

Put Yourself in the Chain

Regional Working Session Worksheet

Purpose: Colorado’s collection and processing network depends on coordination across regions, facilities, transporters, processors, local partners, and the public. This activity is designed to help Interchange 360 better understand what it will take to make the program work in practice — region by region and role by role. We’re looking for practical, first-hand input: specific gaps, potential partners, operational barriers, resident questions, trusted communication channels, and follow-up opportunities.

Your Region	Your Role or Lens
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Slope <input type="checkbox"/> Mountains <input type="checkbox"/> Front Range <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Plains	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Education / Resident Perspective <input type="checkbox"/> Transporter <input type="checkbox"/> Processor <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Site / Return Collection Facility <p><i>Note: Even if your primary role is not public education, please keep the resident’s perspective in mind throughout the discussion. Public participation will be a key part of whether this program succeeds.</i></p>

1. What do we need to get started?

What needs to be in place for collection, transportation, processing, or public outreach to work in your region?

Prompts to consider:

- What information would a stakeholder need before participating?
- What materials, signage, training, storage, staffing, or support would be needed?
- Are there existing programs, sites, or relationships we could build from?

Notes:

2. What do we need from others?

Who else needs to be involved to make this work locally?

Prompts to consider:

- Who can help identify potential collection sites or service gaps?
- Who can make introductions or open doors?
- Are there existing meetings, networks, or planning conversations that Interchange 360 should be part of?

Notes:

3. What challenges might we face?

What could slow down or complicate implementation in your region?

Prompts to consider:

- What operational barriers could come up (ie. storage, staffing, safety)?
- Could this be confused with other recycling programs or curbside recycling?
- Are there rural, mountain, seasonal, or access issues we should plan for?

Notes:

4. What lessons apply from other programs?

What can Interchange 360 learn from other recycling, HHW, stewardship, or public education programs?

Prompts to consider:

- What has worked well and what should we avoid?
- What makes facility onboarding easier?
- What types of signage, training, or resident education have been effective?

Notes:

5. What's the most effective way to share with the public?

What do residents need to hear, where they need to hear it, who they need to hear it from?

Prompts to consider:

- What are residents most likely to misunderstand?
- What would make someone take the next step and use a drop-off location?
- Is there language, accessibility, or community-specific needs to consider?

Notes:

Final Group Takeaways

Please share your group's top takeaways.

1. One regional gap we identified:

2. One potential partner, site, or introduction:

3. One operational challenge we should plan for:

4. One public education or resident insight:

5. One recommended next step:
