly asked question for people new to recycling is “What materials can be recycled? The answer is almost anything. Since the PI MRF is just getting started, we will not be able to process all recyclable materials right away, however. We will begin with the more everyday household materials and then gradually phase in others.

Beginning June 29th, the MRF will accept:

- Aluminum cans**
- Cardboard**
- Steel cans**
- Glass bottles**
- Plastics #1–7 PETE**
- Office paper**
- Mixed paper**
- White goods**



Aluminum cans



Office paper



Plastics #2 HDPE



When will other materials be accepted?

Phase 2 (Oct 09—Dec 09) - scrap metal, fluorescent lights, oil, oil filters and automotive batteries

Phase 3 (Jan 10—Jun 10) - pesticides, pallets, electronics

Why should I recycle?

Recycling is a process that allows materials that are considered to be waste to be collected and reprocessed into a new commodity. The benefits of recycling are enormous. Here are a few ...

- It brings down the need for raw materials which helps preserve our natural resources.
- It helps eliminate waste, which effects the natural environment negatively.
- It helps reduce pollution caused by waste. Rubbish releases harmful chemicals and greenhouse gasses.
- It relieves the burden on land as it helps in clearing the spaces filled by waste.
- It produces jobs that will help individuals and the overall economy.
- It requires much less energy than that required by fresh manufacturing.
- It can save communities money.



How do I know the # of my plastic?

Most plastics have a PETE number (short for Polyethylene terephthalate) that is

used to identify the polymer type. That number can be obtained from the bottom of most bottles. Look for the symbol ♻️ that may include a number from 1–7. Contrary to misconceptions, the number does not indicate how hard the item is to recycle, but is an arbitrary number that identifies the specific plastic. It also does not indicate if the material is recyclable. That is determined by whether or not it can be recycled in your area.

PI has advertised that we will begin accepting plastics # 1– 2 when the MRF opens on June 29th. However, a new market for number's 3–7 has opened, so all plastics, # 1-7 will be accepted on day one.

How do I go about recycling in my home or business?

Many people choose not to recycle because they envision a process where they must have separate containers for glass, cans, plastics, etc. and conclude they just don't have the space. But it does not have to be that difficult.

Simply set aside a container in your home and combine your recyclables, i.e., put everything in the same container. Then, swing by the MRF during our convenient hours of operation where our friendly employees will assist you with taking the materials from your vehicle. There will also be drop off bins available during the hours the facility is open.

All materials will be sorted at the

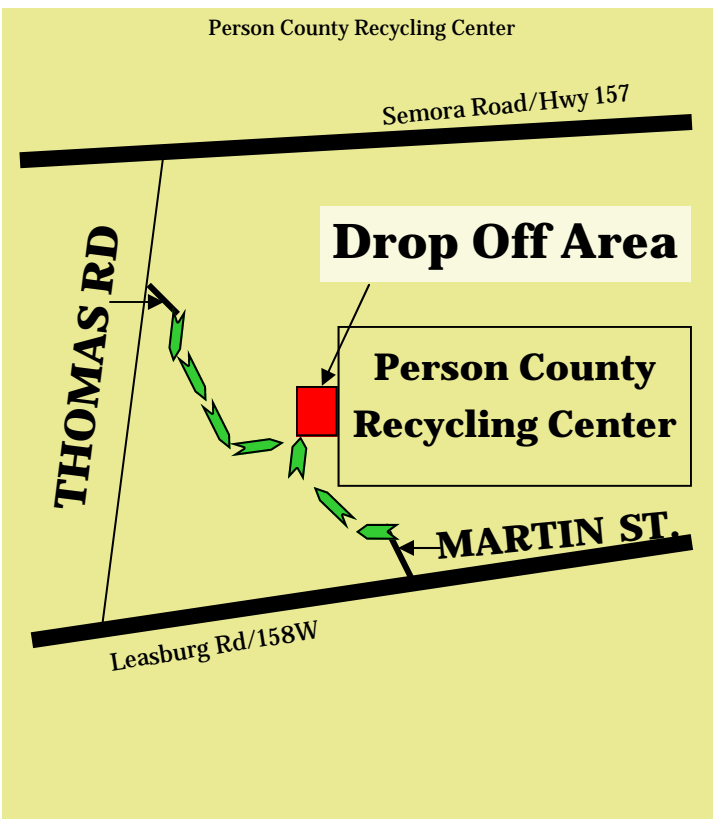
MRF. However, we do ask that plastic and glass containers, as well as bottles and other containers, be completely empty. Any food and trash should be placed in your regular garbage receptacle.

If you plan to come to the MRF less often, you may want to purchase one of our sturdy, yet convenient recycling bins that rolls easily over steps or curbs. See page one for more information.

Businesses and other commercial users will unload from the same area but near the rollup doors where, again, our friendly employees will be ready to assist you.

Where is the MRF and how do I drop off my recyclables?

The MRF is located at 741 Martin Street, off the Leasburg Road/Hwy 158 West. The site can be accessed from both Martin Street and Thomas Road.



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How is the MRF different from the old recycling center on Madison Boulevard?

Answer: The old recycling center merely accepted the recyclable materials before they were shipped to other MRFs for processing.

In addition to accepting recyclable materials, the PI MRF will allow for those same materials to be processed. That means they will be further sorted, bulked up into load sizes suitable for transport, then sold to buyers, including some of the original manufacturers.

Question: Are there things that cannot be recycled?

Answer: Yes. Cardboard stained with food like dirty pizza boxes, styrofoam, plastic toys, furniture, flower pots, plastic grocery store bags, used or unused waxed paper, waxed paper plates or cups, any materials covered with food or grease, yard debris and tires.

Question: Will there be a place to drop off materials after hours?

Answer: No. All material should be brought during our hours of operation. See page one for operating hours.

Question: Will PI pickup recyclable materials from my home or business?

Answer: No. PI does pick up ABC containers from businesses for a minimal fee. However, all other materials should be brought to the MRF.

Question: Will I get paid for the materials I bring to the MRF?

Answer: No. PI will not be able to reimburse anyone for cardboard, aluminum cans or any other materials at this time.

Question: Will the MRF create jobs?

Answer: Yes. The MRF is a new industry in Person County that will require dedicated workers. The jobs that are initially created, however, will go to the employees of Person Industries. Since the mission of PI is to empower and assist our employees to reach their vocational and personal goals, all who qualify will be given the opportunity to work at the MRF. As the facility expands, the hope is for more jobs to be created for others in the community.

Mission: To empower and assist individuals to reach their vocational/personal goals.



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Up Close at Person

Congratulations on Your Graduation!



Lorri Barnett,
PI Job Coach

- Congrats to PI Job Coach Lorri Barnett who graduated from Piedmont Community College on Friday, May 22, 2009. Lorri received an Associates Degree in

Early Childhood. PI staff showed their appreciation for her hard work with a surprise reception in the PI conference room earlier in the day.

Lorri plans to pursue a BS Degree in Child Life from East Carolina University while continuing to work at PI.

- Leslie Wilkerson, PI employee working at Strutmasters, received a letter of recognition from company management for her outstanding job perform-

ance. Leslie, who has worked at the Strutmasters job site for only two months, was commended for her excellent work ethics and positive attitude.



Leslie Wilkerson
PI Employee

- Sarah Martin Reid will host a free seminar for her Vemma business at Piedmont Community College in the Bob Timberlake Gallery on Monday, June 8, 2009. Sarah encourages everyone to come to the seminar to learn about this liquid nutrition supplement and its possible health benefits.

Agenda Staff Workday June 12, 2009

8:00—8:30	Breakfast
8:30—9:30	Announcements, Budget, Strategic Plan, Risk Management (Wanda Rogers)
9:30—10:00	Corporate Compliance & Accident Protocol (Veronica Wilkerson)
10:00—10:15	Break
10:15—10:45	Accessibility Plan (Judith Casseday)
10:45—11:45	Workplace Wellness (Karen Luken)
11:45—2:00	Staff Lunch
2:00—4:00	Tour MRF (Wanda Rogers)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	8 MRF Training PM Only	9 MRF Training AM & PM	10 MRF Training AM Only	11 MRF Training AM & PM	12 Staff Training Day PI closed to all employees—Please see training day schedule (left)		
7							13
14 Flag Day	15 MRF Training AM & PM	16 MRF Training AM & PM	17 MRF Training AM Only (Makeup Session)	18			19
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30					