

## **Where do our recycled tires go!**

Your tires go through several steps.

1. First, we collect tires at our recycle site at 315 Sterling Street.
2. The City worker takes the tires to Larry's auto wrecking in Burlington WA. A Licensed facility to accept used tires.
3. The tires are then unloaded and if they are on rims they will be de rimmed.
4. Every day they crew at Larry's then load tires into a machine that bales the tires into cubes that are easily handled by a forklift.
5. Then the tires are stacked into rows about 4 to 5 high for later use.
6. Some of the tires are used in place of fill materials like pit run that are valuable resources. The tires are being reused. By being in a baled state the tires may possibly be reused by future generations for another project.
7. Some of the baled tires are also used to make large ecology blocks for use in all different type's of projects. These ecology blocks are lighter than a block it's size made from all concrete be cause tires are used in the middle of the block they even use less concrete which save another valuable resource.

## **Recycle, Reuse, and Prevent Waste**

### **“You can help by using recycled products”**

You can save a lot of resources by recycling tires, rather than haul it to a landfill. You would include human time and labor, fuel, money, materials that produce trucks and other types of energy are consumed to transport this recycle stream to Klickitat County where the landfill is. What is really wasteful is when recyclable or reusable items are just dumped in the garbage.

Sending recyclables like tires all the way to Klickitat County wastes landfill space and natural resources. These resources could be recycled locally for a fraction of the price instead of being buried in the landfill, thus better using the natural resources that went into making them.

Filling up our landfills with "convenience" items or with unnecessary recyclables is truly a waste.

These are crucial reasons for choosing to prevent waste, reuse, and recycle.

## **How You Can Get Involved**

### **“You can help by using recycled products”**

You can help keep the environment healthy and save Ratepayer money by learning the basics about solid waste and encouraging others to consider issues and solutions. These choices will affect the quality of life for you and your family, and for many generations to come.

Residents are welcome to present ideas on how to recycle more items or how to improve existing infrastructure. Call Leo Jacobs 360-855-1884