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Alpine Waste Embarks on Recycling Plant Expansion

Biggest privately held facility in Denver to get even bigger

DENVER (Feb. 14, 2011) — Alpine Waste & Recycling has broken ground on a \$1.1 million expansion of its north Denver recycling plant due for completion the end of April.

The expansion will increase the Altogether Plant's size and capacity by about two-thirds, meaning the biggest privately held, single-stream recycling plant in the Denver area is likely to retain that status for the foreseeable future. The expansion reinforces Alpine's six-year-old strategic direction as a business committed to sustainability and environmentalism, dedicated to helping other businesses on the same path.

"As the community becomes increasingly educated to the benefits of recycling, we have seen a significant increase in the flow of materials into our [Altogether Recycling™](#) plant," said John Griffith, president of [Alpine Waste](#). "We anticipate a continuation of that growth into the future, and we want to be prepared to handle all of Metro Denver's recycling demands."

Upon completion, the plant will cover 52,000 square feet, up from 31,000. Running two "filtering and sorting" lines simultaneously, Alpine will be able to process 15,000 tons per month, up from 10,000. The "tipping" space (where trucks off-load the recycling material) will be twice as big as any other plant in the state. Also, Alpine plans to examine ways to incorporate its nearby waste transfer station into the process, perhaps by re-directing pockets of trash that are high in recyclable content.

"We are pleased to see Alpine's continued commitment to recycling, and we encourage the community to take advantage of this increased capacity," said Marjie Griek,

executive director of [Colorado Association for Recycling](#).

Thoughts of expansion began to materialize at Alpine as the arrival of recycling material increased monthly. Alpine accepts materials such as glass, plastic, aluminum, paper and cardboard from independent waste haulers, and of course Alpine contributes recycling material from its own clients, collected by its own fleet of 50 vehicles. When the Altogether Plant opened in September 2007, Alpine was contributing 200 tons of recycling material on its own. Today that figure hovers around 1,500 tons. Most of Alpine's clientele is commercial.

"Many of our clients have set recycling goals of more than 50 percent waste diversion," Griffith said, "and some have gone even higher. Thanks to the increased promotion of the benefits of recycling, we even have several clients over 80 percent."

Alpine's sales staff offers a no-charge analysis of a customer's total waste, its potential for diversion into recycling, and regular reports of the customer's progress in that regard.

About Alpine Waste & Recycling

Alpine Waste & Recycling is the largest privately held commercial waste and recycling collection company in the Denver area. Founded in 1999 as a single-truck operation, the company has parlayed a customer-service focus into a compound annual revenue growth rate of greater than 40 percent. With more than 50 trucks and more than 170 employees, Alpine hauls more than 130,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. In early 2009, the Colorado Association for Recycling named Alpine as the state's most outstanding business for its recycling/diversion program. That division of Alpine is called Altogether Recycling.™ ColoradoBiz Magazine in 2008 named Alpine as the state's Top Company (Service Category); and in 2010 named Alpine as a "Colorado Company to Watch." Commerce City named Alpine as its 2010 Small Business of the Year. Call 303-744-9881 or go to www.alpinewaste.com.