

# Community Recycling Ordinance Elements

## For Trash/Recycling Haulers licensed in Fort Collins

*All changes in effect as of September 2016, unless otherwise noted below*

### Multi-Family and Commercial Recycling

- 1) Recycling requirements apply to **ALL NEW** business or multi-family customer accounts
  - Recycling service level must be at least 1/3 of the overall service provided
    - Example: 2 cubic yards / week of recycling service + 4 cubic yards / week of trash service = 6 cubic yards total ( $2/6 = 1/3$  and complies with ordinance)
- 2) 40% of a hauler's existing non-recycling business and multi-family complex accounts must have recycling service by end of 2018
- 3) 100% of a hauler's business and multi-family complex accounts must have recycling service by the end of 2020
  - Exemptions may be requested through a variance, approved by the City
  - If a hauler's customer refuses recycling service, a recycling service charge commensurate with the required recycling service level must still be applied, unless that account receives a City-approved variance
- 4) Recycling service must include all materials designated as recyclable by the City
  - Recycling cannot be limited to a single material for collection (i.e., only cardboard) to meet requirement
  - Form of collection (e.g., all materials in one bin vs. separated materials in separate bins) may be determined by hauler
- 5) Hauler-provided recycling bins must be labeled with the chasing-arrows symbol and a graphics-based guidelines sticker. Hauler may use company's signage if City-approved or use City-provided materials.
- 6) Haulers must provide customers with recycling guidelines signage for use inside customers' facilities. May use company's signage if City-approved or use City-provided materials.

### Single-Family Residential Recycling

- 1) Must offer optional weekly yard trimmings collection from April to November
  - Can charge a separate fee for service
  - Yard trimmings collected through this service must be taken to an appropriate composting or mulching facility and must not be landfilled
- 2) Must send City-provided educational material to every customer that receives any paper communications; if customer receives electronic billing, but service calendar is mailed in paper form, must include paper form of educational material from City with service calendar.
- 3) Can charge service surcharge of up to 25% of cost of 32-gallon trash bin service
- 4) A 32-gallon trash container option must be provided to customers
- 5) Homeowner's Association and other group service contracts must be in writing, be kept on file, and be available for review by City staff or designated auditors
- 6) Amount of recycling included in basic service is equal to two large capacity (90-99-gallon) containers
  - Hauler may require residential recycling to fit inside cart if customer has 2 large capacity containers
- 7) Carts may be placed on the street side of the curb for servicing, except if on arterial street or if cart would block bike lane

### Grocery Stores

- 1) By December 31, 2017, all grocers must have compost collection service for food scraps, unless have a City-approved variance on file (Applies only if store disposes of more than 96 gallons of food scraps per week)