



RECYCLE COLORADO

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About Recycle Colorado

Recycle Colorado is the statewide nonprofit advancing a circular economy for Colorado. Our membership represents a diverse array of individuals and organizations, including businesses, producers, haulers, municipalities, nonprofits & more. We work to advance infrastructure, end markets, and state and local policies so that Colorado's waste stream is recycled, composted or diverted to reuse or remanufacturing.



Mission

To advance infrastructure, end markets, and state and local policies in waste reduction, recovery, and diversion.



Vision

To transform Colorado into a national leader in waste reduction, recovery, and diversion.



Membership Benefits

Joining Recycle Colorado ensures the crucial work we have done continues into the future. There are multiple benefits to joining Recycle Colorado and supporting the organization's vision and mission. Year-round, through councils and webinars, members keep up to date on the latest trends in recycling and materials management, form new professional relationships, make sure their voice is heard and can participate in numerous fun events.



Programs, Events, and Working Groups

Recycle Colorado partners with like-minded organizations to engage all ages in understanding how they support our mission. Whether it is tabling at community events, facilitating working groups and webinars, or celebrating the creativity of Colorado's youth, we provide multiple opportunities for our members to participate and learn.



Directory & Networking

Recycle Colorado's online membership directory provides the public with access to recycling information and services. The members only directory is a benefit of Recycle Colorado membership which gives members access to the direct contact information for all Recycle Colorado members. Members are given multiple opportunities during each year to network with others in the state, whether virtual or in-person.



Summit for Recycling

The Summit for Recycling is Colorado's local conference focused on providing opportunities for attendees to network, learn from, and celebrate with other recycling, composting, reuse, and zero waste professionals. Every year, Recycle Colorado focuses on filling every day of our conference with engaging workshops, tours, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions on the topics you want to hear about. The Summit is a great place for new and returning waste professionals to network, collaborate on ideas, and discuss the future for Colorado's recycling and composting potential.



Annual Meeting

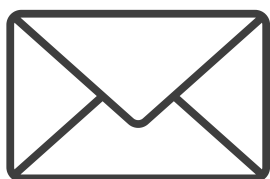
The Annual Meeting is an organization focused event for new, returning, and non-members looking to learn more about Recycle Colorado and connect with others in the industry. Networking, professional development, and the Colorado recycling updates are provided each year to help keep attendees in the loop.

Communications



Newsletters

Our newsletters provide the latest information on Recycle Colorado programs and activities, while also highlighting member accomplishments. Article submissions are open to all Recycle Colorado members who want to share news about events, research, legislation or other information relevant to recycling professionals in the state. Recycle Colorado is a resource for those who are looking to fill positions within their organization and promote events to our membership.



Email Communications

As a way to update members of upcoming council and committee meetings, various events, and engagement opportunities, we utilize email communication.



Website

Our website plays an important role in our organization. It allows us simultaneously communicate with our members, Colorado residents, and those searching for recycling information. On our website you will find job listings, grant opportunities, policy information, educational resources, and highlights from our members on their program successes. The events calendar outlines upcoming Recycle Colorado and other industry event information. New resources and updates are added frequently.

www.recyclecolorado.org



Social Media

Our social media accounts (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) are tools we utilize to optimize our reach to those in the industry who we may not directly interact with, providing updates on recycling and composting in Colorado.



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Councils and Committees

Attending Recycle Colorado events and participating in a council or committee is the best benefit Recycle Colorado has to offer. Councils and committees hold quarterly or monthly meetings for members to collaborate and share industry developments, successes, and challenges. Regional councils focus on a specific geographic area in Colorado while subject-matter councils bring together people interested in specific focus areas of waste reduction, diversion and recovery.



Councils & Committees

Colorado Composting Council (COCC)

The Colorado Composting Council works to grow market-driven compost infrastructure and capacity, create and drive end markets requiring standards for use, and drive local and state policies requiring the use of organic recovery and compost. The compost council has developed a strategic plan and is working diligently on multiple projects. As the state chapter of USCC, we are working on several fronts to increase the diversion of organic waste materials for composting and to make finished compost more accessible to potential end markets, particularly in agriculture.

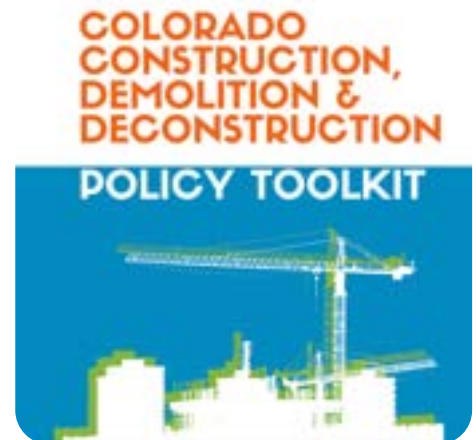
- Turning our attention from big state policy wins in 2023 to connecting compost use in agriculture and landscaping
 - CDA STAR program, conservation districts
 - ASLA state chapter relationship
- Planning a CREF operator training in Grand Junction, May 13-17, 2024



Construction & Deconstruction (C&D) Council

The C&D Council promotes the increase of end markets for construction, deconstruction, and demolition material in Colorado. The C&D Council has a 5-year plan that they are using as a guide to develop new resources and support members in diverting their C&D waste.

- Completed Policy Toolkit & Planning a Roadshow- Guide for local government to adopt policy / ordinance
- Hosted Urban Machine and CEDC at 2023 meeting to discuss new end markets



Northern Colorado Council

The Northern Colorado Council supports Recycle Colorado members in Fort Collins, Larimer County, Weld County, and Boulder County. The council provides opportunities for individuals to collaborate and learn about all aspects of recycling in the region. They offer tours, hybrid meetings and events to help members learn about the different aspects of how recycling works such as funding, collection, processing, end-use and more.

- In Q1 the group hosted a recycling resource presentation for municipalities and communities included presentations from the TASP team & The Recycling Partnership
- Toured Colorado Iron & Metal
- Took a virtual tour of Colorado Steel Company Facility
- Presentation from Tires for Green & Pretred



Plastics Circularity Council

The Plastics Circularity Council is the newest Recycle Colorado council, added in 2023. The mission of this council is to be a collaborative resource for finding and implementing viable methods to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic products in Colorado.

Policy Committee

The Recycle Colorado Policy Committee works on local and state policy to advance waste diversion through reuse, remanufacturing and composting.

- 2024 legislative priorities
 - Ensure successful implementation of Producer Responsibility (needs assessment, JBC approval)
 - Shape/Influence Waste Tire Rebate Reauthorization
 - Shape/Influence RREO and FRWD state bill (Colorado Circular Communities Enterprise)
 - Develop Battery Producer Responsibility Policy for future legislative session

Rural Recycling Policy Committee

The Rural Recycling Policy Committee is a subgroup of the policy committee created to support state and local policies which consider the unique needs and challenges of rural communities in Colorado. Our active members span the western slope and mountain counties, we would like more involvement from the eastern plains.

- Estes Park record Hard to Recycle event - 504 cars and trucks unloaded
- Organics - USDA grants for San Miguel County and Glenwood; Aspen food waste ban
- Steamboat Springs going beyond PPRA - 20 cent fee for each carryout bag at all stores, including farmers markets, festivals and other events that include temporary vendors.
- Town of Breckenridge: Reuse pilot with r.World, PPRA Jan 2024 takeout containers banned, July 2024 single use plastics banned
- Glenwood Springs PAYT set to start Nov. 1st
- City of Aspen & Glenwood Springs pooling class collection. Capitalizes on trucking & collection efficiency and can be replicated in other areas
- Wyoming joined a meeting and was interested in learning what Rural Colorado is doing in terms of waste diversion

Western Slope Council

- Finished project to collect Recycling Data for the Western Slope
- Participated in CEDC Western Slope stakeholder meeting
- Hosted Carla to present on the Municipal Measurement Program



What was new in 2023?

Snack & Shares

Recycle Colorado staff are continuously amazed by the innovative solutions in recycling and composting in Colorado and surrounding communities. Staff are also consistently contacted regarding challenges members face that they need support with. We wanted to find a way to both celebrate innovations and collaborative projects in Colorado and create a space for attendees to share any challenges they are currently facing. Snack & Share webinars were developed to create a space for innovators to share their solutions to industry problems as well as allowing attendees to celebrate and share their challenges.

In 2023 we hosted 8 presentations as part of our first snack & Share webinar series. These meetings incorporate 30 minutes before a presentation for introductions and for members to casually interact “around the water cooler”. The next hour and a half is reserved for a presentation and Q&A for attendees. In 2023 we hosted Darla Arians, Compost Queen, Terracycle, Hefty Renew Program, National PRO Organization (Circular Action Alliance), Trash Panda, Greensheen Paint, Foam Cycle, and Prairie Robotics. All presentations were recorded and received about 30 views following each meeting, showing the excitement around learning more about the innovations being developed in the recycling and composting industry.



Website Updates

In 2023 we made updates to the design of our website and some of our webpages to give it a new, fresh look. New resources were added to help members access council and committee notes, previous event information, and overall website efficiency. The Recycle Colorado website, www.recyclecolorado.org, was visited by 8,000 individuals and reached about 345,000 people through impressions. Our most popular pages that were viewed included our homepage, the Summit for Recycling page, and the basics of recycling. Most individuals visiting our site are seeking help to understand recycling in their area. One of our focuses for the next year is to provide more information on our website to help individuals understand recycling in their region.



New Council: Plastics Circularity Council

As our membership grows so do our member's interests. We received multiple requests to develop a way for members to facilitate discussions around plastic recycling and circularity within our organization. As Colorado edges closer towards integrating more plastic based recycling solutions, there isn't a better time like 2023 to incorporate a new plastics-based council. The Plastics Circularity Council was developed to... This group is growing in involvement each meeting and is looking forward to providing the membership and community members in Colorado with more education around plastics recycling in Colorado.



Future City

This year was Recycle Colorado's second year participating in the Future City competition. Recycle Colorado sponsored a special award for the Colorado Future City competition which asked students to design a city that had a focused integrating electrified solutions to help with waste management.



Policy Committee

In 2023, Recycle Colorado teamed up with Senator Lisa Cutter, Representative Junie Joseph, and Representative Cathy Kipp to advocate for SB24-191 (Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment Organics Diversion Study). This bill (which became law) requires the department of public health and environment to study the impacts, benefits, and feasibility of requiring diversion of organic materials from landfills. Among the other activities the Policy Committee undertook in 2023:

- Held the Policy Retreat in conjunction with the Summit for Recycling conference
- Elected new officers
- Created working groups to examine policy solutions to waste tires, batteries, and renewing the RREO program
- Established priorities for 2024. 1- Supporting the Producer Responsibility Program to ensure the JBC approved it. 2-Renewing the RREO program. 3-Renewing the waste tire fee and rebate program.
- Conducted tours for the JBC members to illustrate the impact and economic importance of the Producer Responsibility Program
- Discussed and provided feedback to CDPHE on the Colorado Circular Communities enterprise proposal (merging RREO and FRWD)

Producer Responsibility Program Needs Assessment

The timeline for implementing HB22-1355 (Producer Responsibility Program for Paper and Packaging) was extremely short, so many organizations were involved in the first step of conducting the Needs Assessment. CDPHE selected Circular Action Alliance (CAA) to serve as the Producer Responsibility Organization in Colorado. CAA wasted no time in quickly evaluating proposals and the submission from HDR Engineering and Eunomia Research Associates was chosen. Recycle Colorado was honored to partner with Eunomia in hosting multiple municipal webinars and facilitating participation in the questionnaire and surveys needed to inform the Needs Assessment. Utilizing our membership, our partner organizations, and our communication network, Recycle Colorado helped to solicit over 130 local government responses. Recycle Colorado will continue to inform and engage our membership as we continue the process of implementing this important legislation. With our Executive Director, Liz Chapman, serving as the Chair on the Advisory Board, we are confident that Recycle Colorado will stay well-informed.

Circular Economy Development Center (CEDC)

In June of 2023, CDPHE awarded the contract to run the CEDC to Circular Colorado. This allows some of the folks who have been involved with Recycle Colorado and the recycling industry for years to expand their efforts into establishing end markets in Colorado, as well as facilitating the movement of recyclable materials. The Circular Economy Development Center is dedicated to helping Colorado's businesses transition toward a more sustainable future, achieving the maximum value from their products. They have three primary objectives; 1- Expand three end markets that already exist in Colorado and create three new end markets. 2-Engage with stakeholders state-wide, creating physical and virtual spaces for collaboration and innovation. 3-Analyze markets and supply chains, including transportation and manufacturing, to show how materials flow within Colorado and regionally. Recycle Colorado sub-contracted with LBA Associates to assist with object 2, engaging with stakeholders across the state. We coordinated three meetings in 2023 (la Junta, Grand Junction, Ft. Morgan) and will be integral in conducting the remaining three meetings in 2024 (Colorado Springs, Longmont, Durango).



Poster Contest

Each year Recycle Colorado invites students from across the state to participate in our annual poster contest. This is an opportunity for students to showcase their creative skills, while also learning about recycling in their state and community.

The theme for 2023 was "Colorado Kids Love Clean Compost". All of Colorado's K-12 students were invited to showcase their artistic talent and commitment to composting by submitting a poster. Students were asked to help illustrate why they love clean compost, highlighting the issues Colorado faces with compost contamination. We received over 160 submissions from kids all over Colorado, a new record for submissions.

Summit for Recycling

Recycle Colorado was able to gather members and professionals in the recycling and composting industry in Steamboat Springs for our annual Summit for Recycling conference. Just over 200 attendees joined us May 21st through May 23rd in the mountains, for an a-moosing conference! Some lucky attendees were able to catch a glimpse moose while making their way to the fantastic line up of speakers we hosted at the Steamboat Grand.

Before the conference began, the Policy Retreat on Monday, May 21st broke our attendance record with over 82 people gathering to discuss the recent legislation and to strategize about the future. Following the policy retreat, attendees relaxed and enjoyed music performed by Chamberlin & Birch, a local music duo. We were happy to welcome Senator Dylan Roberts and Representative Meghan Lukens to help us kick off festivities for the conference to come.

The main conference featured speakers on topics ranging from Extended Producer Responsibility to Compost Microscopy to intuitive discussions around Construction and Deconstruction in Colorado. Staff from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) even led attendees through a workshop. We also had the pleasure of visiting with two recycling focused facilities in the Steamboat area. Attendees had the options to tour the Yampa Valley Recycles Depot for hard to recycle materials and the Milner Mall recycling facility. We heard from attendees that having the opportunity to take time out of our agenda to tour facilities was an engaging experience that we should incorporate into future conferences.

The Summit presented Recycle Colorado with the opportunity to recognize many of the people who are working throughout the year on improving recycling, diverting waste, and promoting a more sustainable waste system in Colorado with the presentation of the annual recycling awards. The ceremony took place at Timber and Torch, at the base of the mountain. Both the attendees and award recipients experienced a remarkable night filled with smiles, dancing, and a spontaneous game of ultimate frisbee.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting in Salida was beautiful! The Salida Steamplant Events Center offered the perfect location for our event, with the Arkansas River out back below a view of the Salida S Mountain that peeked through yellow trees. A short drive, or bike ride, down the road offered another amazing venue for Recycle Colorado's first "Green Drinks" hosted at Elevations Beer Company. It was incredible to bring everyone together once again and share laughs, ideas, and a drink, in the spirit of recycling, waste and compost.

We were all impacted by the amazing diversity, equity, and inclusion training presented by Syah B. with Deep Dive DEI. For some, this was their first DEI experience, and Syah really helped us learn and understand the impact we make on each other in the workplace, our community, and our day to day lives.

Julie Mach, our wonderful host in Salida, was gracious enough to provide compost collection service through her composting business, Elements Mountain Compost and set us up for a wonderful evening at Green Drinks. Between her support and the initiatives of our caterer, Kalamata Pit Catering, there was almost nothing from lunch that landed in the trash bin!



Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day is a statewide celebration to increase online giving, presented by the Community First Foundation and FirstBank. Recycle Colorado participated in the 2023 Colorado Gives Day. A total of \$3,522.43 was donated to Recycle Colorado in 2023.



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8 Votes

Benefits: Quarterly Newsletter Ads, Membership Directory Ad, Logo on Website & Newsletter
Summit for Recycling: 4 Registrations, Partnership Recognition, Partner Spotlight, Exhibitor Booth
Annual Meeting: 6 Registrations, Partnership Recognition

Cornerstone \$6,000

6 Votes

Benefits: Quarterly Newsletter Ads, Membership Directory Ad, Logo on Website & Newsletter
Summit for Recycling: 3 Registrations, Partnership Recognition, Partner Spotlight, Exhibitor Booth
Annual Meeting: 4 Registrations, Partnership Recognition

Supporting \$4,000

4 Votes

Benefits: Quarterly Newsletter Ads, Membership Directory Ad, Name on Website & Newsletter
Summit for Recycling: 2 Registrations, Partnership Recognition, Exhibitor Booth
Annual Meeting: 2 Registrations, Partnership Recognition

Business \$2,000

3 Votes

Benefits: Name on Website
Summit for Recycling: 1 Registration, Exhibitor Booth
Annual Meeting: 1 Registration

Community \$350

2 Votes

Recycle Colorado is a statewide nonprofit advancing circular economies & improving recycling across the state. Our membership represents a diverse array of individuals and organizations, including businesses, producers, haulers, municipalities, nonprofits & more.

Value of Benefits

- \$600 Summit Registration
- \$100 Annual Meeting Registration
- 860 Newsletter Subscribers
- 10,000 Yearly Website Visits
- Bi-Monthly Posts on LinkedIn, Facebook, & Twitter

Municipal Membership Levels

Gold Partner \$5,000

5 Votes

Benefits: Quarterly Municipality Highlight, Membership Directory Ad, Logo on Website & Newsletter, 4 Summit for Recycling Registrations, 4 Annual Meeting Registrations

Silver Partner \$3,000

3 Votes

Benefits: Quarterly Municipality Highlight, Name on Website, 3 Summit for Recycling Registrations, 3 Annual Meeting Registrations

Bronze Partner \$1,500

2 Votes

Benefits: Quarterly Municipality Highlight, Name on Website, 2 Summit for Recycling Registrations, 2 Annual Meeting Registrations

Volunteer Membership

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Individual \$100

Look at our Amazing Members...



5280 Waste Solutions

In late 2023 5280 Waste Solutions was pleased to announce it had formed a strategic partnership with the City and County of Denver to provide solid waste collection services at all City-owned facilities. During the review process the City and County of Denver determined 5280 Waste Solutions offered the best overall value.

5280 Waste Solutions, a locally owned and operated hauling company, provides solid waste collection services for industrial, commercial, and residential customers in the Colorado Front Range.

What separates the 5280 Waste Solutions team from nationwide corporate competitors is our local customer service and ingenuity in creating unique solid waste collection solutions designed specifically to increase waste diversion.



A-1 Organics

A1 Organics is launching new compost bag Spring 2024. It is their STA Certified & OMRI listed EcoPlus Organic Compost. The bag also has a give back tied to it to support Zero Foodprint healthy soil grants in Colorado for Colorado farmers. Each bag sold will give a 50¢ donation to this program. Bags will be available at Colorado Ace Hardwares, local garden centers & landscape yards, and more. Additional information and image found below.



AMP

AMP Robotics recently rebranded to AMP to reflect its delivery of AI-powered sortation at scale and the evolution of the business. AMP ONE™ is AMP's highly automated, facility-scale sortation solution; it offers a modular design capable of achieving throughput of 15,000 to 100,000 tons per year with 90%+ recovery of recyclables, using AI-powered sortation technology to transform single stream, municipal solid waste, materials recovery facility (MRF) residue, mixed plastics, and other infeeds into valuable bales of recyclable materials.





Compost Colorado

Compost Colorado celebrated 5 years of member support by Denver metro area residential and commercial subscribers in the fall of 2023.

End of the year highlights include:

1. CoCo diverted over 2,521,370lbs from the landfill
2. CoCo signed an MOU with the National Western Center Authority to establish a centralized compost processing hub at the campus.

In the coming years CoCo will provide supportive organics processing infrastructure, help raise compost awareness to rural and urban communities, and support environmental justice efforts in the 80216 zip code.



Compost Queen

Compost Queen PBC in Fort Collins, CO received a grant of over \$200,000 from the FRWD Grant program to construct a new facility and headquarters for organics recycling. Compost Queen can now divert over 1000 tons annually with this new facility, and is looking to expand further to divert more organics in the future.



The new headquarters, strategically located in Fort Collins, aligns with recent updates in Colorado laws for conditionally exempt small quantity facilities for food waste. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including the innovative Covered Aerated Static Pile (CASP) technology from Sustainable Generations, the facility can efficiently process organic waste while controlling odors and producing high-quality soil amendments. This expanded capacity enables Compost Queen to serve both residential and commercial accounts, furthering its impact in waste diversion and environmental sustainability.



DEN Airport

- DEN diverts just over 20% of our materials annually through single-stream recycling, composting, food donation, and other efforts.
 - Hard-to-recycle materials like plastic film, wood and plastic pallets, and E-waste are also collected for recycling.
- DEN's food waste compost program continues to grow after experiencing a dip during the pandemic. We hit 91.5 tons in 2022 and ended 2023 at 265.6 tons!
 - In 2024, DEN will launch a first-of-its-kind Zero Waste Valet team to increase diversion and reduce contamination. This pilot will take place on the B concourse and is expected to kick off this Spring.

GreenSheen Paint



GreenSheen had a very successful year in 2023! We continued to maintain our 92% paint-to-paint recycling rate, and an overall diversion rate of around 85%. Additionally, we completed an RREO grant project which funded our bucket reuse operation. GreenSheen continues to be an industry leader in the diversion of paint containers not managed through the paint stewardship program through recycling and reuse.

We're also a proud Silver Member of the Colorado Green Business Network and we hope to gain Gold recognition this year! In 2024, we plan to host more paint recycling events throughout Colorado and will continue operating the free door-to-door paint pick-up service throughout the Front Range. We hope to meet with more local government's this year about purchasing our 100% recycled content paint for graffiti abatement and for use in government facilities. We look forward to another successful year of recycling paint!

Pretred

We're thrilled to share that through a significant facility expansion completed in 2023, we've dramatically increased our capacity to process waste tires and transform them into our innovative recycled rubber barriers. This expansion allows Pretred to divert even more waste tires from landfills or incineration, contributing to Colorado's waste reduction goals.

We are also now better able to meet the growing demand for sustainable construction products. Our recycled rubber barriers are a popular choice for construction sites, perimeter control, parking areas, events, and erosion and flood control projects, thanks to their durability and eco-friendly qualities. By keeping waste tires in use, Pretred promotes a closed-loop system that has both environmental and economic benefits.

OI Glass

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Glass collection in CO is a challenge. Improving collection is key since there is demand (Windsor and RMBC - a joint venture) and processing infrastructure (Glass to Glass - an O-I recycling initiative) in the state.

Cullet usage at O-I's manufacturing facility in Windsor, CO.

2021 10.4k tons | 2022 10.9k tons | 2023 20.5k tons



WM

WM of Colorado and its customers continued to work together during 2023, recycling bottles, cans, paper and cardboard to successfully divert 298,838 tons of quality materials that went on to beneficial next uses. To increase recycling participation on the Western Slope, WM continued to transition residential customers to single-stream recycling with automated collection and prepared its Grand Junction sorting facility to handle the expected increase in volumes. Additionally, WM is set to break ground on construction of a new state-of-the-art recycling facility located in Denver in the spring of 2024.



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WM of Colorado continues to focus on recycling innovation and education to improve production quality and broaden participation. Construction of a new state-of-the-art material recycling facility in Denver is poised to begin in 2024. Transition of recycling programs on the Western Slope to more efficient single stream processing is underway.

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Check out all the services GreenSheen Paint offers:

- **Free door-to-door paint pick-up** in Arapahoe, Adams, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas or Jefferson counties. Call (720) 854-8722 to arrange for a pick-up!
- **Paint recycling events** begin in Spring all throughout Colorado. Events will be posted on our website once scheduled: greensheenpaint.com/events
- **We sell 100% recycled content paint** to local governments for graffiti abatement or use in government facilities.
- We continue to be an **industry leader in the diversion of paint containers** not managed by the paint stewardship program.
- **Check out more at GreenSheenPaint.com!**

Thanks to Recycle Colorado and its members for continuing to partner with GreenSheen!



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In 2023, Denver International Airport (DEN) diverted over 3,200 tons of materials from landfills through recycling, composting and other efforts.

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The Facts About **Plastics Recycling**



Myth

Most plastics are exported for recycling.



Fact

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2023 Recycle Colorado Financial Summary

The 2023 year-end financials for Recycle Colorado show an organization growing to meet the needs of their members. Overall revenue grew from \$278,433.41 in 2022 to \$308,681.24 in 2023. Membership income was strong (\$192,874.25) as well as sponsorship income (\$47,000). Liz brought in new income as fee for service (\$11,210.04). Growth in the organization also brought increases in expenses. Two full time employees; the first destination summit since 2018; and increased lobby fees to support the producer responsibility bill, resulted in total expenditures of \$351,053.43 for 2023, compared to \$309,673.78 in 2022. The result was a net negative revenue of -\$39,671.76.

The 2023 year-end statement of financial position shows a total of \$61,367.98 in the Alpine Bank checking account, of which \$18,565.44 is Colorado Composting Council's and the remaining \$42,802.54 is Recycle Colorados. Recycle Colorado's reserved funds (Domini Fund) total \$83,620.49 and accounts receivable, a invoiced payment for fee for service, totals \$6,250.

2023 Year End Financial Position

As of	Dec. 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
Assets		
Cash	\$112,151.43	\$61,367.98
Domini Fund	\$83,610.49	\$86,117.46
Accounts Receivable	\$685.00	\$6,250
Total Assets	\$196,446.92	\$155,135.44

2023 Year End Financial Snapshot

2023 Year End Annual Budget vs Actuals			
Budgeted Income	\$268,462.62	Actual Income	\$312,031.24
Budgeted Expense	\$261,781.65	Actual Expense	\$351,053.43
Budgeted Net	\$6,680.97	Actual Net	-\$39,022.19



2023 COCC Financial Summary

The Colorado Composting Council remained in good financial health despite lower than anticipated sponsorship revenue. Membership revenue was strong and aligned with budget goals. The majority of expenses were related to lobbying expenses in support of SB23-191, the organics management plan 2.0 study bill, which successfully passed through the state legislature.

Funding also supported sponsorship of several partner events to raise awareness about COCC in the agricultural community and beyond.

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