

SUPPORT USING SALVAGED LUMBER IN NEW CONSTRUCTION

Safe. Local. Affordable. Tariff-free.

Our state generates ~9.8 million tons of solid waste each year, and reusable building lumber makes up a significant share. Recycle Colorado wants CO's existing lumber supply reused rather than landfilled.

Local codes lack a clear, consistent pathway for grading, certification, and permitted use for salvaged lumber. Recycle Colorado is leading an education and outreach effort to help builders and communities reuse salvaged lumber with confidence.

This will not create new requirements, just clarify & promote allowable opportunities for reusing salvaged lumber.

USING SALVAGED LUMBER:

- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Supports local businesses & labor
- Minimizes waste and impacts on forests
- Increases local supplies of usable lumber



Recycle Colorado is meeting with builders, inspectors, local governments, and reuse businesses to share the benefits of salvaged lumber and to explain existing lumber-grade stamp rules.

ACTION REQUEST:
Help us connect us with local interest groups!

For more info: recyclecolorado.org/construction-deconstruction-council

C&D Council Chair: freemane@bouldercolorado.gov

40% OF WHAT COLORADANS THROW AWAY COULD BE EATEN OR COMPOSTED

Legislation that advances the composting of food scraps and yard trimmings and the use of compost in Colorado would:

BUILD RESILIENT LANDSCAPES

- Save water
- Increase flood and drought tolerance
- Reduce wildfire risk



REVERSE CLIMATE CHANGE

- Sequester carbon
- Avoid landfill methane emissions

SUPPORT COLORADO AGRICULTURE

- Grow healthy foods
- Restore topsoil and grazing land
- Save farmers money



BUILD LOCAL ECONOMIES

- Create five times more jobs than landfilling
- Develop innovative business opportunities
- Save municipalities money



ACTION REQUEST:
Work with us to create future legislation to keep food scraps and yard trimmings out of landfills.



For more info: recyclecolorado.org/cocc

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECYCLING PACKAGING & PAPER

leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1355

Recycle Colorado supports Producer Responsibility by working to educate recyclers and communities about this groundbreaking law and engaging them to build the best recycling system for all of Colorado.

Overseen by CDPHE, this law requires producers to pay a small amount based on the type (cans, bottles, boxes, etc.) and amount of material they put into Colorado markets in order to fund a statewide recycling program.

In 2025, CDPHE approved implementation plans from Circular Action Alliance (CAA) and Interchange 360 to meet the state-designated recycling goals. This makes Colorado the second state in the nation to implement Producer Responsibility for Packaging!



NEXT STEPS FOR THE PROGRAM IN 2026

- Publicize a statewide recycling list
- Continue to engage producers
- Fund local governments and recycling service providers to increase residential recycling
- Fund compost facilities managing compostable packaging to reduce contamination
- Educate Coloradans to increase recycling, reduce contamination, and encourage reuse

For more info:

cdphe.colorado.gov/hm/epr-program



Stop by for the **QUICKEST** Reception you'll attend all year!

No program. No speeches. Just a quick note of gratitude and a snack and you're free to go.

MARCH 12TH 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Forte Wine Bar
Lobby of the
Lincoln Center
Building
1660 Lincoln St,
Denver, CO 80264



Let us know you'll stop by!



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Recycle Colorado and its members actively works to reduce waste and increase waste diversion through collaboration, sharing of best practices, and supporting policy.



- State-level policies we've supported include:**
- SB25-163, Battery Stewardship
 - HB24-1449, Environmental Sustainability Circular Economy
 - SB24-123, Waste Tire Management
 - SB23-191, Organics Diversion Study
 - HB22-1355, Producer Responsibility for Packaging & Paper

Scan for more information about Recycle Colorado and how you can engage with us!



RECYCLE COLORADO

Recycle Colorado is a nonprofit membership organization with a vision to transform Colorado into a national leader in waste reduction, recovery, and diversion.

Membership consisting of businesses, municipalities, haulers, recyclers, producers, & individuals

194 Members & Growing!

Expanding recycling, composting and reuse creates local jobs, strengthens resilient economies, and reduces waste and related greenhouse gas emissions.

2026 Lobbying Efforts
We will be talking to legislators about the importance of salvaged lumber and organics diversion to lay the groundwork for future legislation.

For more information, scan the QR code

