The City of Hailey recently received a grant from the US EPA to create numerous projects throughout Hailey as part of the Hailey Community Climate Challenge. Part of the grant award funds a construction recycling pilot program, whereby rebates are given to participants in an amount up to $500 to incentivize construction recycling efforts. The program is open to five (5) commercial or residential new construction or significant remodel and addition projects each year.

The rebate covers the following activities associated with diversion of waste (recycling and material salvage) – up to $500:

- Tipping fees
- Collection container delivery fee
- Collection container pull (hauling fee)

The program does not cover any fees associated with waste disposal or materials that are not diverted and are sent to the landfill. Fees associated with disposal of clean wood that is either chipped or buried (tier 2) at Ohio Gulch Transfer Station are eligible for a rebate.

**Program Requirements:**

1. The same project owner/contractor can only participate once.
2. Keep accurate and consistent records on the provided spreadsheets for both waste and diverted waste. This means record all fees, all costs, the size in tons or cubic yards, the dates of activity, identify the hauler, etc.
3. Keep all receipts associated with waste diversion costs. The receipts will be used to determine your rebate amount, up to $500.
4. Commit to participating in the program during the entire duration of construction activity – from start to end.
5. Participants must reasonably suspect that all construction activity will conclude by December 2013.
6. Agree to a closing interview by a staff member of the City of Hailey or a designated representative at the end of the project to discuss waste diversion strategies, challenges, successes, etc.
7. Divert all materials that Ohio Gulch Transfer Station will accept as diverted waste. This includes the following:
   - Clean wood waste
   - Metals
   - Aluminum
   - Tin
   - Newspaper
   - Glass
   - Magazines
   - #1 and #2 plastic
   - Mixed paper
   - Cardboard
Ensure Your Diversion Program Will Be Successful

Preventing waste through reducing over-purchasing, reusing scrap materials and recycling pays off by lowering supply and disposal costs. But even when a defined waste management plan has been implemented, difficulties may still arise. Here are solutions to some common difficulties.

**Commit to the Recycling Project at the Beginning**

- Work with the City of Hailey and Clear Creek (where appropriate) to determine necessary bins and dumpsters for recycling at the jobsite.
- Separate locally recyclable materials (lumber, cardboard, metals, and curbside commodities) appropriately at the jobsite.
- Keep records of the volume of materials recycled or reused, and the quantity of materials taken to the landfill (include associated costs) throughout construction.

**Manage Your Program**

Designate a leader, an individual or a team, which will be responsible for: setting up the site, educating the crew and subcontractors, and monitoring regularly to prevent the contamination of recycling loads or the improper disposal of potentially recyclable goods.

**Involve Subcontractors**

Include language in subcontractor agreements that they will recycle at the jobsite. Discuss the recycling program at every safety meeting or other regular meetings to solicit feedback for improvement to program ease and success.

**Find Appropriate Space**

Recycling and reuse efforts require space. Set aside a convenient area at the jobsite to store reclaimed building materials and house recycling bins for source-separated loads.

**Promote and Educate**

Communicate your plan to the team and subcontractors on site. Discuss the recycling program at safety meetings and other regular meetings.

**Prevent Contamination**

- Clearly label the recycling bins and waste containers on all appropriate sides.
- Post lists or a diagram of separation layout of recyclables and non-recyclable materials.
- Conduct regular site visits to verify that bins are not contaminated.
- Provide feedback to the crew and subcontractors on the results of their efforts. The Challenge team will calculate and provide back information on environmental and economic savings at close of project.