

Golden should work to **protect regional landfill capacity** and insulate against higher disposal costs through reduction and diversion of multiple waste streams. It is in our community's best interest to minimize our contribution to the landfill and help to extend its life. As Golden's population continues to increase, the goals should aim to both reduce total volume and divert a greater portion of recycling and organic waste.



- Recycling
- Composting
- Reduce and Reuse
- Construction & Demolition Waste
- Special Events Waste
- Minimize Costs for Waste Transportation

PROPOSED GOALS

• TO REDUCE TOTAL LANDFILL CONTRIBUTION BY 40% BY 2030

FOR ALL CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES:

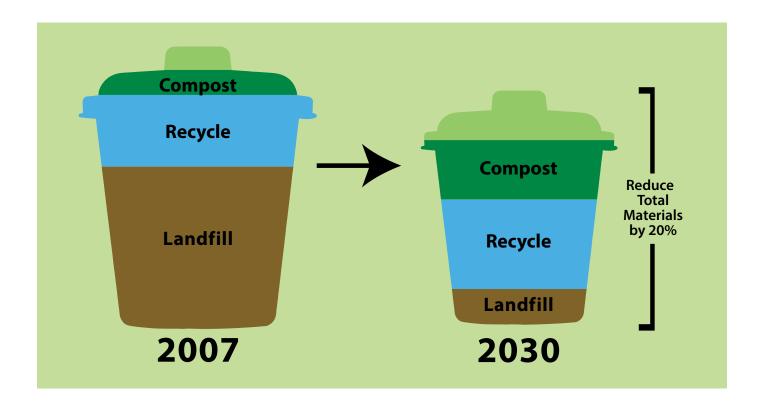
- Recycle 80% of recyclabes by 2030
- Compost 80% of compostables by 2030
- Reduce total trash by 20% by 2030
- Strive for zero waste in municipal operations by 2030



GOLDEN'S PROGRESS

- Pay-As-You Throw
- Special Event Recycling
- Organic Compost Service
- Bi-annual Yard Waste Collection
- Asphalt & Concrete Recycling
- Appliance Recycling
- Pride Days Paper Shredding, E-Waste, Tires
- Mattress Recycling
- Pharmaceutical Collection
- Downtown Big Belly Recycling





POTENTIAL STRATEGIES

Compiled from months of public comment, the Board will research these concepts and others, thoroughly incorporate public input, and make recommendations to City Council concerning their feasibility, costs & benefits, and indication of public support.

Curbside Recycling/Compost For All **Residents • Increase Curbside Waste Streams • Public Properties Zero Waste Policy** Divert Construction Waste • Commercial Food Waste Diversion • Post-industrial Waste Solutions • Reduce Plastic Bags Ban Non-compostable Fast Food • Ban Disposable Bags, Straws, Styrofoam Tool/Product Exchange • Minimalism Support State Goals • Repair/Reuse/ **Donation Opportunities • Integrated Composting • Community Recycling Composting Incentives • Restaurant BYO Utensils Discount • Recycling** Incentives • Universal PAYT for All Households & Businesses • **Neighboring City Organics Transfer Station • Take-out** Packaging Policy

EXAMPLE METRICS

- Pounds diverted per capita
- Collect commercial waste data

OTHER COMMUNITIES

- Lakewood:
 - **60%** community-wide **by 2025**
 - 80% organizational
 - 90% special event
 - 60% construction & demolition diversion
- Denver:
 - 34% community-wide
 - 40% organizational
- Organics automatically included in rates: Denver, Louisville, Lafayette, Boulder, Longmont