

MRW Coordinator's Meeting (October 27, 2009)

Prevention and Cost Savings Discussion: Whatcom County Examples

- Discussed changing to less hours and or days facility is open. Solid Waste Executive Committee (all our 7 Mayors & County Executive) felt it was important to keep the facility open 5 full days a week and first Saturday of each month to serve our citizens and CESQG's.
- Charge non-profit organizations for MRW disposal. The MRW facility would save \$4,000/year. This idea was not supported by the County Executive.
- Buy equipment (such as a forklift and truck) rather than continually paying rental fees. Not supported at this time by Management. Due to shrinking budget, not enough capital to purchase equipment, plus liability of contracted staff driving county-owned vehicles.
- Renegotiate service contract.
- Cut down landscaping costs by using prison crew to plant native plants, weed, cut lawn, prune trees, etc.
- Reuse is high with an accessible and well organized swap shop.
- Be active and current with outreach & trainings.
- Promote alternative product kits.