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### *Alpine Waste & Recycling Is First in Denver to Accept Heavy Plastics*

DENVER (May 15, 2012) – That heavy plastic Big Wheels tricycle that your child outgrew can now quit taking up space in the garage. Commerce City-based [Alpine Waste & Recycling](#) announced today that it has begun accepting “mixed rigid plastics” for processing at the [Altogether Recycling](#) Plant, 645 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Place, Denver.

Alpine is the first company in the Denver area that actively solicits mixed rigid plastics for recycling, and the action is in keeping with Alpine’s emphasis on innovation. Alpine was the first waste hauler in the Denver area to use natural gas trucks, the first to accept gable top (milk) cartons, the first to implement automated recycling reports generated by onboard computer equipment, and the first to solicit political yard signs for recycling.

The mixed rigid plastics made of [high-density polyethylene](#) include heavy, over-sized items such as lawn furniture, five-gallon buckets, pallets, and even dog houses and small sheds (all metals must be removed).

“Alpine Waste & Recycling is constantly looking for innovative ways to divert material away from landfills,” said Brent Hildebrand, vice president-recycling for Alpine. “We go to great lengths to find markets for these odd materials and then process them in our plant.”

Alpine recently became Denver's biggest commercial hauler and processor of compost material with the opening of its compost facility at the East Regional Landfill in Adams County.

Alpine, which recently expanded its recycling plant, is able to handle the heavy plastics while others can't because Alpine has a long pre-sort line. Alpine also has an open layout and chutes built into the line that have the capacity to handle the plastics. Perhaps more importantly, Alpine instructs its drivers to leave their cabs and pick up large items that won't fit into typical recycling bins.

For more information about the items and materials that Alpine can and cannot recycle, go to [www.altogetherrecycling.com/about/php](http://www.altogetherrecycling.com/about/php).

#### About Alpine Waste & Recycling

Alpine Waste & Recycling is the largest privately held 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 60 trucks and more than 170 employees, Alpine handles more than 300,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. In 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; and the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce named Alpine in 2011 as a Finalist for Green Company of the Year Award. Most recently, Alpine was named as the recipient of the ACG's 2012 Emerging Growth Award winner. Information: 303-744-9881, or go to [www.alpinewaste.com](http://www.alpinewaste.com).