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MERIDIAN WASTE OPENS NEW & CONSOLIDATED MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY IN VIRGINIA

Two MRF Permits Combined To Build A Safer & More Efficient Facility

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va. (June 1, 2020) – Meridian Waste, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, is pleased to announce the opening of its newest Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) located at 205 Scattergood Drive, NW, Christiansburg, Va. The facility is named Blue Ridge MRF. The Company successfully merged two Virginia Department of Environmental Quality permits for older Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs), Blue Ridge Disposal PBR 104 and Resource Management Group PBR 565, respectively, into one permit and built the new facility under the requirements of the PBR 104 permit number. The beneficial result was to improve operational efficiencies and noticeably improve aesthetics. The new building is significantly larger incorporating a number of safety and efficiency improvements. Such improvements include:

- A larger floor allowing for greater and safer separation of recyclable and non-recyclable materials,
- A more accessible entrance and exit for customer vehicular traffic,
- A drive through pit for easier loading of materials into tractors trailers,
- A litter collection program including enhanced fencing and manual collection, and
- A leachate collections system and state-of-the-art storm water system.

The construction project broke ground in April 2019 and took 13 months to complete; however, Meridian Waste was able to continue servicing its customers utilizing the pre-existing MRF building purchased from Curtis and Associates in May 2018 whose family operated the site as a salvage yard and disposal and recycling facility. The new MRF is a metal 80-foot by 100-foot building with an elevated, concrete tipping floor that allows for more efficient processing.

“Opening this new Materials Recovery Facility has been one of my primary goals since joining Meridian Waste two years ago,” stated Ashleigh Garnes, General Manager, and local Blacksburg resident. “ I had the opportunity to be part of the Meridian Waste team upon the Company’s entry into this market in 2018. Our team realized there was a dire need for a secondary disposal and recycling option to manage the community’s growing waste and recycling challenges,” she said. “We know by recycling valuable materials, we’re creating a cleaner environment for the New River Valley region for generations to come. Our entire Christiansburg team looks forward to servicing our existing and new customers with an unflinching commitment to quality care and fair rates.”

The Blue Ridge MRF is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Materials accepted include:

- Municipal solid waste (MSW)
- Construction and demolition (C&D)
- Yard Waste
- Metal
- Wood
- Cardboard
- Concrete
- Tires

Materials **NOT** accepted include

- Hazardous Waste
- Gasoline Cans and Tanks
- Mercury Containing Devices
- Asbestos Containing Waste
- Propane Tanks
- Sludge
- Batteries
- Biomedical Waste
- Septic Tank Waste
- Appliances Containing Freon



Photo: Front and back view pictures of the Blue Ridge MRF.

About Meridian Waste

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in St. Louis, Mo., Richmond, Va., Blacksburg, Va., Augusta, Ga., Northeast Fla., Knoxville, Tenn., and Raleigh, N.C., servicing more than 94,532 residential, commercial, industrial and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates five transfer stations, three recycling facilities, three municipal solid waste landfills and three C&D landfills in which 810,325 tons of waste are safely disposed annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.