

# Baling Twine Recycling



## HISTORY

In 2014, Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society (YVAS), dismayed at the amount of baling twine in Osprey nests and the death of several nestlings, authorized a subcommittee (The Baling Twine Committee) to institute a recycling program for used baling twine. The BTC is involved in addressing the safety, environmental and welfare concerns regarding disposal of used twine. We hope to create a recycling program for used twine that could be used as a model throughout the state.

## WHERE WE ARE TODAY

To date, we have found:

- Many people who are buried in twine and don't see an alternative to burning it.
- Businesses who will donate collection spaces for small amounts of twine.
- A company, I90 Reprocessing in Minnesota, who will drive to Montana at no charge to pick up loose and purchased *plastic baler twine only*. Fortunately, they will pay the collector for the twine. Unfortunately, they require a full semi-trailer of *compressed* twine before they will send a truck.
- A company, Vikoz Enterprises in Utah, who will drive to Montana at no charge to pick up loose and purchased *plastic baling products including the green mesh baler wrap*. Unfortunately, they require a full semi-trailer of baled plastic baling products.

## WHAT WE NEED NOW

- A storage location and facility to store large quantities of twine while waiting for enough to fill a semi-trailer (48-53ft x 8ft x 8ft). This facility must be large enough to contain approximately 38,000 – 40,000 pounds of used twine (about 3100 cubic feet).

(YVAS is a registered non-profit organization willing to work out details of an in-kind donation for tax purposes with a business or property owner.)

## AND / OR

- Collaboration with other interested parties to implement a twine recycling program in or around Billing, or in other areas.
- YVAS would assist person or groups in the Billings area or outlying areas get started while we continue to promote recycling with advertising, promote public awareness of the dangers of twine.

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