



*Bow Valley Waste*  
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

## SEPARATE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

In July 2008 the Conference Board of Canada reported Canadians produce more garbage than the world's 17 leading economies. According to Alberta Environment Albertans fail to redeem more than 18 million dollars worth of empty container deposits by not recycling each year. The Institute for Local Self Reliance in Washington D.C. has shown that dramatically decreasing waste disposed in landfills and incinerators will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. to the equivalent of closing 21percent of U.S. coal-fired power plants - comparable to leading climate protection proposals such as improving national vehicle fuel efficiency.

It is becoming clear that aiming for Zero Waste can be one of the fastest, cheapest and most effective strategies for combating climate change and developing an efficient economy. BVWaste's member municipalities are providing one of the most comprehensive resource recovery programs in Alberta. We have the capability to reduce, reuse and recycle everything from food residuals to papers, pop cans, plastic and even construction materials. Join BVWaste's Regional Zero Waste Coordinator to take a look at recycling infrastructure in the Valley and ask questions about how you can pitch in to make the most of this special opportunity to move our valley's economy "Toward Zero Waste".

