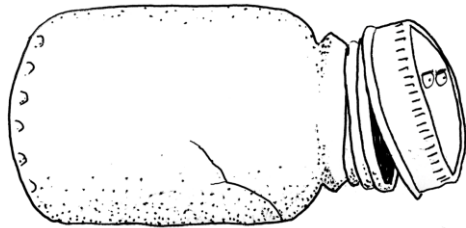
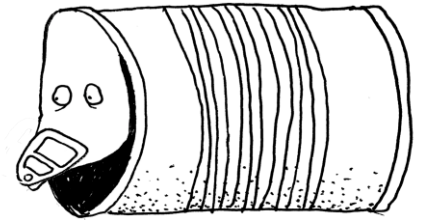


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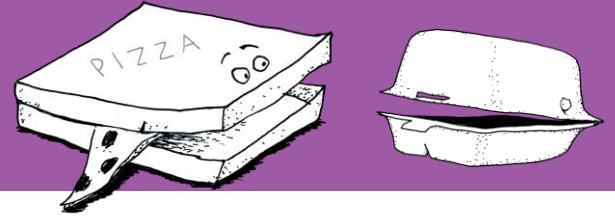


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THE SOLID WASTE CENTER



Site Background

- Landfill started in 1965
- Integrated solid waste management system
- Four years of capacity remaining

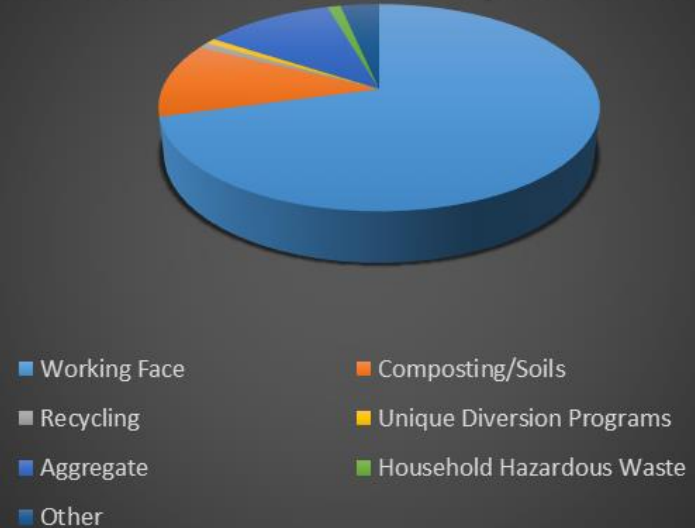


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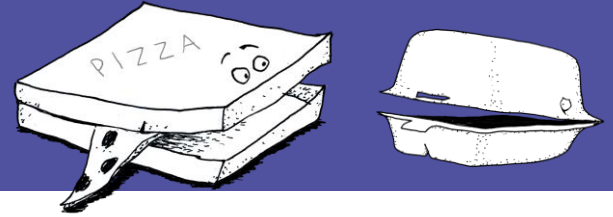
Enterprise fund:

- \$6,740,000 Revenues
- Operate as a business
 - Use full cost accounting to determine rates/program viability
- Effort to make diversion programs self sustaining

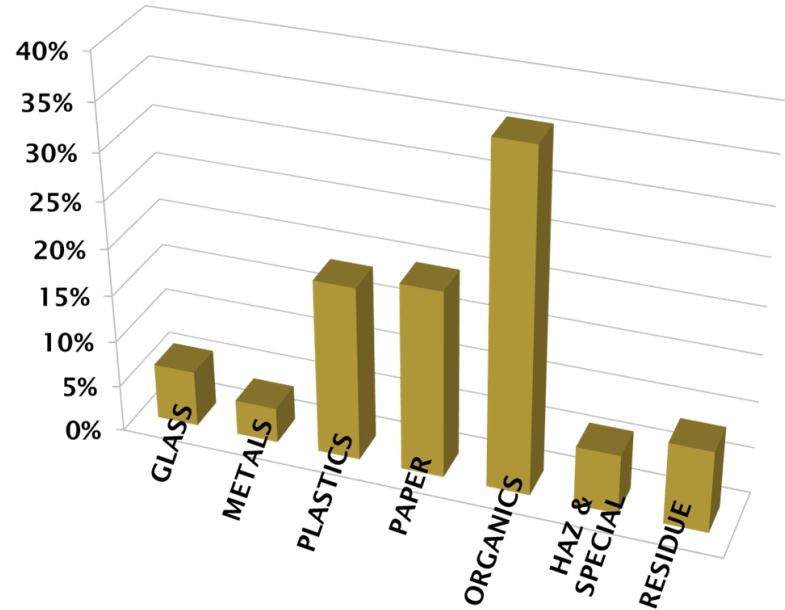
Percent of Revenue Operations



2015 WASTE CHARACTERIZATION



- 53% of waste buried could be diverted
- Organics was the largest category (by weight) of the general solid waste stream

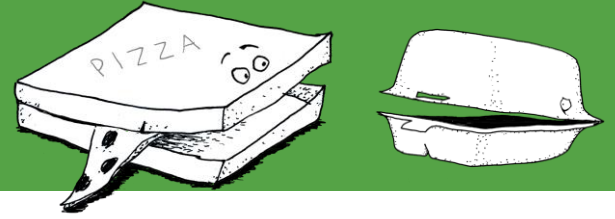


DIVERSION PROGRAMS

- Single stream recycling
- E-waste collection
- Mattresses/Books/Textiles
- Compost
- Scrap metal
- Household hazardous waste
- Aggregate recovery



SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING



- 2018 collected 2,394 tons
- Three collection centers
- Cost to transfer: \$77.27 to 289.95/ton
- Recycling program lost \$276,077 in 2018
- Closing two public drop-off centers
- Shifting to required curbside collection



WASTE AND RECYCLING ORDINANCE

2019 ordinance to drive diversion

- Variable rate pricing
- Requiring curbside recycling collection
- Hauler reporting requirements

SMALL is Beautiful

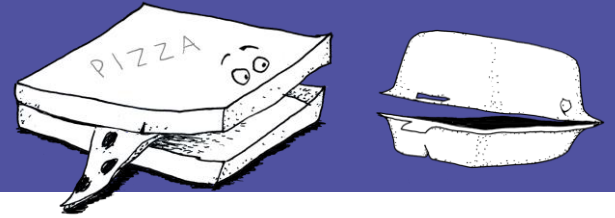
Pitkin County has a new trash and recycling code.

Curbside recycling is now included with your trash service.

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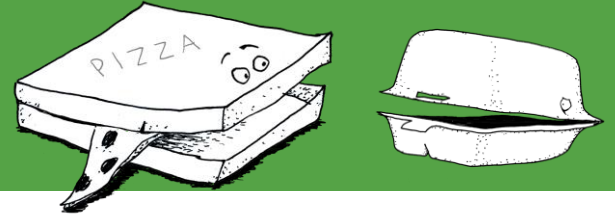
Reduce your waste footprint by reducing, reusing, refusing and recycling.
More information at LandfillRules.com

E-WASTE RECYCLING



- Year-round collection program
- Average 150,000 pounds annually
- Program lost \$29,845
- Work with Blue Star Recycling

UNIQUE DIVERSION PROGRAMS



- Mattresses (3,236 pcs)
- Books (48,600 lbs)
- Textiles (250,000 lbs)



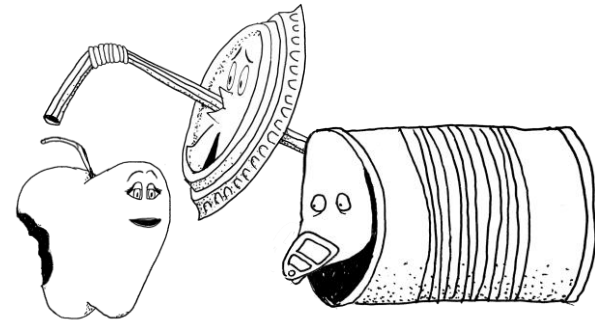
COMPOST

- 12,186 tons composted
- 1,977 tons of food waste (up from 1,003 tons in 2017)
- 2015 SCRAPS food waste collection program (RREO Grant)
- Program 2018 profit: \$165,497
- County put composting bins in all county buildings

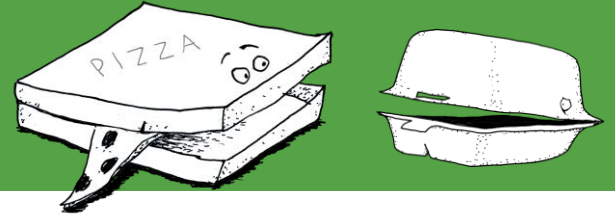


CHALLENGES

- Traditional recycling is getting harder-contamination rates need to come way down
- Transportation of materials from rural locations is expensive
- Markets are hard to find in Colorado



DIVERSION TAKEAWAYS



- Have a good understanding of operational costs
- Structure fees to support diversion
- Look beyond traditional recycling to increase diversion
- Focus on the “Reduce, Reuse, Refuse and then Recycle”
- Take advantage of grant opportunities
- Recycling creates jobs-find and support those opportunities

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