

Some cool things Ada County is doing to stay green and sustainable

Hefty Energy Bags

<https://www.hefty.com/products/hefty-energybag>

- Ada County is one of only four communities in the nation chosen to participate in the program
- The Energy Bags are used to collect and recycle household plastics that aren't accepted in the curbside recycling program
- It provides a solution for hard-to-recycle plastics not allowed in the regular recycling program such as grocery bags, plastic wrap, and styrofoam packing material
- A commercial version is being piloted at the Ada County Courthouse since March of 2021
- Over 1200 tons of plastic waste has been directed from landfills nationwide since the program began

Landfill Waste Diversion & Recycling

<https://adacounty.id.gov/landfill/waste-types-solutions/waste-diversion-recycling/>

- Approximately 460 tons of material from County-owned buildings was recycled instead of ending up in landfill
- Public recycling programs are available on site to extend the life of the landfill and protect the environment including:
 - E-Waste Recycling Center for televisions, printers, microwaves, and other electronic items
 - Household Hazardous Waste Facility for items that are flammable, corrosive, or toxic such as batteries, paint, pesticides, etc.
 - Wood & Christmas Trees
 - Motor Oil & Tires
 - Metals & Refrigeration