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**A truck pulls into the Waste Management facility** Friday on Downhill Drive. Because of a broken piece of equipment used to process recyclables, the company has temporarily closed their drop-off recycling facility.

# Recycling services stalled

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A broken baler will require Routt County residents to hold on to their recyclables for at least a week.

The machine, which compacts recyclable materials at Waste Management, has worn out throughout time and extended use and requires specially made parts for repair. Until those parts are received and installed, Waste Management is halting the free drop-off recycling service at its Downhill Drive location.

"The amount of commodity that we went through there has just worn the floor out, and, as a result, the blade that pushes to compact the recyclables to make the bale has dropped down through the floor," said Bud Hall, district manager for Waste Management.

The company can't pack any more recyclables until the floor is replaced, something Hall said won't happen until the end of next week at the earliest. He said Friday was the first day the baler might be up and running again.

Until that happens, Waste Management and Yampa Valley

Recycles are asking residents to hold on to their everyday recyclables.

"We're taking care of our paying customers, and all the cardboard collection routes are running," Hall said. "It's just that we don't have the space to store all the recyclables the community drops off here."

For Steamboat Springs residents, Yampa Valley Recycles' "Green Machine" mobile recycling unit will be at Safeway for a week starting Monday. Barb Parnell of Yampa Valley Recycles asked residents not to bring stockpiled recyclables to

the location all at once.

"People can use it, but we just hope they don't bring everything they've built up in two weeks there," Parnell said. "If they can store it, we encourage them to store it until the recycling center is open."

Craig Shifter, director of Yampa Valley Recycles, said he is planning to hold on to his reusable waste until the machine is working again to help ease the load on Waste Management resources and mobile recycling opportunities.

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## LOTTO



Friday night's Cash 5 numbers: 8-12-18-27-29  
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

## WEATHER



Sunny.  
High of 70.  
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