



WASTE DIVERSION



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**

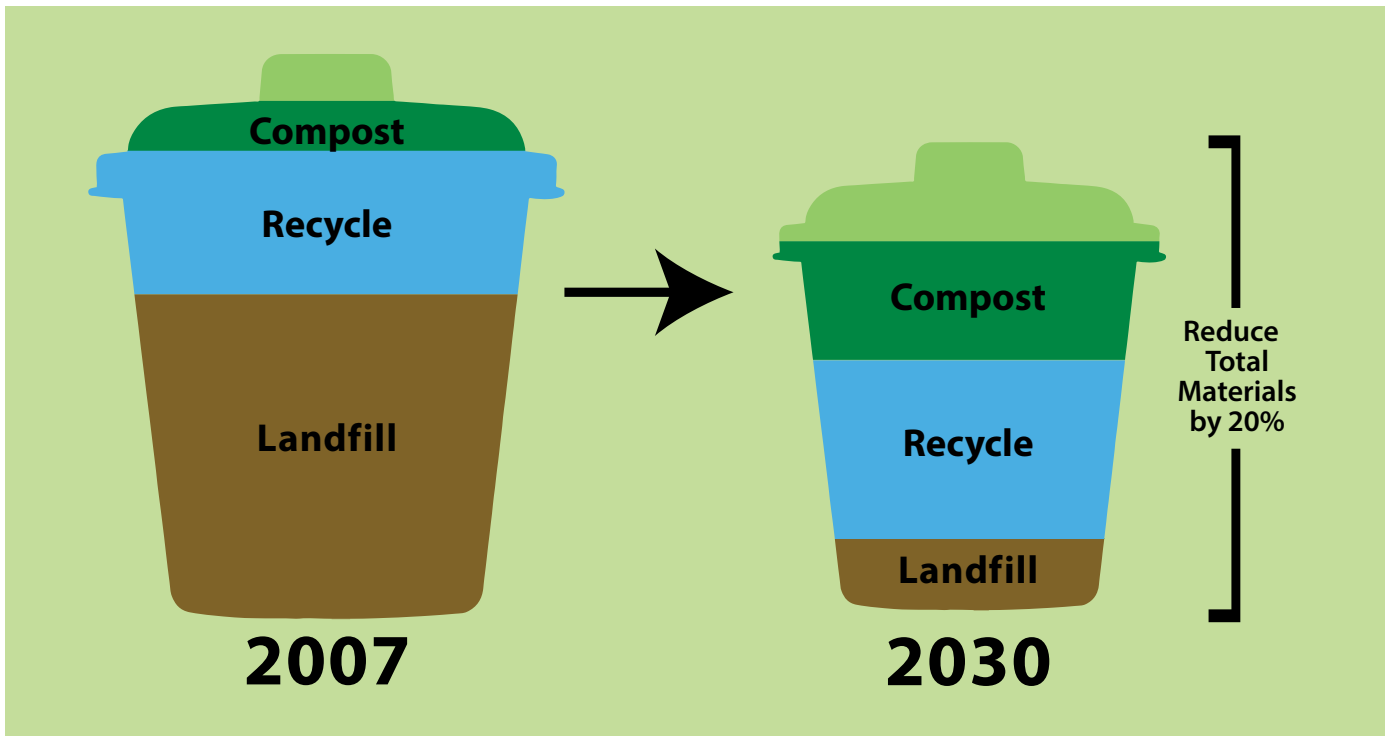
FOR ALL CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES:

- Recycle **80%** of recyclables **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.



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