

## Airport steps up effort to improve recycling

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The Jackson Hole Airport board has purchased its own recycling trailer in an effort to deal with the large amount of glass, paper, plastic and cardboard generated since stepping up recycling efforts last summer.

The \$20,000 recycling trailer went into service Feb. 18 and is available for airport employees, businesses in the airport and the general public. Airport crews will tow the trailer to the Jackson Hole Community Recycling Center, where recycling center employees will empty it.

Paul Walters, the airport's operations officer, said the trailer was purchased in part because the normal curbside service was getting overwhelmed by the volume of recyclables produced by the airport. The trailer also helps mitigate costs during the off-season, when curbside pickup wasn't needed on a regular basis.

"When we originally started the program, we were working out the bugs and [curbside service] was doable," Walters said. "But this summer we really started to push the recycling program ... and we went bonkers."

Walters said the increased recycling is part of a larger effort to make the airport more environmentally friendly, a program instituted in part because of the airport's location in Grand Teton National Park.

"We're in the park, and we want to be good neighbors," he said.

Walters said the public is welcome to bring recyclables to the new trailer, which is located in the employee parking lot, but asked that people not bring trash from home.