Volume-Based Trash Pricing Community-based Outreach





Change in Emissions Since 2005





Long History of Discussions



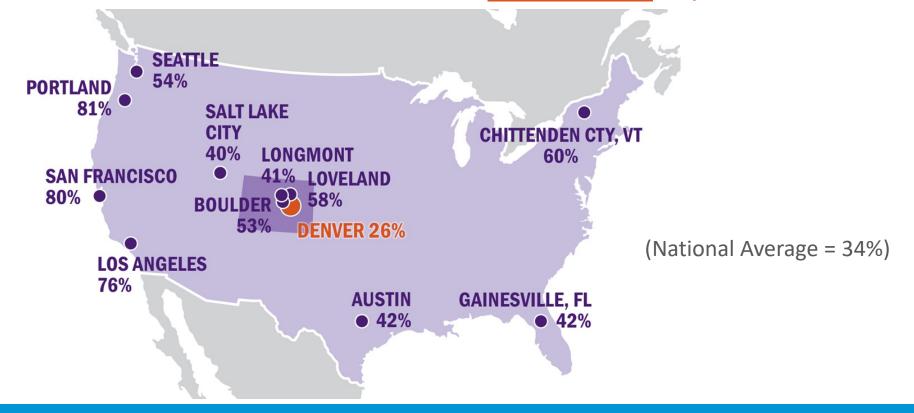
- 3-bin recycling pilot begins.
- 2-bin system offered to all customers.
- Recycling subscription service starts, 40% participation. Single stream
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- Compost pilot begins 2008.
- Compost service launches 2010.
- 2010 Solid Waste Master Plan published.
- Mayor
 prioritizes fee
 for waste
 service.
- Sustainable Food Policy Council recommends fee.
- DOTI feasibility study begins.

- Climate Action Task Force recommends fee.
- DOTI feasibility study completed.
- Technology build out for fee management.
- Sustainability
 Advisory Council
 recommends
 fee.
- Listening sessions with Council members.



Denver's waste diversion rates are well behind equivalent cities





Why Volume-Based Pricing?

1. 74% of Denver's waste currently goes to the landfill:

- 26% diversion rate (recycling + compost).
- > 50% of trash is compostable.
- ➤ Adding service to ~150k new homes
- Need to increase level of service, while general cost of service is rising.





COMPOSTABLES & RECYCLABLES 75% **TRASH** 25% COMPOST RECYCLE TRASH DENVER THE MILE HIGH CITY NO TRASH - NO BASURA DENVER THE MILE HIGH CITY DENVER THE MILE HIGH CITY NO TRASH - NO BASURA



Trash Cart Sizes & Proposed Monthly Rates



Recycle and compost carts included at no additional cost.



Services Included:

- Weekly recycling!
- Weekly composting for all customers!
- Equipment Operators
- Inspectors
- Trucks
- Carts
- Education and Outreach
- Billing System
- Disposal fees
- Cherry Creek Drop-off
- Extra Trash/Large Item Pick-up

- Annual Programs
 - Leaf Drop
 - Treecycle
 - Mulch Give-away
 - Subsidized HHW pick up
 - Subsidized e-waste drop-off
 - Recycle Your Holiday Lights
 - Appliance recycling
 - Paint recycling
 - Great Denver Cleanup



Affordability Program – Instant Rebate

- Partnership with DHS.
- Eligibility = income + number of people in the house (Area Median Income):
 - 30% AMI = 100% instant rebate.
 - 50% AMI = 75% instant rebate.
 - 60% AMI = 50% instant rebate.
- Renters are also eligible.
- Applications available prior to roll-out.



Denver Metro Trash Service Rates

	Monthly Cost for Weekly Trash, Recycling, and Compost		
	Small Trash Cart	Medium Trash Cart	Large Trash Cart
Hauler 1	\$21.15	\$27.55	\$33.95
Hauler 2	\$22.40	\$28.80	\$35.20
Hauler 3	\$23.85	\$31.20	\$38.55
Hauler 4	\$34.70	\$44.45	\$54.20

No other cities or haulers offer a rebate program for low-income households.



Where are we now?



Pre-ordinance Outreach with CASR

- +50 community presentations
- +1,000 attendees
- Feedback:
 - Property tax questions
 - Affordability program necessary
 - Education and outreach plan





Education and Outreach Plan

- 1. Print/direct mailers (multi-lingual)
 - Customer service newsletters
 - Affordability postcards
- 2. Community-based organization (CBO) contracted outreach
 - New fee, expanded services, rebate sign-ups, compost education.
- 3. Paid advertising
- 4. Events (i.e., library truck visits)





Community-based Organizations

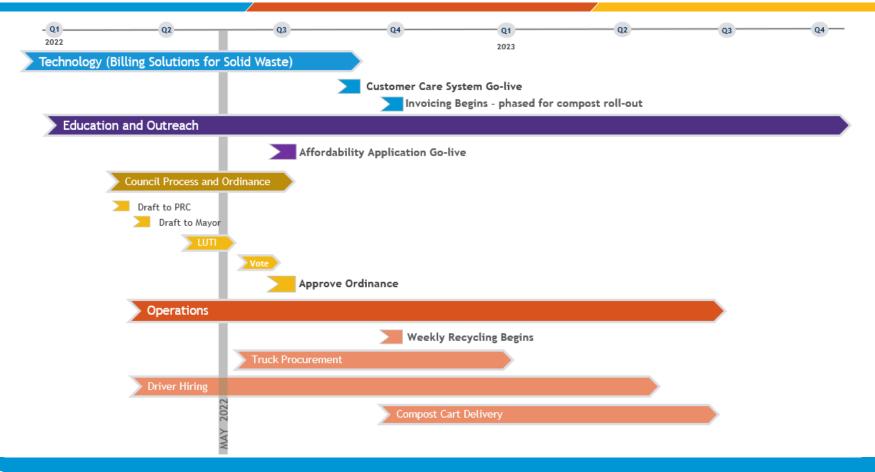
Pre-ordinance timeline:

April May June

- Identify master list of CBOs / reach out to Council for recommendations.
- Continue adding CBO's to master list
- Hold Focus Group

Contact all CBOs to gauge level of participation and areas of focus







We Need Your Help!

- What is the new fee and expanded services
- How to recycle & compost correctly
- How to apply for the affordability program
- How to use your online customer account

