

WASTE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY APPENDIX PUEBLO COUNTY 2017

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APPENDIX 1: WASTE SORT CATEGORIES

RECYCLABLES	
Ferrous Scrap Metal	Ferrous Scrap Metal means any iron or steel items that are magnetic and not containers. Examples include metal clothes hangers, metal pipes and stainless-steel cookware.
Nonferrous Scrap Metal	Non-ferrous Scrap Metal means any other metal that are not magnetic and not containers. These items may be made out of copper, brass, aluminum or other metals. Examples include brass pipes, copper pots, or brass household fixtures.
Steel / Tin Cans	Steel /Tin Cans means rigid containers made out mainly of steel and are magnetic. Examples include canned food and beverage products, and aerosol containers.
Aluminum Cans	Aluminum Cans means any food or beverage container made mainly out of aluminum. We included aluminum foil or food packaging in this category. Examples include soda and beer cans.
Newspaper	Newspaper means any paper used in newspapers. Examples include newspaper and the glossy advertising inserts.
Cardboard	Cardboard means corrugated cardboard that has three layers including a wavy middle layer. Examples include shipping and moving boxes but does not include coated paperboard.
Paperboard	Paperboard means a thin single layer composite fiber product that is usually coated with a glossy coating. Examples include cereal boxes, tissues boxes, shoe boxes and paper pulp egg cartons.
Mixed Paper	Mixed Paper means office paper. Examples include envelopes, junk mail, notepad paper, white computer paper and colored ledger paper.
Plastics #1-2	Plastics #1 and #2 means PETE and HDPE plastic food, beverage, and household containers that usually have a 1 or 2 in a recycling symbol stamped on the bottom. Examples include water bottles, cooking oil bottles, food jars, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles and empty antifreeze bottles.
Plastics #3-7	Plastics #3-#7 means plastic containers other than PETE and HDPE usually marked with a 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 in a recycling symbol stamped on the bottom. Examples include yogurt cups, clamshell shaped containers, and margarine tubs.
Cartons	Cartons means aseptic or gable top wax coated paper food or beverage containers. Examples include milk cartons, juice cartons, and paper broth containers.
Rigid Plastics	Rigid Plastics mean plastic items that are rigid and not containers. Examples include plastic toys, buckets and lawn chairs.
Glass	Glass means all food and beverage containers made out of glass. Does not include flat glass from glass windowpanes or safety glass. Examples include wine bottles, soda bottles, pickle jars and glass shards from food and beverage containers.
ORGANICS	
Food Scraps	Food Scraps means food waste from the processing, preparation or consumption food. This included plastic bags and other containers where the majority of the weight was food scraps. Examples include meat scraps, dairy products, vegetable and fruit peels and leftovers.

Food Soiled Paper	Food Soiled Paper means compostable paper products, either soiled or non-soiled, that do not fit in the other paper categories. Examples include paper towels, napkins, tissues, fast food wrappers, and pizza boxes.
Yard Debris	Yard Debris means any plant material, including wood materials. Examples include leaves, grass clippings, and branches.
Non-Treated Wood Waste	Non-Treated Wood Waste means wood that has not been chemically treated and is used for building, manufacturing, packaging or other uses. Examples include hobby project wood scraps, pallets and wooden fencing.
RESIDUE	
Textiles	Textiles means household items made out of fabric and includes clothing accessories. Examples include pillow cases, bedding, clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.
Plastic Film and Bags	Plastic Film and Bags means plastic film usually used for packaging and transport. Examples include plastic shopping bags, shrink-wrap, and bubble wrap.
Electronics	Electronics means electronics with circuitry, large and small. Examples includes cell phones, digital cameras, headphones, stereo speaker, televisions and laptops.
Tires	Tires mean vehicle ties. Examples include tires from cars, trucks and bicycles.
Construction Debris	Construction Debris means material used in the building of structures. Examples include drywall, roofing shingles, treated wood, concrete and cinder blocks.
Bulky Waste	Bulky Waste means large hard to handle items that are not defined separately. Examples include furniture, mattresses and box springs.
Household Hazardous Waste	Household Hazardous Waste means household items which can cause handling problems or other hazards if improperly disposed of. Examples include car batteries, other batteries, used oil, antifreeze, paint filled containers, pesticides and fluorescent light bulbs.
Liquid Waste	Liquid Waste means containers at least half full of a liquid that is not hazardous. Liquid waste was weighed in its original container. Examples include unemptied pop bottles and unemptied milk cartons.
Residue Greater Than or Equal To 2 Inches	Residue Greater Than or Equal To 2 Inches means other materials leftover after sorting that do not fit into any of the other categories and are therefore waste. This included any medical waste found. Examples include coffee cups, fountain drink cup lids and strays, ceramics, kitty litter, dog feces, and rubber products.
Residue 2 Inches or Less	Residue Less Than 2 Inches means material that fell through the waste sort screens. This residue included organics like food and food soiled paper, recyclables like glass shards and small scraps of mixed paper and the remainder was waste. Examples of the waste residue includes feminine hygiene products, cigarette butt, bottle caps, and straws.

APPENDIX 2: FULL SURVEY RESULTS

Appendix 2.1 Postcard Survey Results

Q1.2 - Would you prefer to take the survey in English or Spanish? ¿Prefiere hacer la encuesta en inglés o en español?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	English	100.00%	97
2	En español	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	97

Q1.3 - Which zip code do you live in?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	81001	10.31%	10
2	81002	0.00%	0
3	81003	6.19%	6
4	81004	13.40%	13
5	81005	13.40%	13
6	81006	5.15%	5
7	81007	32.99%	32
8	81008	5.15%	5
9	81017	0.00%	0
10	81019	3.09%	3
11	81022	0.00%	0
12	81023	7.22%	7
13	81025	0.00%	0
14	81039	0.00%	0
15	81069	3.09%	3
16	Other	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	97

Q1.4 - Which neighborhood do you live in?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Aberdeen	4.12%	4
2	Avondale	0.00%	0
3	Belmont	3.09%	3
4	Bessemer	3.09%	3
5	Beulah Heights	1.03%	1
6	Blende	1.03%	1
7	Boone	0.00%	0
8	Club	0.00%	0
9	Colorado City	4.12%	4
10	Downtown	2.06%	2
11	East Side	3.09%	3
12	Eastwood	0.00%	0
13	El Camino/La Vista	0.00%	0
14	Fountain	0.00%	0
15	Fowler	0.00%	0
16	Grove	0.00%	0
17	Highland Park	1.03%	1
18	Hyde Park	1.03%	1
19	Lake Minnequa	1.03%	1
20	Lower East Side	0.00%	0
21	Mesa Junction	4.12%	4
22	Northside	3.09%	3
23	Pueblo Dep AC	0.00%	0
24	Pueblo West	32.99%	32
25	Regency	5.15%	5
26	Ridge	1.03%	1
27	Rye	2.06%	2

28	Salt Creek	0.00%	0
29	Sky View	0.00%	0
30	South Gate	0.00%	0
31	South Pointe	0.00%	0
32	State Fair	3.09%	3
33	State Hospital	3.09%	3
34	Sunnyheights	1.03%	1
35	Sunset	1.03%	1
36	University	4.12%	4
37	Vineland	3.09%	3
38	Wetmore	0.00%	0
39	Other	10.31%	10
40	Not Sure	1.03%	1
	Total	100%	97

**Q1.5 - How many adults (18 and over) including yourself live in your house on a regular basis?
(Please include relatives, friends, and/or renters staying in home for 6 months or more a year.)**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	1	17.58%	16
2	2	70.33%	64
3	3	8.79%	8
4	4	3.30%	3
5	5	0.00%	0
6	6	0.00%	0
7	7	0.00%	0
8	8	0.00%	0
9	9	0.00%	0
10	10 or more	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	91

Q1.6 - How many children (under 18) live in your house on a regular basis?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	0	79.79%	75
2	1	4.26%	4
3	2	12.77%	12
4	3	1.06%	1
5	4	2.13%	2
6	5	0.00%	0
7	6	0.00%	0
8	7	0.00%	0
9	8	0.00%	0
10	9	0.00%	0
11	10 or more	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	94

Q1.7 - Do you own or rent your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Own	90.72%	88
2	Rent	8.25%	8
3	Other	1.03%	1
	Total	100%	97

Other

1. Own to rent

Q1.8 - How long have you lived in Pueblo County?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than 1 year	7.22%	7
2	1 to 5 years	13.40%	13
3	6 to 10 years	12.37%	12
4	11 to 15 years	8.25%	8
5	More than 15 years	58.76%	57
	Total	100%	97

Q1.9 - Have you ever lived in a community or area (other than Pueblo) with a strong curbside recycling program? If yes, can you tell us the town or city?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	49.48%	48
2	No	50.52%	49
	Total	100%	97

Yes – Text

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Denver | 22. Seattle, WA |
| 2. Thornton, CO | 23. Golden, CO |
| 3. Denver | 24. Aurora, CO |
| 4. Fairfax, VA | 25. Coatesville , PA |
| 5. Cedar Rapids, Iowa | 26. Davison, MI |
| 6. Bakersfield, CA | 27. Stapleton/Denver |
| 7. Sun City, AZ | 28. Fort Collins Co |
| 8. Sun city, az | 29. El mirage, az |
| 9. spokane, washington | 30. Charles City, Iowa |
| 10. Chicago | 31. Minneapolis, MN |
| 11. Castle Rock, CO | 32. lakewood |
| 12. Portland, OR | 33. Newberg, Oregon |
| 13. Colorado Springs | 34. Prince George Va |
| 14. Aurora Illinois | 35. Prince George VA |
| 15. Mckinnley TX | 36. Valley Center Ca |
| 16. Longmont | 37. Memphis |
| 17. Boulder Heights | 38. So. California |
| 18. Long Beach, CA | 39. Tucson, AZ & Bethesda, MD |
| 19. Aurora | 40. Redlands CA |
| 20. Toano, VA | 41. Sommerset, KY |
| 21. Lakewood | 42. Iowa city, IA |
| | 43. Perry Park |

Q1.10 - Which option best describes your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Single Family Home	92.78%	90
2	Duplex	2.06%	2
3	Trailer or Mobile Home	2.06%	2
4	Townhome	1.03%	1
5	Condominium or apartment complex with 2 to 7 units	1.03%	1
6	Condominium or apartment complex with 8 or more units	1.03%	1
	Total	100%	97

Q3.1 - How old are you?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Under 18	0.00%	0
2	18 to 24 years	1.06%	1
3	25 to 34 years	6.38%	6
4	35 to 44 years	13.83%	13
5	45 to 54 years	21.28%	20
6	55 to 64 years	28.72%	27
7	Age 65 or older	28.72%	27
	Total	100%	94

Q3.2 - What is the highest educational or school level you have obtained? Pick one.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Elementary or Middle School	0.00%	0
2	Some High School but no diploma	1.05%	1
3	High School diploma or GED	13.68%	13
4	Associate degree in college - Occupational / vocational program	13.68%	13
5	Associate degree in college - Academic program	6.32%	6
6	Bachelor's degree (For example: BA, BS, AB)	33.68%	32
7	Master's degree (For example: MA MS MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)	25.26%	24
8	Professional School degree (For example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)	0.00%	0
9	Doctorate degree (For example: PhD, EdD)	6.32%	6
	Total	100%	95

Q3.3 - What is your gender?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Male	36.46%	35
2	Female	63.54%	61
	Total	100%	96

Q4.1 - How often is trash collected or removed from your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Once a week	81.52%	75
2	Every other week	10.87%	10
3	Twice a week	0.00%	0
4	More than twice a week	2.17%	2
5	We do not have trash collection	5.43%	5
6	Not sure	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	92

Q4.2 - In an average week, how many 32 gallon trash bags or containers of waste does your household throw away? A 32 gallon bag is the LARGE size trash bag sold at grocery stores, or the REGULAR size trash can sold at hardware store.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than 1 bag	12.37%	12
2	1 bag	18.56%	18
3	Between 1 and 2 bags	23.71%	23
4	2 bags	7.22%	7
5	Between 2 and 3 bags	9.28%	9
6	3 bags	5.15%	5
7	Between 3 and 4 bags	10.31%	10
8	4 bags	2.06%	2
9	Between 4 and 5 bags	5.15%	5
10	5 bags	3.09%	3
11	6 bags	2.06%	2
12	7 bags	0.00%	0
13	8 bags	1.03%	1
14	9 bags	0.00%	0
15	10 or more bags	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	97

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4	2 bags	7.22%	7
5	Between 2 and 3 bags	9.28%	9
6	3 bags	5.15%	5
7	Between 3 and 4 bags	10.31%	10
8	4 bags	2.06%	2
9	Between 4 and 5 bags	5.15%	5
10	5 bags	3.09%	3
11	6 bags	2.06%	2
12	7 bags	0.00%	0
13	8 bags	1.03%	1
14	9 bags	0.00%	0
15	10 or more bags	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	97

Q5.1 - Do you currently have curbside recycling collection at your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	18.56%	18
2	No	81.44%	79
	Total	100%	97

Q5.2 - Who provides your recycling service?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	C&C Disposal & Recycling	29.41%	5
2	Roots Recycling	58.82%	10
3	Other	0.00%	0
4	Not Sure	11.76%	2
	Total	100%	17

Q5.3 - How often is your recycling collected?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Weekly	56.25%	9
2	Every other week	37.50%	6
3	Other	6.25%	1
	Total	100%	16

Other - Text

1. (blank)
- 2.

Q5.4 - About how much recycling do you set out for collection on a regular basis?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I set out much less recycling than trash	5.88%	1
2	A little less recycling than trash	0.00%	0
3	About the same amount of recycling as trash	23.53%	4
4	More recycling than trash	35.29%	6
5	I set out much more recycling than trash	35.29%	6
	Total	100%	17

Q5.5 - Are you aware that there are public drop-off recycling sites available in Pueblo?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	57.89%	55
2	No	42.11%	40
	Total	100%	95

Q5.6 - How often, if ever, have you used the following recycling options in Pueblo?

#	Question	Never		Rarely, 1 or 2 times a year		About every other month		Once a month		A few times a month		More than once a week		Used in past, no longer used		Total
1	Drop-off Recycling	33.68%	3 2	25.26%	2 4	8.42%	8	15.79%	1 5	6.32%	6	0.00%	0	10.53%	1 0	95
2	Donate materials to non-profit charity organizations or other re-use/thrift stores	7.61%	7	38.04%	3 5	31.52%	2 9	19.57%	1 8	2.17%	2	1.09%	1	0.00%	0	92
3	Household Hazardous Waste Events	48.89%	4 4	42.22%	3 8	2.22%	2	1.11%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	5.56%	5	90
4	Non-profit Fundraising Recycle Event	77.01%	6 7	12.64%	1 1	2.30%	2	3.45%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	4.60%	4	87
5	Paper Shredding Event	77.91%	6 7	18.60%	1 6	1.16%	1	0.00%	0	1.16%	1	0.00%	0	1.16%	1	86
6	Christmas Tree Recycling	74.71%	6 5	17.24%	1 5	1.15%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	6.90%	6	87

Q5.7 - If you recycle, what materials do you recycle on a regular basis? (Check all that apply)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I do not recycle	2.03%	10
2	Cardboard	9.35%	46
3	Newspaper	10.57%	52
4	Paper, junk mail, and magazines	9.96%	49
5	Phonebooks	7.32%	36
6	Glass bottles/jars	7.52%	37
7	Plastic containers	9.35%	46
8	Aluminum cans	10.37%	51
9	Metal and tin cans	7.72%	38
10	Scrap metal	6.71%	33
11	Cooking grease	0.00%	0
12	Electronics	5.28%	26

14	Household Hazardous Waste such as paint or motor oil	4.67%	23
15	Household and Durable Goods such as furniture, clothing or books	8.13%	40
16	Others	1.02%	5
	Total	100%	492

Others – Text

1. Plastic shopping bags
2. Plastic bottles
3. Plastic bags

Q6.2 - About how much Yard Waste (branches, leaves, grass) do you generate at your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	None, I do not have a yard	5.21%	5
2	A few bags when I clean up the yard in the fall or spring	33.33%	32
3	A few bags a month during the spring / summer / fall	13.54%	13
4	At least a bag every week during the spring / summer / fall	21.88%	21
5	I normally generate about as much yard waste as regular trash during the spring / summer / fall	7.29%	7
6	I normally generate more yard waste than regular trash during the spring / summer / fall	18.75%	18
	Total	100%	96

Q6.3 - How do you dispose of your yard waste (branches, grass, leaves, etc.)? Check all that apply.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Set out for collection with the trash	46.96%	54
2	We have a compost pile / area on our property for yard waste	24.35%	28
3	Bring to the landfill or transfer station for disposal	1.74%	2
4	Burn Pile	18.26%	21
5	Other	8.70%	10
	Total	100%	115

Other – Text

1. lawn service hauls away
2. Landscaper
3. Compost some organic matter-leaves, grass clippings, etc
4. Use for camp fire.
5. Compost pile also
6. friend has gulleys he wants filled
7. compost in yard

- 8. Lawn guy takes it
- 9. We mulch tree all tree waste

Q7.1 - Please let us know if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree	Total
1	I would like to see more recycling service options in Pueblo	2.11% 2	0.00% 0	1.05% 1	5.26% 5	9.47% 9	26.32% 25	55.79% 53	95
2	Recycling helps to create jobs in Pueblo and Colorado	4.21% 4	1.05% 1	2.11% 2	11.58% 11	15.79% 15	31.58% 30	33.68% 32	95
3	Recycling helps to conserve natural resources and the environment for the future	3.16% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4.21% 4	5.26% 5	20.00% 19	67.37% 64	95
4	Recycling is not worth the money and effort	63.44% 59	15.05% 14	8.60% 8	7.53% 7	1.08% 1	1.08% 1	3.23% 3	93
5	Recycling only works in large cities like Colorado Spring or Denver, not in rural areas like Pueblo county	56.99% 53	21.51% 20	10.75% 10	6.45% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4.30% 4	93
6	Increasing recycling should be a priority for Pueblo residents and businesses	4.21% 4	2.11% 2	2.11% 2	4.21% 4	7.37% 7	22.11% 21	57.89% 55	95
7	Pueblo should invest tax	9.68% 9	2.15% 2	2.15% 2	4.30% 4	15.05% 14	22.58% 21	44.09% 41	93

	payer dollars to support recycling infrastructure in the City and County															
8	I would recycle more if I knew where and how to recycle in Pueblo	4.26%	4	2.13%	2	2.13%	2	18.09%	17	11.70%	11	20.21%	19	41.49%	39	94

Q7.2 - What are the largest challenges to recycling in Pueblo and Pueblo County? (Check all that apply)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	It is too expensive	13.30%	25
2	The drop-offs are too far from my house/ It is not convenient to use this service	23.40%	44
3	Service is not available at my house / apartment	18.09%	34
4	I am not sure what to recycle	4.79%	9
5	I am not sure how or where to recycle in Pueblo	20.21%	38
6	We do not have room to store extra recycling containers	4.26%	8
7	My property manager / landlord does not provide service	1.06%	2
8	There are no barriers or challenges to recycling	4.26%	8
9	Recycling options often change	5.32%	10
10	Other	5.32%	10
	Total	100%	188

Other – Text

1. We recycle by taking recycled to A affordable
2. In Spokane we had blue bins that glass and plastic, paper went into the blue bins: it works I loved it
3. Recycling isn't a one-stop place
4. City Pride, Junky yards
5. A large segment of Pueblo residents have little/no environmental awareness, therefore, are apathetic towards recycling.
6. Restrictions on what they take
7. As a widow living alone, I do not generate enough trash to go to the expense of recycling.
8. Not enough citizens are interested

Q7.3 - Overall, how satisfied are you with the current recycling options in Pueblo? (0= Extremely Dissatisfied, 25= Dissatisfied, 50= Neutral, 75= Satisfied, 100= Extremely Satisfied)

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Current Recycling Options in Pueblo	0.00	100.00	30.73	26.95	726.53	84

Q7.4 - Please let us know if you would support or oppose the following recycling programs in Pueblo.

#	Question	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Oppose nor Support	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	Total
3	A requirement for all haulers in the City and the County to offer recycling services to residents (no requirement to sign-up for service)	4.21% 4	3.16% 3	7.37% 7	14.74% 14	11.58% 11	23.16% 22	35.79% 34	95
4	A residential yard waste collection and composting program	2.13% 2	0.00% 0	5.32% 5	13.83% 13	14.89% 14	20.21% 19	43.62% 41	94
1	Additional drop-off location(s)	3.13% 3	1.04% 1	0.00% 0	11.46% 11	5.21% 5	33.33% 32	45.83% 44	96
2	A county-owned recycling facility that is open to private haulers (recycling collectors) and the public to drop-off recyclables	3.13% 3	2.08% 2	0.00% 0	12.50% 12	9.38% 9	29.17% 28	43.75% 42	96
5	Additional promotion and education around existing recycling options in the County	2.13% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	13.83% 13	11.70% 11	29.79% 28	42.55% 40	94

Q8.1 - If curbside recycling collection was offered at your home, how likely is it that you would sign-up if the service...

#	Question	Not at all (0%)		Not likely (around 25% chance)		Possible (around 50% chance)		Very Likely (around 75% chance)		Definitely (100%)		Total
1	Recycling Service was offered at no cost	2.08%	2	2.08%	2	5.21%	5	4.17%	4	86.46%	83	96
2	Recycling cost between \$1 to \$2 per month	7.45%	7	4.26%	4	7.45%	7	17.02%	16	63.83%	60	94
3	Recycling cost between \$2 to \$4 per month	14.89%	14	5.32%	5	18.09%	17	17.02%	16	44.68%	42	94
4	Recycling cost between \$5 to \$7 per month	30.11%	28	13.98%	13	18.28%	17	9.68%	9	27.96%	26	93
5	Recycling cost between \$7 to \$10 per month	41.30%	38	20.65%	19	9.78%	9	3.26%	3	25.00%	23	92
6	Recycling cost more than \$10 per month	56.04%	51	19.78%	18	5.49%	5	2.20%	2	16.48%	15	91

Q8.2 - How much, if anything, would you be willing to pay to get weekly yard waste collection service at your house?

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	I would be willing to pay \$___per month for yard waste composting service	0.00	20.00	3.63	4.63	21.47	71

Q9.1 - Do you have trash collection service at your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes, we have trash collection service	94.79%	91
2	No, we do not have trash collection service	5.21%	5
	Total	100%	96

Q9.2 - Where do you normally bring your trash for disposal?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Southside Landfill	20.00%	1
2	C&C Disposal Transfer Station	20.00%	1
3	Other	60.00%	3
	Total	100%	5

Other – Text

1. Recycling Center in Salida/Canon City
2. friend's trash pickup

Q9.3 - Do you share trash service?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	No, we do not share trash services with other homes or housing units	92.13%	82
2	Yes, we share containers and / or service with other homes or housing units	7.87%	7
	Total	100%	89

Q9.4 - Who collects your trash?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	A-Affordable Disposal	26.67%	24
2	A Global Disposal	0.00%	0
3	Archuleta's Waste Service	1.11%	1
4	C&C Disposal and Recycling	23.33%	21
5	Five Star Disposal	4.44%	4
6	Mountain Disposal	13.33%	12
7	Rael's Trash Service Inc.	2.22%	2
8	Waste Connections	12.22%	11
9	Waste Management	11.11%	10
10	Other	1.11%	1
11	Not sure	4.44%	4
	Total	100%	90

Q9.5 - What best describes your trash service arrangement?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I contract directly with a trash hauler for service	81.32%	74
2	My landlord or property manager contracts with the trash hauler	3.30%	3
3	Trash service is included in my Home Owners Association fees	4.40%	4
7	I contract with a recycling company and they arrange for my trash collection	9.89%	9
4	Not sure	1.10%	1
6	Other	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	91

Q9.6 - Why did you choose your trash service provider? (Check all that apply)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	It's the lowest cost service	24.56%	28
2	Advertisement was first in an on-line search	0.00%	0
3	Allow on-line payments	6.14%	7
4	Good customer service	23.68%	27
5	They offer value added services such as bulky item collection	5.26%	6
6	They can provide recycling service	6.14%	7
7	Personal connection or word of mouth	14.91%	17
8	They let me set out an 'unlimited' amount of trash for collection	4.39%	5
9	Other	14.91%	17
	Total	100%	114

Other – Text

1. the only one in the area
2. no contract
3. No reason
4. Company bought by Waste Connections
5. Only trash company in my area that has a normal size trash container, all the rest only would give us a dumpster at much higher cost
6. Only one in our area
7. Only one available
8. Got bought out
9. Former owners used them
10. Only choice
11. They are the only ones who service our area
12. The only service in our area.

13. They let me set up my Service with a month to month plan and all the other company's. Require a \$60.00 upfront. And Raels trash service understood I am financially unable to pay that all at once
14. return trash container to my house
15. Saw the neighbors

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

Q2.1 - Thank you for participating in this survey! You are almost done!! In your opinion, what is the largest barrier to increasing recycling in Pueblo County?

1. Opening areas to drop off recycling. To my knowledge, we have none.
2. Educating people about the good things recycling does. I like it that your survey could have been in Spanish.
3. Distance. In Pueblo West, particularly, it has often been a long drive to a recycling center. The cost of fuel and wear and tear on the vehicle often negates the value of the recycling. Curbside pickup would probably entice many people to sign up.
4. Lack of education about benefits of recycling
5. Lack of awareness & need for more recycling drop offsProvide
6. charging taxpayers more for what i see workers city at parks during the day and doing nothing
7. Cost.
8. people not wanting to make the effort. I have recycled for years, and it is second nature, but many find it too inconvenient.
9. My personal barrier is the additional cost of recycling service. As for Pueblo County as a whole, the barrier is most likely people's apathy towards the subject.
10. There are no barriers.
11. The attitude of the public and the cost. In addition, the lack of drop off recycling centers.
12. additional cost to residents
13. Cost
14. There are not any curbside recycling in my area. I di not have the means to drive this to a drop off facility 15 miles away.
15. I think education need to be put out there. I truly think that Recycling should be mandatory.
16. Some people in pueblo are just too lazy.They'd rather dump it mostly in the closest vacant lot from wherthe live advertising
17. cost and willingness
18. stupid people that were never taught to use trash cans
19. Not many options available in Pueblo West
20. The cost
21. Education, opportunity/ convenience
22. Education, availability of drop off sites/information
23. The convenience, I will not put trash in my vehicle to deposit it some where, I will only do curb side and will not pay much if anything to do it.
24. Additional cost for the convenience of curbside recycling is a barrier in a cost sensitive community. Significant education of the community to overcome the notion that recycling is cost neutral or free needs to be conducted. One approach may be a cost shift whereby disposal services charge a higher rate for waste only service versus waste plus recycling.
25. The cost.
26. I think people are willing to drop off items at a recycle facility. A recycling facility along with several drop off locations would make a huge difference.

27. Recycling needs to be expected - not a voluntary service. Without local requirements this will not be possible.
28. cost, education of residents about the benefits of recycling, changing habits of residents(too easy to throw all waste into one receptacle rather than separate recyclable waste)
29. Knowledge and availability
30. Lack of facilities, lack of education
31. It's expensive
32. I think that the current personal cost is very prohibitive for most residence in Pueblo. The current drop off locations are also not convenient for a lot of residence.
33. It needs to be offered by trash collection service that residents already use at no to low cost, otherwise people will not recycle.
34. Lack of convenient recycling centers, general public ignorance of current options
35. Support
36. Many locations for different recyclables. You can't just go to one location and get rid of it all in one place.
37. Educating the public, and creating a desire for others in the community to take the extra steps to recycle.
38. Knowledge of recycling options and convenient sites for plastic, paper and aluminum recycling!!
39. Illegal dumping, free to dump wherever
40. Offer it curbside for all!
41. Overcoming a community-standard non-environmentally aware ethic.
42. The recycling services can hopefully make money while the public helps save our planet
43. city and county, lack of education and awareness
44. Public knowledge and ease of drop off.
45. Educating public
46. Restrictions, gas money
47. Getting private haulers to offer it at homes. There are a lot of options now but it's just not as convenient as it would be if offered at my home.
48. Not offered by all trash haulers.
49. In my opinion the largest barriers to increase recycling in Pueblo County would be the funds to support it, and being able to get everyone on board with the program.
50. This is a low income city and somehow some incentives should be found in order to get participation.
51. The largest barrier for us is when we would have to pay to recycle. We refuse to do that. We would rather make the extra effort to take our recyclables somewhere instead. (We had even been taking them to the Springs until Waste Management stopped that program.) We do take our recycle materials to the various drop off places now which is why we basically have no trash!
52. A close facility that is free.
53. What can actually be recycled and the amount picked up. I would also guess that the funds needed to get a program off and running in the right directions would be severely limited without tax payer funding.
54. Communication. I haul my recycling to La Junta on my trips there because I didn't know there were drop off sites in Pueblo. Also, plastics.
55. Lack of education and money. Illegal drop offs.
56. Convenience is lacking. Curbside is not available.
57. The attitude of the citizens plus the total lack of education on the issue. Mandatory recycling is the only way to go with convenience provided for the citizens to do so. Make it a positive opportunity. Mandate that the landfills also offer total recycling services. Quit planning and START DOING!
58. Lack of convenient recycling options. Education and information should be easy to find.
59. People are too lazy to separate their trash and not willing to pay for recycling services.
60. Cost to customer

61. Convenience
62. There is no barrier. Folks just need to want to.
63. A city/county owned single stream [or self sort] full time drop off site
64. Public awareness. Getting individuals interested to habitually recycle. Use of water to clean recyclables prior to discarding. Cost of distributing recycle containers to homes. Quit using the plastic shopping bags.
65. Don't care!
66. It always comes down to the money.
67. Not enough options
68. Don't know.
69. The private haulers seem to be very negative to the idea. Many residents would rather not spend the money for any recycling service.
70. primarily cost. just cancelled recycling at cc disposal due to massive increase in cost. private recyclers are 2-4.00 a bag. then cost of driving to centers. too many trash trucks on roads. waste and recycling should be picked up same day
71. Cost
72. Lack of interest/education of citizens
73. the cost is probably largest barrier. also the lack of recycling locations and options as to the type of materials being recycled.
74. Utilities in pueblo have dramatically increased!!! And we the people are fed up! We will not put out any extra of our tiny incomes to create programs that will always increase the fees annually.
75. We need curbside pickup
76. Space and money (cost)
77. Cost. The options that I am aware of are very expensive
78. It is the culture of Pueblo. Recycling is very doable and would be extremely important to our community. Individuals who move here are often shocked that we don't have city/county recycling services.
79. Convenience
80. Education
81. convenience
82. The cost of using and transporting waste to the city landfill is outrageous compared to other cities I have lived in.
83. Community awareness and support. I think that it has to be easy, convenient and affordable.
84. No information out about recycling
85. Education and resident support
86. Cost, it should not cost money (or very little) to do the right thing for our planet and recycle. there are plenty of good citizens who would love to recycle if it wasn't so inconvenient with very few current options.
87. Availability of land site for it
88. Money.
89. public apathy

Q2.2 - What, if anything, do you think PACOG (Pueblo Area Council of Governments) should do to help support increased recycling?

1. Station drop-off areas around the town in areas that can be easily accessed.
2. Support a program for special recycling trucks twice a month, minimum.
3. Work up some sort of curbside program with the providers.
4. Definitely should provide places in each area of town to recycle plastics, glass, metal, paper and cardboard
5. Provide more information to the public & possibly incentives for companies who will offer recycling.
6. offer free of charge
7. Support and promote Roots Recycling operations
8. educate and then find low to no cost ways for people to participate.
9. Where public trash cans are located put a recycle bin next to them. Encourage trash collection agencies to allow a discount for trash and recycle collection. Citywide increase of education on recycling options, especially the hazardous waste recycling event.
10. Set up some recycling collection spots out in the county that residents could get to without having to drive all the way to Pueblo.
11. Offer monetary stimulus for recyclers, either the general public or private companies. H
12. Educate public.
13. Encourage curbside recycling programs
14. more mail and advertising out and keep the customer informed.
15. Advertising more and encouragement! More promotional options.
16. I do not know
17. more convenient places to drop off at no cost
18. Should support realistic programs
19. No idea
20. Convenience and educate about drop-offs
21. Educate people on existing free options
22. Awareness, keep it in the private market.
23. A fee added to the property tax bill to cover the cost of recycling and/or the cost to institute a county wide trash program maybe a palatable alternative. The fee could cover the cost of the landfill for all residential properties. Commercial customers could be charged in an alternate manner, such as direct contract since the type and volume differs significantly.
24. PACOG needs to make it affordable and more accessible. Educate Pueblo County on the environmental hazards of waste.
25. Push to get a recycling facility here.
26. PACOG members should come together and agree on a solution for the entire county. If all entities were saying the same messages and pushing policy to improve the community all of us would benefit.
27. provide more drop off locations in city and county at low/no cost to residents, advertise benefits of recycling and how to participate to residents
28. Own our own facility
29. Educational, picking up the costs
30. i think the city should reach out to cities that already have curbside recycling to see how it is funded and how it is managed. I believe that Parts of Washington state and Hawaii have been recycling for several decades. Perhaps that would be a start.
31. Public education, taxpayer subsidy to keep cost at less than \$2 per month per house
32. EDUCATION ON WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED, CURB SIDE PICK UP OR EASIER ACCESS TO DROP OFF SIGHTS
33. As above, educating the public/community on the importance of recycling and the positive impact it can make within our community and for the better of our planet. Most do not recycle out of laziness and do not see what the personal benefit is to them. In our household we are currently making efforts and small

steps to hopefully one day become a zero waste household. We take the additional steps to recycle and reduce waste as best as we can between recycling and compost. In summer months our trash is mostly filled with lawn clippings, other household waste is less than a 13-Gallon bag weekly.

34. Get on the ball and promotes reasonable options for recycling!!
35. Have requirements, enforcement
36. Offer curbside!
37. Make it as commonplace, and as easy to recycle as it is to take out the trash.
38. the survey is a great start
39. make it mandatory. the fee's to use the public dump are to expensive that is why we have a problem with illegal dumping - look at any vacant land - also I believe people would keep their property a little cleaner. Our city and county should take a look at Fort Collins or other communities that recycle. Pueblo needs to be cleaned up we have a great community but lacks pride in keeping it clean.
40. Central, easy drop off locations with minimal weight.
41. Increase fines for illegal dumping.
42. Make more sites available,
43. Find a way to fund more recycling.
44. I think it needs to be more convenient, such as a drop off location on the south side or having a cheap easy way to arrange a pickup at your house.
45. Investigate ways to generate a funding source to help low income families.
46. If they will not allow recycling with our trash service, then having more drop off places would be a big help.
47. Provide a free drop off place in Colorado City for a variety of materials.
48. Do some research of other successful recycling programs in cities around the country and see what and how they have implemented these programs. With this information PACOG can then overlap it to its current situation and see what fits and is realistic for Pueblo.
49. We need to be able to recycle plastics. Start a company that makes plastic benches and put some people to work! Put one on every street corner! Encourage people to visit, get to know each other, take more walks!
50. I feel it is the responsibility of all citizens to properly dispose of the trash, to recycle and that all illegal drop offs should be heavily enforced.
51. Offer incentives to home owners and businesses, to be paid for with more taxes on marijuana growers and retailers. They are the 1% in our county in terms of income and networth. They are overusing our water supply and creating more expense to taxpayers regarding homeless care, medical care for marijuana abusers Charge them to help with recycling to help with the water environment they are ruining.
52. Pass some mandatory recycling laws. Get ALL your aspects of area governments on board and FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ACTUALLY CREATING A MANDATORY, CONVENIENT, POSITIVE ATTITUDE toward recycling. Time is slipping away. Protect the environment and do it now.
53. Work with trash hauling companies to make curbside recycling affordable and convenient.
54. Recycling should just be required by all residents. There shouldn't be a choice. It's the only way to protect and preserve our planet.
55. More drop off points
56. Available and closer to home
57. Government need not be in the trash business nor get involved.
58. this survey is a good start- need affordable solutions!
59. Get everybody excited to recycle to how it can increase the beauty of our State and environment.
60. Only if it is self funding.
61. Make it mandatory for all business to offer recycling
62. I don't know
63. Create more services and availability. C&c picks up every other week and it's not often enough.

64. I think the only way to make it work is to have city and county laws requiring it.
65. Have haulers pick it up for free or \$2.00 per month. on same day, same truck
66. Make it mandatory
67. by providing a central location (preferably downtown) where a variety of materials can be collected for recycling.
68. Offer it for free and more often
69. give trash collectors a tax break if they offer curbside recycling. Mu daughter has curbside service in Broomfield, CO. She pays \$2.50 monthly, pick up every other week and the trash service provides a additional container.
70. Utilize all sub companies. Waste management could keep 2 or 3 then use other trucks for green waste and another for paper, cans, etc
71. I do not think that the government should do anything about recycling
72. Petition, public forums, media campaigns. The policy window is right for getting recycling on-board in Pueblo, especially since Pueblo is interested in becoming a more sustainable place.
73. Make it simple and convenient
74. encourage private businesses, not more gov't.!
75. Have more landfill areas throughout the county and more readily accessible recycling centers available at no or very low cost.
76. Promote community awareness. Offering 2-sided trash cans (one for trash and one for recycleables) is a good example. I would love to see some local businesses recycle - especially all those glass bottles being thrown away at the bars!
77. education, make it easier, and low cost
78. Please please start a curbside recycling service a low to no cost as well as a yard waste composting service
79. Discussion and put up to voters if cost involved
80. Spread the word.
81. get the word out better

Q2.3 - How do you hope recycling in Pueblo County will work in the future?

1. Drop off areas for free recycling and a small fee for large items, such as furniture and electronics (large TV's for example). No fee for smaller items and standard recycling.
2. I would love to have a bright container with unsorted recyclables sitting at my curb. In Denver, we were always aware of when the truck would be by and we put out all our recyclables. It's easy, and the landfill and others really benefit from this small action. Make the bins large enough to hold all the aluminum, plastics, paper and cardboard for the period in between truck pickup.
3. We need to stop filling our landfills with huge piles of plastic that take forever to degrade. Garbage, cardboard, paper and the like do degrade, even though it can take many years, but plastics do not do so, and plastics can be recycled for re-use.
4. That provision will be made in locations across town for people to recycle plastics, metals, glass, paper and cardboard at no cost to the recycler
5. Hopefully, residents will realize the importance of recycling & will want to participate in a responsible way. Also, the trash companies & the county can work together to accomplish this in a fair manner.
6. no charges
7. Continue Roots Recycling operations
8. more drop of sites around town
9. An increase in overall recycling.
10. Having recycling centers where you can take everything and not have to go different places to get rid of different things.
11. Have more recycling centers available for drop offs.
12. Curbside service at no additional cost to resident (include with current trash service)

13. Efficient and cost effective, no waste of taxpayer monies.
14. User friendly curbside recycling
15. I'm sure it will take time but coming from Spokane it work and I love it.
16. Hopefully help make Pueblo "CLEAN AGAIN".It wor
17. I don't really know
18. no fees, as only the honest people will do it
19. Easily accessible facilities available
20. Depends on how active the government is
21. Standard experience and locations
22. pick up recycling every week, pick up trash every two weeks
23. Curbside
24. A community recycling program is the only viable alternative. The property owner should bear the burden because they are ultimately the ones that benefit from higher property values associated with a clean community.
25. I hope recycling in Pueblo County will mean less trash all over our community.
26. I would love to see FREE curbside pick-up.
27. All residents will be required to recycle - Pay As You Throw model or something similar.
28. Residents will be able to drop off recyclable materials at various locations around the city/county at no cost or have curbside recycling pickup service at a cost equal to or less than trash pickup service. I hope that Pueblo County will participate in the recycling of all materials that can currently be recycled
29. Everyone encouraged to do it
30. Regular basis, convinient pick-up spots
31. I would like to see curb side recycling made available to all residence at a very low cost. Something that would be affordable to all.
32. I hope there is a program created for all trash companies to follow that will encourage most residents to recycle.
33. I hope it is better than our current situation
34. 75% OF THE POPULATION USING IT
35. Have all types of recycling available in one (or several) locations.
36. It is often discouraging on trash day to drive down the street and see neighbors trash waiting for pick-up, and not only is their trash can overflowing, but there are additional bags, or large card-board pieces (which is easily recyclable) awaiting pick-up. It is my strong hope that with Pueblo County putting a focus on recycling this would no longer be the case, and recycling and reduction of waste would become second nature to our neighbors.
37. Drop off sites would be supported by the majority of Pueblo County citizens!
38. Increase recycling, requirement for all, enforcement
39. Teach Reuse!
40. Weekly, curbside and single-stream recycling for all, no glass exclusions that need to be taken somewhere to be dropped off.
41. we currently utilize the available resources, some people just don't care or stupid lazy
42. I hope we can make it work it truly benefits everybody. I believe everyone should have to visit a landfill to see how much recycling would work.
43. Let's do it! I will surely participate!
44. Universal curb side pickup service
45. More sites
46. Everyone would recycle with more large disposal days a year.
47. I have strong hope recycling will work in the future because so many people do i today, and if it becomes easier and more readily available more people will be able to recycle.
48. I don't see much hope for it.

49. (As stated above)---No charges for taking part in the recycling program availability to do so More
50. See above answer
51. I hope that we find away first and foremost to get recycling to every resident and help educate or even incentivize residents to participate in the conservation of our future. I understand we can't pay people to recycle but maybe we could penalize or make them pay more for the trash and waste they produce, just because its our right to produce waste doesn't mean we shouldn't pay for it.
52. Ease of drop off for no fee.
53. I feel that it worked well in Fort Collins when you pay for each individual trash bag and recyclables are picked up for free .
54. Convenient and reasonably priced
55. It will be convenient for ALL County residents. I live in Beulah and you did not list our community as a choice on where people reside - do we not matter?? Create a positive environment/attitude toward recycling - taking care of our precious Mother Earth!!
56. Offer simple recycling options. Make recycling mandatory like California, Oregon, and Washington.
57. I hope all Pueblo residents will eventually understand the importance of recycling and do it willingly because it benefits all of us in the end.
58. Better communication as to where to recycle and what can be recycled
59. People recycle what they believe needs recycled.
60. Cost effective alternatives for recycle minded people
61. There will be a drink bottle and can refund. Weekly pick-up at homes. Public enthusiasm to clean up our County.
62. Only if it is self funding.
63. Smooth as a cucumber
64. Curbside collection
65. Weekly, county service.
66. EVERYONE RECYCLES!
67. I hope it is successful. cc does not want to take glass. That is probably the one material that can be recycled over and over.
68. Low cost option
69. Everyone does it
70. i hope the county can come to an agreement on recycling options soon.
71. Honestly if its free people would decrease the amount of illegal dumping. The gasoline is to expensive to haul debris to the dump. And the fees at the dump have increased!
72. curbside pickup will be available
73. Easy, preventing trash overflow
74. I would like to have curb side recycling at minimal cost
75. Part of of county or city taxes go directly to recycling and a truck comes by weekly for both yard waste as well as regular recyclables. Other larger or more hazardous items could have drop-offs every other month.
76. Add-on to mandatory trash service
77. I would like to see it work at least as well as other cities of similar size, like Fort Collins.
78. I would like to see recycling being offered by more waste disposal companies. Drop-off locations are great, but they MUST be wind-proof!
79. Curbside option
80. More recycling drop-offs and recycling available for more materials
81. Ideally curbside that gets picked up same day/time as your trash service at low to no added cost
82. Hope positive results
83. more people recycling, like at least half the population

Q2.4 - Do you have any other comments about recycling you would like to share?

1. I don't know why they removed the recycling by the steel mill. We used to use it all the time. If there is recycling existent in Pueblo, they are not advertising it well. There needs to be a one-stop recycling center where all recycling can be dropped off in self-sorting areas. This is why we haul our recycling to Canon City or Salids (because we have no free options in town).
2. I wish there was some way to require manufacturers to cease using plastic blister packs for retail objects. They're hard to open, the plastic generally has paper or cardboard adhered, which makes for difficult recycling, and the packages are usually too small for people to bother trying to recycle them, so into the trash they go.
3. I am dismayed at the lack of resources in this area for recycling and also at the attitudes so the food businesses - in Europe there are recycle bins in all the big food chains such as Starbucks so that parole can recycle when they have consumed what they purchased. Why can't we have that here?
4. i support recycling
5. thank you for investigating ways to improve. It is challenge to convince people it is worth the effort. Don't know what is taught in schools, but recycling needs to be ingrained in our youth so they grow up to be recycling adults.
6. I would be more than willing to recycle more if there was not a high price attached to it.
7. Program should be convenient and easy to use at no additional cost to residents.
8. Good idea, but must be run effectively and efficiently.
9. Make it easier and people will do it.
10. Sit works for Chicago!!!
11. None
12. it could be easier. but the retards are always gonna throw their trash out the window or in the parks or where ever they are regardless
13. None
14. Conservation is important, work with schools, and community members
15. Education, education, education.
16. If it is not curb side people will not participate.
17. no
18. Recycling in Pueblo County is long over due.
19. Thank you for looking at this issue. Please do what is right for the Pueblo Community not what is right for a small percentage of business owners with a loud voice.
20. In the recent past, recycling bins were provided at various locations in the city/county for dropping off various recyclable materials. There were also one or two more drop-off locations than there are now. Why can't that be done again with a more definite effort by all trash haulers and the city/county to participate in recycling instead of just throwing all waste into the trash (and ending up in the landfill). If the volume of recyclable material increased, wouldn't it be profitable to collect and ship to recycling centers?
21. none
22. we have to clean up this city
23. I believe that the city needs to be educated on the positive aspects of recycling as well as disposing of trash in a proper manner.
24. All citizens should be more aware of the benefits of recycling
25. I would like to see recycling become a permanent staple in Pueblo, and see that the program/recycling efforts do not just collapse once the funds from the grant are depleted.
26. Please provide options and information to increase recycling in Pueblo County!
27. None.
28. There is too much dumping of old tvs, couches and mattresses in Pueblo West and Pueblo County. A universal curb side pick up that has no fee would help stop that. My trash service charges \$10 for a mattress pickup.
29. If China can make use of our trash, why can't we.

30. We find (in doing the recycling) that the public, at least in Pueblo, soon takes advantage of a good service. For example, there are paper recycle bins available, but there is ALWAYS trash and garbage in them...and more so now. I suppose Pueblo people have to be trained in the proper thing to do...or monitored (like little children) until a program like this is successful and not ruined for the majority who WANT to take part.
31. We can do better. As a community, we have an obligation to do better. We also need to restart the methane recapture at the landfill. It is a disgrace that the system stopped being used when the federal credits ended. Global warming is real, and we all have a part to play in the solution.
32. I applaud the public area Council of governments for undertaking this I support any type of recycling for the city of Pueblo.
33. Just do it and quit talking/planning about it. Those of us in the county who haul our recyclables to Pueblo find very little opportunity to recycle at one convenient location. Make it easy and affordable for everyone. Quit talking/planning and just do it. Use to marijuana monies you are bringing in. Follow Boulder county's example - make your citizens Pueblo County proud and set a fine example for our beautiful state. Beulah has a wonderful recycling program - maybe you could take from our little community's example and create something wonderful for ALL of Pueblo County.
34. Recycling is a necessity not a choice!
35. I would love to recycle and would definitely do it if there was a reasonably priced service.
36. We really need to have somewhere for mitigation material/yard waste to help make our community safer and to help reduce the risk of fire. Once we do the work, we have nowhere to put it and it is very costly to take it to the dump,
37. Tough job- if you make it convenient, the cost can be high- inconvenient, low participation...
38. Moving here I found it exceptionally difficult to recycle cardboard, etc. However, I researched it and found I could take it to my local landfill, although it is quite a distance from my home. In conversations with others I found they would recycle at their previous residences in other states. However, they do not do so here because of how inconvenient it is in Colorado.
39. Recycling is only useful if it can be self funding and it helps the community in some way.
40. When we traveled through the HWY 101 on the Pacific coast in Oregon or Washington, the county or state had recycling dumpsters at the corners of remote intersections from towns that have a hard time with access.
41. I hope curbside happens, especially if free or very low cost
42. It should be a law to recycle. There are no downfalls to recycling. I think that if there was some compost area for yard waste somewhere that could be helpful.
43. We live in New York state for more than 30 years. Recycling back there was mandatory, even in rural areas. Paying for this was an accepted practice, just like sewer and water. I could make a comment about overall education levels between the two areas...but I won't.
44. Have haulers take employee pay increases, fuel costs, improvements out of their budget and profits instead of expecting customers to always pay higher costs. Stop running so many different trucks up and down roads. become more efficient.
45. payment for certain materials is always an incentive (aluminum, metals, etc.) would like a collection for the ecology benefits.
46. Don't charge the people fees offer it free and often and that will take care of the environment and illegal dumping
47. It is a huge hassle for me a retiree to take my recycling to the recycling center. We need curbside service.
48. WE SHOULD DO IT. 😊
49. I have florescent bulbs and the places listed as recycling places no longer take them. I tried to recycle Styrofoam containers number #6 and the recycling option is to ship them to a recycling center at about \$15.00 per box. I used to recycle aluminum cans but the recycling center no longer will take them.

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50. In many locations, bulk trash separation is performed by jail inmates at landfills and transfer stations. It sure would be nice to get something in exchange for their free room and board.
 51. Why can't Pueblo be the model for all other cities in Colorado?
 52. No.
 53. If the Texans can recycle we can too, c'mon now
 54. Get a school program, send information in the classrooms

Appendix 2.2 Broad Survey Results

Q1.2 - Would you prefer to take the survey in English or Spanish?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	English	100.00%	353
2	Spanish	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	353

Q1.3 - Which zip code do you live in?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	81001	9.92%	35
2	81002	0.00%	0
3	81003	7.65%	27
4	81004	17.85%	63
5	81005	18.70%	66
6	81006	11.05%	39
7	81007	16.71%	59
8	81008	8.50%	30
9	81017	0.00%	0
10	81019	3.68%	13
11	81022	0.28%	1
12	81023	0.28%	1
13	81025	0.28%	1
14	81039	0.28%	1
15	81069	3.68%	13
16	Other	1.13%	4
	Total	100%	353

Q1.4 - Which neighborhood do you live in?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Aberdeen	3.12%	11

2	Avondale	0.57%	2
3	Belmont	6.52%	23
4	Bessemer	4.25%	15
5	Beulah Heights	1.13%	4
6	Blende	4.25%	15
7	Boone	0.28%	1
8	Club	0.57%	2
9	Colorado City	3.97%	14
10	Downtown	1.98%	7
11	East Side	2.55%	9
12	Eastwood	0.00%	0
13	El Camino/La Vista	1.98%	7
14	Fountain	0.00%	0
15	Fowler	0.00%	0
16	Grove	0.28%	1
17	Highland Park	1.70%	6
18	Hyde Park	1.42%	5
19	Lake Minnequa	1.42%	5
20	Lower East Side	0.00%	0
21	Mesa Junction	7.08%	25
22	Northside	9.35%	33
23	Pueblo Dep AC	0.00%	0
24	Pueblo West	17.56%	62
25	Regency	2.83%	10
26	Ridge	1.42%	5
27	Rye	3.68%	13
28	Salt Creek	0.57%	2
29	Sky View	0.00%	0

30	South Gate	0.57%	2
31	South Pointe	2.27%	8
32	State Fair	1.98%	7
33	State Hospital	0.85%	3
34	Sunnyheights	0.57%	2
35	Sunset	3.12%	11
36	University	0.85%	3
37	Vineland	2.55%	9
38	Wetmore	0.00%	0
39	Other	8.78%	31
	Total	100%	353

Q1.5 - How many adults (18 and over) including yourself live in your house on a regular basis? (Please include relatives, friends, and/or renters staying in home for 6 months or more a year.)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	1	23.97%	76
2	2	55.52%	176
3	3	15.46%	49
4	4	4.10%	13
5	5	0.32%	1
6	6	0.63%	2
7	7	0.00%	0
8	8	0.00%	0
9	9	0.00%	0
10	10 or more	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	317

Q1.6 - How many children (under 18) live in your house on a regular basis?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	0	60.94%	195

2	1	15.31%	49
3	2	17.19%	55
4	3	3.75%	12
5	4	2.19%	7
6	5	0.31%	1
7	6	0.31%	1
8	7	0.00%	0
9	8	0.00%	0
10	9	0.00%	0
11	10 or more	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	320

Q1.7 - Do you own or rent your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Own	82.44%	291
2	Rent	16.15%	57
3	Other	1.42%	5
	Total	100%	353

Other - Text

1. deceased parents
2. Own and landlord two properties
3. no, still live with my parents
4. Live with family

Q1.8 - How long have you lived in Pueblo County?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than 1 year	4.84%	17
2	1 to 5 years	13.68%	48
3	6 to 10 years	9.40%	33
4	11 to 15 years	9.97%	35
5	More than 15 years	62.11%	218
	Total	100%	351

Q1.9 - Have you ever lived in a community or area (other than Pueblo) with a strong curbside recycling program? If yes, can you tell us the town or city?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	40.23%	142
2	No	59.77%	211
	Total	100%	353

Yes - Text

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| 44. Toledo, Ohio | 107. Madera, California |
| 45. Sioux Falls, SD and West Milford, NJ | 108. Carlisle, PA |
| 46. Colorado Springs | 109. Rochester, MN |
| 47. Las Vegas Nevada | 110. Denver |
| 48. Boston | 111. San Diego |
| 49. La Mesa, California | 112. Pasadena, California |
| 50. Chattanooga, TN | 113. Des Moines |
| 51. Oconomowoc, WI | 114. Columbus Ne Alamosa Co |
| 52. Denver | 115. West Palm Beach, Florida |
| 53. Fort Collins | 116. NYC |
| 54. Northglenn, CO | 117. Chicago |
| 55. Rapid City, SD | 118. Silverthorne, CO |
| 56. Colorado Springs | 119. Denver |
| 57. Denver | 120. Tyler, Texas |
| 58. Fort Collins | 121. Boulder |
| 59. Albuquerque | 122. Antigo, WI a long time ago |
| 60. Littleton | 123. Aurora |
| 61. Crystal Lake, IL | 124. Wildomar, CA-Riverside County |
| 62. Arvada | 125. Ft Collins CO |
| 63. St. Louis | 126. Buckeye, AZ |
| 64. phoenix, west palm beach, denver | 127. Durango, CO |
| 65. Pikes Peak Region | 128. corpus christi. tx |
| 66. Bristow Virginia | 129. Oshkosh, WI |
| 67. Centennial | 130. Johnson City |
| 68. Pembroke Pines, FL | 131. Minneapolis, MN |
| 69. Denver | 132. Bellingham, WA |
| 70. Aurora, CO | 133. Lacey, Washington |
| 71. Corpus christi, texas | 134. Aurora |
| 72. Fort Collins, CO | 135. Edinburgh, Scotland |
| 73. Gunnison, Colorado | 136. Riverside California |
| 74. Pueblo West | 137. Tampa |
| 75. Boulder | 138. Colorado Springs |
| 76. Aurora | 139. Austin and Houston Tx |
| 77. Provo, Utah | 140. fort collins |
| 78. Colorado Springs | 141. Camarillo, CA & College Station, TX. |
| 79. Edgerton Wi | 142. Denver |
| 80. Boulder | 143. San Diego and Tucson |
| 81. Las Vegas, NV | 144. Sioux Falls SD |
| 82. Tucson, AZ | 145. Austin, TX |
| 83. Georgetown, Ontario | 146. Washington State |
| 84. Boulder | 147. Goodyear, AZ |
| 85. Seattle / King County | 148. Fort Knox, KY |
| 86. Swissvale Pennsylvania | 149. Denver |
| | 150. Albuquerque |
| | 151. Pullman ,Washington |

- 87. Plainfield, IL
- 88. San Diego
- 89. Windsor, CA
- 90. Millbrae, CA
- 91. Bellingham, WA
- 92. La Habra
- 93. Westfield, Massachusetts
- 94. Boulder, CO
- 95. Los Angeles
- 96. Tucson, AZ
- 97. Denver
- 98. Boulder
- 99. San Marcos, CA
- 100. Minnesota
- 101. Denver
- 102. Escondido, CA
- 103. Winston Salem
- 104. Phoenix, AZ
- 105. Bexar County
- 106. Chicago suburbs

- 152. Lakewood, CO
- 153. Cedarhill tex
- 154. Newport Oregon
- 155. Chandler AZ
- 156. Rochester, NY
- 157. East Hartford Connecticut
- 158. Phoenix, AZ
- 159. Fresno California
- 160. Rapid City, SD
- 161. Williamston, NC
- 162. Colorado Springs
- 163. las vegas nevada
- 164. visalia ca
- 165. Tacoma, WA. Hemet, CA
- 166. Fresno, CA
- 167. Cheyenne, Wyoming
- 168. Washington Park, Denver
- 169. Boulder

Q1.10 - Which option best describes your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Single Family Home	88.95%	314
2	Duplex	3.97%	14
3	Trailer or Mobile Home	0.85%	3
4	Townhome	1.13%	4
5	Condominium or apartment complex with 2 to 7 units	2.27%	8
6	Condominium or apartment complex with 8 or more units	2.83%	10
	Total	100%	353

Q3.1 - How old are you?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Under 18	0.00%	0
2	18 to 24 years	1.55%	5
3	25 to 34 years	15.48%	50
4	35 to 44 years	25.70%	83
5	45 to 54 years	20.12%	65
6	55 to 64 years	23.84%	77

7	Age 65 or older	13.31%	43
	Total	100%	323

Q3.2 - What is the highest educational or school level you have obtained? Pick one.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Elementary or Middle School	0.00%	0
2	Some High School but no diploma	0.00%	0
3	High School diploma or GED	13.79%	44
4	Associate degree in college - Occupational / vocational program	11.29%	36
5	Associate degree in college - Academic program	12.54%	40
6	Bachelor's degree (For example: BA, BS, AB)	35.11%	112
7	Master's degree (For example: MA MS MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)	22.88%	73
8	Professional School degree (For example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)	2.19%	7
9	Doctorate degree (For example: PhD, EdD)	2.19%	7
	Total	100%	319

Q3.3 - What is your gender?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Male	22.84%	74
2	Female	77.16%	250
	Total	100%	324

Q4.1 - How often is trash collected or removed from your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Once a week	83.38%	276
2	Every other week	12.99%	43
3	Twice a week	1.21%	4
4	More than twice a week	0.00%	0
5	We do not have trash collection	1.21%	4
6	Not sure	1.21%	4

Total

100%

331

Q4.2 - In an average week, how many 32 gallon trash bags or containers of waste does your household throw away? A 32 gallon bag is the LARGE size trash bag sold at grocery stores, or the REGULAR size trash can sold at hardware store.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than 1	14.16%	49
2	1	9.83%	34
3	Between 1 and 2	24.28%	84
4	2	5.20%	18
5	Between 2 and 3	19.94%	69
6	3	1.45%	5
7	Between 3 and 4	10.12%	35
8	4	2.02%	7
9	Between 4 and 5	6.36%	22
10	5	2.60%	9
11	6	2.60%	9
12	7	1.45%	5
13	8	0.00%	0
14	9	0.00%	0
15	10 or more	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	346

Q5.1 - Do you currently have curbside recycling collection at your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	28.45%	99
2	No	71.55%	249
	Total	100%	348

Q5.2 - Who provides your recycling service?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	C&C Disposal & Recycling	26.60%	25
2	Roots Recycling	59.57%	56
3	Other	4.26%	4
4	Not Sure	9.57%	9
	Total	100%	94

Other - Text

1. Waste management
2. Southern Colo Recyclers
3. Bestway

Q5.3 - How often is your recycling collected?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Weekly	67.74%	63
2	Every other week	25.81%	24
3	Other	6.45%	6
	Total	100%	93

Other - Text

1. Once a month
2. Not sure
3. Dont know
4. monthly
5. Don't recycle

Q5.4 - About how much recycling do you set out for collection on a regular basis?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I set out much less recycling than trash	8.60%	8
2	A little less recycling than trash	15.05%	14
3	About the same amount of recycling as trash	22.58%	21
4	More recycling than trash	32.26%	30
5	I set out much more recycling than trash	21.51%	20
	Total	100%	93

Q5.5 - Are you aware that there are public drop-off recycling sites available in Pueblo?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	66.76%	229
2	No	33.24%	114
	Total	100%	343

Q5.6 - How often, if ever, have you used the following recycling options in Pueblo?

#	Question	Never		Rarely, 1 or 2 times a year		About every other month		Once a month		A few times a month		More than once a week		Used in past, no longer used		Total
1	Drop-off Recycling	46.18%	157	20.29%	69	8.53%	29	9.12%	31	7.06%	24	0.88%	3	7.94%	27	340
2	Donate materials to non-profit charity organizations or other re-use/thrift stores	8.04%	27	43.75%	147	29.46%	99	12.50%	42	5.36%	18	0.30%	1	0.60%	2	336
3	Household Hazardous Waste Events	47.16%	158	47.16%	158	1.19%	4	0.90%	3	0.30%	1	0.00%	0	3.28%	11	335
4	Non-profit Fundraising Recycle Event	75.91%	249	17.99%	59	2.13%	7	1.22%	4	0.30%	1	0.00%	0	2.44%	8	328
5	Paper Shredding Event	67.78%	223	28.57%	94	1.52%	5	0.61%	2	0.00%	0	0.30%	1	1.22%	4	329
6	Christmas Tree Recycling	80.00%	264	13.94%	46	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.30%	1	0.00%	0	5.76%	19	330

Q5.7 - If you recycle, what materials do you recycle on a regular basis? (Check all that apply)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I do not recycle	2.54%	48
2	Cardboard	9.14%	173
3	Newspaper	8.56%	162
4	Paper, junk mail, and magazines	9.56%	181
5	Phonebooks	7.77%	147
6	Glass bottles/jars	7.82%	148
7	Plastic containers	8.98%	170

8	Aluminum cans	10.67%	202
9	Metal and tin cans	8.66%	164
10	Scrap metal	5.76%	109
11	Cooking grease	0.79%	15
12	Electronics	5.07%	96
13	Yard Waste	2.32%	44
14	Household Hazardous Waste such as paint or motor oil	4.07%	77
15	Household and Durable Goods such as furniture, clothing or books	7.77%	147
16	Others	0.53%	10
	Total	100%	1893

Others - Text

1. CHaRM in Boulder.... styrofoam block, some 4 plastic bags
2. none
3. newspaper, glass, plastic, magazines, catalogs
4. glass
5. Clothes household items
6. batteries, lightbulbs

Q6.2 - About how much Yard Waste (branches, leaves, grass) do you generate at your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	None, I do not have a yard	9.28%	32
2	A few bags when I clean up the yard in the fall or spring	28.41%	98
3	A few bags a month during the spring / summer / fall	18.55%	64
4	At least a bag every week during the spring / summer / fall	18.84%	65
5	I normally generate about as much yard waste as regular trash during the spring / summer / fall	10.43%	36
6	I normally generate more yard waste than regular trash during the spring / summer / fall	14.49%	50
	Total	100%	345

Q6.3 - How do you dispose of your yard waste (branches, grass, leaves, etc.)? Check all that apply.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Set out for collection with the trash	51.20%	214
2	We have a compost pile / area on our property for yard waste	20.33%	85

3	Bring to the landfill or transfer station for disposal	5.98%	25
4	Burn Pile	17.94%	75
5	Other	4.55%	19
	Total	100%	418

Other - Text

1. lawn sevice disposes
2. Dumpster
3. Contract for pick up
4. chickens recycle grass clippings; I put coffee grounds in compost
5. some is reused in yard
6. Lawn service does cleanup
7. yard mower and tree and bush trimmer haul away
8. feed grass and weeds to horse and cow
9. Landlord takes it away
10. Yearly recycle events
11. Give to neighbor with compost area
12. Tumbleweeds just blow away in PW
13. Looking for composting options.
14. mulching for grass clippings
15. take to family farm in county

Q7.1 - Please let us know if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree	Total
1	I would like to see more recycling service options in Pueblo	1.77% 6	0.00% 0	0.88% 3	5.31% 18	6.78% 23	21.83% 74	63.42% 215	339
2	Recycling helps to create jobs in Pueblo and Colorado	2.07% 7	0.59% 2	1.48% 5	13.02% 44	17.16% 58	31.36% 106	34.32% 116	338
3	Recycling helps to conserve natural resources and the environment for the future	1.47% 5	0.00% 0	0.29% 1	3.54% 12	5.31% 18	25.07% 85	64.31% 218	339
4	Recycling is not worth money	58.11% 197	21.53% 73	5.60% 19	7.67% 26	3.54% 12	1.18% 4	2.36% 8	339

	and effort															
5	Recycling only works in large cities like Colorado Spring or Denver, not in rural areas like Pueblo county	57.65 %	196	25.59 %	87	5.59%	19	5.88 %	20	1.76%	6	1.18 %	4	2.35 %	8	340
6	Increasing recycling should be a priority for Pueblo residents and businesses	2.99 %	10	0.60 %	2	1.19%	4	6.87 %	23	11.04 %	37	24.48%	82	52.84 %	177	335
7	Pueblo should invest taxpayer dollars to support recycling infrastructure in the City and County	5.64 %	19	1.48 %	5	4.15%	14	13.06 %	44	12.76 %	43	20.77%	70	42.14 %	142	337
8	I would recycle more if I knew where and how to recycle in Pueblo	3.59 %	12	4.49 %	15	3.89%	13	14.07 %	47	14.37 %	48	23.65%	79	35.93 %	120	334

Q7.2 - What are the largest challenges to recycling in Pueblo and Pueblo County? (Check all that apply)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	It is too expensive	16.62%	128
2	The drop-offs are too far from my house/ It is not convenient to use this service	18.70%	144
3	Service is not available at my house / apartment	10.39%	80
4	I am not sure what to recycle	6.88%	53
5	I am not sure how or where to recycle in Pueblo	17.40%	134

6	We do not have room to store extra recycling containers	7.14%	55
7	My property manager / landlord does not provide service	4.81%	37
8	There are no barriers or challenges to recycling	4.42%	34
9	Recycling options often change	8.05%	62
10	Other	5.58%	43
	Total	100%	770

Other - Text

1. city council and local resident committment
2. Opinions
3. People should not have to PAY to recycle. We can afford it; many cannot.
4. enculturation of self interest
5. It needs to be very easy.
6. I'm willing to pay for it, but not the same as another trash bill. That's why I cancelled it in the early 2000s
7. People need more education on what, how and where to recycle, along with making it convenient to do so
8. need more locations
9. This is a costly endeavor without a transfer station and buyers. Currently, recyclables are not worth as much as they once were so the return on investment isn't what it used to be. It also should be considered that most loads are contaminated if the product isn't properly cared for at the home. Contaminated loads still take work from staff at the local transfer station, but eventually get put back into the landfill.
10. Attitude- people don't want to waste their time
11. i don't have the extra money for curb side
12. Lack of caring or expense or transporting materials.
13. people are lazy and it is not as convenient as tossing
14. C&C doesn't recycle glass
15. use to recycle paper at king soopers then they quit. now go by the Chieftain to recycle papers
16. Community ignorance and unwillingness
17. C&C is my hauler and has the transfer station. Why should I pay to separate it prior to disposal when they do it anyway, right?
18. Pueblo does not recycle half of the materials that should be recycled. Recycling is not taught to kids and families, recycling should be mandatory!
19. Lack of leadership and education
20. NO SORTING FACILITIES IN OUR AREA
21. Collection companies' obstructionism.
22. Many people think it is too much trouble
23. Most people are either not aware of or don't look for recycling options.
24. How much does it cost, who do I go through, do they pick up or do I have to drop off?
25. We do not have a one stop shop pick up for everything.
26. Too expensive to do curbside recycling specifically. Roots Recycling at Solar Roast is the next cheapest option, but is a distance away.
27. Government is preventing the consolidation of community trash/recycling service.
28. apathy
29. People in Pueblo are too small minded about global matters like recycling.
30. do not know where offered.
31. community perception
32. They do not do the events often enough which results in hours of wait time that people wont sit through. If you want people to recycle, it needs to be easy and convenient. The tree recycling was awesome this last year as was the tire event.
33. Do not know where drop offs are

- 34. The community can profit off of recycling;however, this should not be an extra charge to others when this service already brings in revenue. Service should be free to residences because of this.
- 35. The local mentality needs to use the trash can before they can learn to recycle
- 36. not sure where to recycle at
- 37. Minimal recycling options at business, restaurants, on public streets, in public buildings
- 38. Do not have enough to recycle

Q7.3 - Overall, how satisfied are you with the current recycling options in Pueblo? (0= Extremely Dissatisfied, 25= Dissatisfied, 50= Neutral, 75= Satisfied, 100= Extremely Satisfied)

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Current Recycling Options in Pueblo	0.00	100.00	35.96	24.72	611.18	315

Q7.4 - Please let us know if you would support or oppose the following recycling programs in Pueblo.

#	Question	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Oppose nor Support	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	Total
1	Additional drop-off location(s)	0.60% 2	0.30% 1	1.49% 5	11.90% 40	13.10% 44	28.57% 96	44.05% 148	336
2	A county-owned recycling facility that is open to private haulers (recycling collectors) and the public to drop-off recyclables	0.30% 1	1.48% 5	1.19% 4	8.61% 29	10.09% 34	30.56% 103	47.77% 161	337
3	A requirement for all haulers in the City and the County to offer recycling services to residents (no requirement to	3.56% 12	4.15% 14	2.67% 9	8.01% 27	13.65% 46	22.55% 76	45.40% 153	337

	sign-up for service)																
4	A residential yard waste collection and composting program	0.59%	2	0.89%	3	0.30%	1	10.06%	34	13.91%	47	27.51%	93	46.75%	158	338	
5	Additional promotion and education around existing recycling options in the County	0.30%	1	0.30%	1	1.49%	5	8.63%	29	12.50%	42	28.87%	97	47.92%	161	336	
6	Other	3.70%	2	1.85%	1	0.00%	0	25.93%	14	7.41%	4	14.81%	8	46.30%	25	54	

Q8.1 - If curbside recycling collection was offered at your home, how likely is it that you would sign-up if the service...

#	Question	Not at all (0%)		Not likely (around 25% chance)		Possible (around 50% chance)		Very Likely (around 75% chance)		Definitely (100%)		Total
1	Recycling Service was offered at no cost	0.90%	3	0.30%	1	4.82%	16	8.13%	27	85.84%	285	332
2	Recycling cost between \$1 to \$2 per month	4.57%	15	3.35%	11	8.23%	27	14.94%	49	68.90%	226	328
3	Recycling cost between \$2 to \$4 per month	8.26%	27	9.17%	30	12.54%	41	15.29%	50	54.74%	179	327
4	Recycling cost between \$5 to \$7 per month	17.76%	57	13.40%	43	16.20%	52	17.76%	57	34.89%	112	321
5	Recycling cost between \$7 to \$10 per month	29.06%	93	15.63%	50	22.19%	71	10.94%	35	22.19%	71	320
6	Recycling cost more than \$10 per month	42.36%	133	18.79%	59	17.83%	56	9.87%	31	11.15%	35	314

Q8.2 - How much, if anything, would you be willing to pay to get weekly yard waste collection service at your house?

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	I would be willing to pay \$___per month for yard waste composting service	0.00	20.00	4.74	4.16	17.27	279

Q9.1 - Do you have trash collection service at your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes, we have trash collection service	96.50%	331
2	No, we do not have trash collection service	3.50%	12
	Total	100%	343

Q9.2 - Where do you normally bring your trash for disposal?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Southside Landfill	16.67%	2
2	C&C Disposal Transfer Station	0.00%	0
3	Other	83.33%	10
	Total	100%	12

Other - Text

1. Dumpster at my Business
2. Our Business
3. Waste management
4. Sister's house
5. Daughters House
6. Recycle everything
7. Share Trash Service with Relative due to having very little trash
8. friend

Q9.3 - Do you have shared TRASH service?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	No, we do not share trash services with other homes or housing units	91.77%	301
2	Yes, we share containers and / or service with other homes or housing units	8.23%	27
	Total	100%	328

Q9.4 - Who collects your trash?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	A-Affordable Disposal	24.39%	80

2	A Global Disposal	0.91%	3
3	Archuleta's Waste Service	3.05%	10
4	C&C Disposal and Recycling	18.60%	61
5	Five Star Disposal	1.52%	5
6	Mountain Disposal	8.23%	27
7	Rael's Trash Service Inc.	2.44%	8
8	Waste Connections	18.60%	61
9	Waste Management	13.11%	43
10	Other	1.52%	5
11	Not sure	7.62%	25
	Total	100%	328

Q9.5 - What best describes your TRASH service arrangement?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I contract directly with a trash hauler for service	73.86%	243
2	My landlord or property manager contracts with the trash hauler	7.90%	26
3	Trash service is included in my Home Owners Association fees	3.95%	13
7	I contract with a recycling company and they arrange for my trash collection	11.85%	39
4	Not sure	0.91%	3
6	Other	1.52%	5
	Total	100%	329

Other - Text

1. neighborhood
2. Regular pick up on Wednesday

Q9.6 - Why did you choose your trash service provider? (Check all that apply)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	It's the lowest cost service	25.00%	92
2	Advertisement was first in an on-line search	0.82%	3
3	Allow on-line payments	6.52%	24

4	Good customer service	22.01%	81
5	They offer value added services such as bulky item collection	3.26%	12
6	They can provide recycling service	7.61%	28
7	Personal connection or word of mouth	15.49%	57
8	They let me set out an 'unlimited' amount of trash for collection	4.35%	16
9	Other	14.95%	55
	Total	100%	368

Other - Text

1. *Husband chose*
2. *works with recycling service*
3. *Only service available*
4. *Only option in Greenhorn Valley*
5. *Good pricing and prepay discount options*
6. *They are the only ones who pick up in this area*
7. *Only trash service available?*
8. *picked by husband so not sure*
9. *They were our provider in Fort Collins*
10. *Not sure. I think they were the best price and most convenient at the time I was looking for service.*
11. *Waste Management prices were raised we researched and found A-Affordable. Better price and better service.*
12. *only one available in our area*
13. *It is located in our community of Avondale*
14. *We used their dumpster during construction at Hatchet Ranch and just kept them.*
15. *Only trash pick up service available in Colorado city*
16. *Only game in town*
17. *it's the own service available.*
18. *Only option I'm aware of*
19. *they offer drop-off recycling -- but it's way on another part of town from me*
20. *Only provider here and supporting local business.*
21. *Only game in town*
22. *I've always used them.*
23. *Only one available*
24. *Bi monthl y pick up*
25. *only option available in Colo. City*
26. *just picked one*
27. *they were the trash collectors for the first house I bought*
28. *Simple - single stream toter*
29. *Good friend of the owner*
30. *Only service in our area*
31. *I like the owners*
32. *Only one up here*
33. *Other neighbors had their service*
34. *Only service*
35. *My original trash service was bought by them*
36. *They have various sizes and smaller toters for trash collection*
37. *Lowest price initially and haven't looked elsewhere*
38. *good price plus extra item pick up*
39. *when I started it was lowest, no longer the case*

- 40. Word of mouth
- 41. had the same one for years, don't remember why I picked them
- 42. uncertain, already set up when I moved to the farm
- 43. can was at house
- 44. don't know
- 45. THEY ARE LOCALLY OWNED
- 46. They are the only ones that will place my trash bin back up at my house instead of leaving it at the curb and for it to blow around should our winds pick up. Silly maybe, but a big sell to me. Shows their customer's are important.

Q46 - Are you a Pueblo County Resident?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	98.87%	349
2	No	1.13%	4
	Total	100%	353

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

Q2.1 - In your opinion, what is the largest barrier to increasing recycling in Pueblo County?

1. Not offered.
2. Lack of commitment and the awareness to use grant money wisely
3. The trash hauling companies
4. People just don't/ won't recycle. My well educated neighbors always decline to use my bag when I leave town. I finally just decided to suspend service at those times. When I'm in their homes, they have tons of recycling in their trash and our dumpster is often full of recyclables.
5. Citizens not educated about the importance of recycling. It is not a priority for them. It's too much trouble.
1. Cost. I don't understand why it would cost anything. Don't companies pay for, say, tons of paper or pounds of metal? Why don't those payments for recycled materials pay for the collection of recycled materials? 2. Convenience. The closer the recycling bin, the more likely it is that I (and probably others) will use it.
6. Not sure
7. people consistency
8. The "old-guard" & old school thinking.
9. People's attitudes and ignorance of options and importance of recycling. I don't recycle ordinary household trash because I don't generate enough trash to make it practical (single person, don't cook).
10. It needs to be easy. It needs to be required; To be perceived as just a fact of life. Look at the examples set by Oregon or California as long as 15 to 20 years ago! Adding CRV to all beverage containers of course!
11. Not enough places to take recycling for free instead of having to pay for a service. My tax dollars helped fund several self-service locations in the Chattanooga, TN, area.
12. educating residents what the options are, it should be mandatory for all residents,
13. Information of who can provide curbside service
14. wastmangement.
15. Not enough curbside recycling options.
16. Inconvenient drop-off locations and schedules.
17. access
18. Information. People do not realize the harm they are doing to our planet and our communities by not recycling. Community service messages are essential to educate the masses. THEN, it needs to be FREE and MANDATED. This is important to our public health and safety. It can be done but it needs to be something people have to do - - just like getting license plates or driver's licenses. Most people in Pueblo County are not going to do this on their own, but if the county pays for it, I think you'll have buy in.
19. The attitude implicitly expressed in this survey that financial benefit is the (real) reason to do anything for community. This issue is so essential to instill hope and community upon our youth. It is a disservice to the public funds invested that the true motivations for what is done in the name of community is to fill the bank accounts of a few.

20. cost
21. Too many trash collectors in this town who charge exorbitant prices plus an extra charge for recycling. City/County needs to take over trash needs.
22. You have to drive your stuff somewhere. It's a lot easier to just put it in the trash can for pick up.
23. Availability of recycling services.
24. Ignorant Puebloans, and bad businesses. We need mandatory trash service, and mandatory recycling services.
25. I feel there are two barriers that are equal--education of the public about how important recycling is (and how it can provide JOBS for lowskilled workers, which we have an over-abundance of) and cost, since so many people "can't" afford trash service, they sure aren't going to pay for recycling service. If they have to pay for trash or recycling services, they won't have the money for their beer and pot!
26. No consistency in type of items to recycle, very few free drop-offs.
27. Public apathy and a lack of understanding about the importance of recycling as a means of conserving resources and protecting the environment.
28. Cost to recycle and lack of education about recycling.
29. Convenient ways to recycle - curb recycling. Education on how, what and where to recycle.
30. Cost and convenience.
31. having a recycling center to process or distribute the recycling
32. Storage, trash service needs to make it affordable
33. Waste Management
34. Indifference about land fill
35. Lack of information and incentive.
36. People actually taking the time to recycle
37. People are not encouraged to do so and have few options.
38. Lack of education in the need for recycling
39. Cost. Convenience, education
40. Attitude of the residents, as well as initiative. Basically, I guess, educating people to the advantages.
41. Women (and many men) do not want to collect old dirty stuff and have it sitting around for weeks. When they clean up something, they want to get rid of it immediately.
42. Pueblo would need to establish a full-functioning transfer station with railway accessibility before recycling could be a beneficial process for our community. Although we have some small current transfer (by hand) stations set up, the bulk of the time is spent burning fuel to transport it to Denver, for a cost. At this time, this is why it is such an expensive process to implement. On the other end, having recyclable products is great but only if you have a buyer. Most buyers tend to be overseas - One more high-cost and fuel burning element to add to the mix. Between the time and fuel used to get the product to Denver, to the train that will pull it to the coast, to the ship that sends it across the ocean...It makes sense that the most recycling-friendly states are those that are already ocean-side.
43. Lack of options. I'm very dedicated to recycling but it's very difficult to store and haul it 45 miles to Pueblo then have to drag it all over town for recycling different things. C&C recycling is sketchy at best and a sure way to puncture a tire. Roots is too expensive for having to haul it yourself. The level of cleaning required is also a barrier to those of us trying to conserve water. Still I do it. But if I have a trip to Boulder planned I haul my recycle back there to the community drop off site.
44. Attitude of population and government. Not a priority
45. right now, lack of locations...lack of spreading the word
46. People will not want to pay extra for the service.
47. No incentives for people to participate and take the extra time and effort to recycle.
48. Education and civic pride
49. Lack of a central one stop recycling facility.
50. The general public has always seemed to not care what their trash or waste does to the areas where they live or operate in. When the winds blow as they always, every hedge row or fence has gobs of trash trapped against it and you see trash blowing across roads, streets, prairies. Someone had to let that trash escape some container or just throw it out a window of a vehicle. We are all responsible whether we choose to admit it or not. I'm sure many county and city residents are in denial of their personal responsibility in the matter.
51. The elected officials are the barrier. They were elected to make a decision and won't make the tough decisions.
52. Difficulty in accessing drop off sites. Distance, limited hours, and cost are complaints/excuses I often hear from citizens.
53. Vendor competition, available, affordable pick up service.
54. If it ends up costing too much for low income individuals/families.
55. Cost and inconvenience
56. Cost to individual. Most people cannot afford cost.
57. lack of public buy in. People like status quo and don't see the need. They have no understanding of the consequences of our trash and most have never seen a landfill or knows where trash goes. They cry about inconvenience without ever trying it. Even the largest

employers don't require or care! (the school districts are awful throwing away tons of recyclable paper per day! D60 is notorious for waste)

58. I don't know
59. Availability and education
60. Affordable availability
61. Inability to recycle enough types of goods conveniently (curb-side). I am elderly and cannot drive to deliver recyclables. C&C charges a lot but won't take glass or shredded paper. So these things go into landfill. That is simply wrong.
62. People being interested in recycling. The people who are DO
63. education of residents
64. Ignorance of the general population and an unwillingness of Pueblo County residents to increase taxes of any kind.
65. Lack of knowledge about recycling- if you mention it there is a blank stare in response!
66. For some reason, Pueblo County residents do not seem to take enough pride in their property, and overall our community is quite poor, so people put food on the table and pay for housing and clothes before they pay for recycling.
67. I can't get to the collection sites. There may be a conservative backlash
68. I think that Pueblo should have recycling and that the location off of Stockyard Road where the old animal shelter is, but it should be free to everyone.
69. cost
70. Unwillingness of community and civic leadership is exceptionally weak
71. The cost and the obvious fact that many folks do not care. They are usually the ones that throw trash out their car windows or do not care to pick up around their properties...look around the county - it's a mess.
72. It is not convenient. I have to drive over 12 miles to recycle my newspapers. That is probably a net loss to the environment.
73. It takes effort and costs money which can be in short supply in Pueblo. People have to care
74. Lack of knowledge of the public concerning recycling benefits. Also lack of knowledge of the recycling places there are available at this time. Most of Pueblo's citizens seem to have the mind set that everyone else needs to recycle but not them. San Diego has an amazing program and would be a good model to study.
75. Lack of education and public awareness!
76. Infrastructure
77. Cost and convenience.
78. The commitment of the residents of Pueblo to use it.
79. No curb side pickup and storage
80. Public ignorance
81. Attitude, awareness, education and cost. Also lack of taking all recyclables.
82. Facilities
83. Government leadership (city of Pueblo) doesn't recycle themselves, for example, you won't find recycle bins in City buildings, parks or golf courses; leading by example would be a good start.
84. Cost and culture
85. Cost
86. People are lazy. I don't think they want to recycle
87. Cost and accessibility
88. Cost too high
89. Cost and lack of drop-off locations.
90. politics and infighting among the trash companies - also people's ignorance of their options or how to recycle and why it is so beneficial to the environment
91. The type of people that live here will not recycle and there is no sorting facility's here so everything has to be shipped out of town.
92. The people do not want to take responsibility.
93. Financial
94. Waste collection company intransigence to change.
95. So many people think it is too much trouble, or just don't care.
96. Financial sustainability
97. That is costs money, is not convenient for some residents, and is not required.
98. Cultural barriers. We have many that are willing to litter and dump trash and garbage on County and City ROW. Their yards and alleys are littered with trash, junk, garbage etc. because code enforcement isn't issuing citations and Landfill fees are unreasonable. When people are caught dumping illegally the fines aren't enforced and the courts aren't upholding the penalties. There is no fear of consequence.
99. Lack of financing.
100. Education and options
101. People need to start caring about the environment more. There is a serious lack of education in this realm.
102. It's not uniform in the city.
103. Information, public relations, involvement and sharing public testimony.

- 104.Education
- 105.Cost and ignorance.
- 106.Ignorance of its existence
- 107.Cost
- 108.Make it a free option for poorer people
- 109.Not enough curbside options. Roots recycling (former customer) is not reliable for pickups, can't keep a bin in my alley. C&C is unethical, expensive, a huge barrier to cleaning up the city with mandatory trash service.
- 110.Lack of public knowledge and easy-access programs.
- 111.Community attitude
- 112.Development of recycled product Manufacturing Facilities utilizing waste resources as Feedstock for product re-manufacturing. Bottom line issue is HEMP not being tested or researched for adding to Concrete Strength and resiliency when there are THREE major Cement Facilities in Pueblo County. IGNORANCE and PREJUDICE. *** RECYCLING PROCESS CONCEPTUAL POVERTY*** Major Hurdle
- 113.Availability of recycling. I was also unaware that there are current drop off locations, so there could also be a lack of advertising.
- 114.Not sure
- 115.too many trash haulers competing for our business. too much damage to roads and neighborhoods. centralized trash hauling would benefit in so many ways not yet realized in Pueblo.
- 116.Nobody offers it except Roots
- 117.The current trash services and haulers
- 118.No recycling center, no curbside services
- 119.Not enough knowledge regarding how to go about recycling.
- 120.Too few lower cost options for curbside recycling in all areas of the county.
- 121.Education and convenience
- 122.Lack of convenience
- 123.Having to pay the trash companies in order to recycle. I prefer to get paid for it but that means I have to load it up and haul it entry time I get enough.
- 124.Getting the people of pueblo to participate.
- 125.Not knowing where drop-off sites are located. The sites that exist are far away. No curbside recycling available.
- 126.Public opinion and public laziness.
- 127.IGNORANCE
- 128.cost
- 129.Curbside garbage and recycling should be a city service, don't leave it up to the individual or it will never be successful.
- 130.It is easier and more convenient to throw things away. People are lazy and don't want to spend the money on anything extra. Trash service needs to be mandated as a pay per volume service, then people might see the benefit in recycling if their trash bill can be lowered and the fee to recycle is affordable.
- 131.People not caring about where their waste goes, littering.
- 132.ignorance to the rest of the world and need for cleaner environment.
- 133.cost
- 134.Lack of affordable access.
- 135.The expense!! Pueblo is a poorer community.....when we are worried about feeding our families, finding work, paying for medical bills.....I'm not going to pay extra for recycling!!!
- 136.Lack of community support, not the culture of Pueblo - businesses (including gov't) don't even really try.
- 137.I believe cost and other primary issues are the largest barriers. People are more worried about keeping a roof over their head and putting food on the table than recycling.
- 138.Cost and storage.
- 139.Public apathy and laziness about doing "the right thing". People need to pay attention to what's recyclable and do the right thing - changing behavior is tough.
- 140.knowledge of what to recycle, cost for service, people not understanding/not caring the effects of not recycling on landfills
- 141.People in general won't do it
- 142.People don't want to do it if there is a cost for them. Also, it needs to be convenient.
- 143.People are used to just burning tree debris, as there is no regular dropoff site for these things. It is the culture in the County - to burn things!
- 144.Lack of easy access. Cost in addition to trash services
- 145.The lack of curbside recycling is the largest barrier in my opinion.
- 146.Funding for start-up costs. Once individuals are invested in the program, it will begin to pay for itself.
- 147.Cost.
- 148.Not many facilities and no competition in Pueblo or Pueblo County.
- 149.Cost of curbside recycling. It is difficult to find time or have a vehicle that can transport recycling materials.
- 150.Cost.

- 151.No idea what the problem is and why we don't have it available, cost??
- 152.The cost. Thankfully we can afford to purchase the extra recycling, but for families that can't (which Pueblo has a lot of lower income families) I can see how this would be hard.
- 153.The lack of recycling sites.
- 154.Not having it available at convenient locations for people. Not having curbside with all trash services People don't know what they can/cannot recycle Honestly, the cost. It is required to have trash service, so people don't want to or have the money to pay for a second service (recycling) People don't know who/where to recycle.
- 155.People just don't care anymore
- 156.Community involvement and keeping the cost down
- 157.Government/politics - resistance to consolidate services
- 158.For me it's convenience. I used to recycle plastic and news papers because our trash service would provide bags to put the recyclable items in and then would pick it up on trash day. Then they stopped doing that and so I continued to recycle newspapers for a bit taking them to the drop off spots but then that became to much of a chore so I stopped all together.
- 159.Public support.
- 160.cultural perceptions, lack of education about the issue
- 161.the cost
- 162.Public awareness and participation
- 163.information distribution and individual habits/willingness to participate
- 164.Cost....and of course convincing people to participate. Illegal dumping is a huge problem all over Pueblo and Pueblo County. There used to be more recycle dumpsters but people were throwing their household trash and abusing the privilege which is most likely why they were taken away. The city should mandate that trash haulers provide curbside recycling at no cost to customers with trash service.
- 165.People was lazy and just won't bother with it
- 166.trash companies and cheaper new containers/materials.... costs more to buy recycled materials...
- 167.Affordable pick up service, convenient drop off locations, public education
- 168.It's inconvenient, and not single stream if you go to drop off as far as I know
- 169.The amount of ignorant people in this town pertaining to environmental efforts and the Baby Boomers who think disposables are the greatest thing since sliced bread!
- 170.There are few options, & they are kind of expensive.
- 171.The Mafia-style trash haulers.
- 172.Lack of education
- 173.probably cost
- 174.RESIDENT ARE ASKED TO DO MUCH
- 175.The Cost of recycling, electronics are expensive to recycle as well as paint and other chemical based waste.
- 176.neighborhoods have multiple garbage service companies.
- 177.The cost. I strongly believe in recycling so I pay the extra every three months.
- 178.I don't know where there is public recycling spots.
- 179.cost
- 180.Availability
- 181.Cost
- 182.it should be mandatory as part of trash service with bins provided. I currently have surb side pickup for recycling.
- 183.I take care of my yard and yard waste now. I should not be forced into a program I do not want or need!
- 184.It would be hard to get the community to recycle when there is garbage all over the place. The city of Pueblo is dirty. People just dump anywhere.
- 185.not enough people or agencies interested in recycling or knowing the benefits of recycling
- 186.Charging for recycling is not going to work, if people have to pay
- 187.Educating the public.
- 188.how to recycle and cost.
- 189.I'd say money to pay for such services, variety of recycling businesses, extended hours (weekends) that accept recycling.
- 190.community perception on the need for recycling whose negative aspect is bolstered by partisan talking points about alleged "futility" of recycling due to costs (ie. low gas prices vs plastic costs)
- 191.Convincing people to go through the effort
- 192.Educating the public on the benefits and importance of recycling.
- 193.Weak leadership that is out of sync with the times.
- 194.Getting the public on board
- 195.cost
- 196.Cost. If it were a profitable endeavor private companies would already be promoting it. Education. If people were informed about what can be recycled and what the benefit is they might be inclined to recycle.
- 197.no options available

- 198.unknown at this time
- 199.faulty thinking by planners and businesses about the practice and support of these programs. I came from a rural isolated coastal town of 13,000 people who valued recycling efforts. They offered curbside, inexpensive and quality single stream recycling and composting bins. I paid \$54 every three months. I'm appalled a county this large with access points as close as they are has such fragmented and inadequate services with multiple providers who can charge whatever they want. I now pay \$58 a month for trash only as it is too cost prohibitive to go with a provider who offers curb services with recycling.
- 200.not knowing where the free recycling is
- 201.cost and available resources. not everyone has a large vehicle to haul recycled items and/or yard trimmings. if so, the time it takes to take these items to the facility is time consuming. Some people who are employed do not have time to do this or people who do not have the physical ability to load up items and transport them are barriers also. And cost, with prices of everything always raising, your average household is doing what we can to make a living and provide for families, the last thing we are interested in is another cost
- 202.trash companies and their resistance to community-wide requirements
- 203.People in Pueblo are lazy and don't want to make the extra effort. Current recycling is not visible or made aware of in the county.
- 204.Cost increase in trash service as a lot of people already dump in un lived areas because they can't afford trash service or pay extra for large items like furniture.
- 205.Making it affordable (or at no additional cost), getting people on board, and changing the "I don't need to do it because someone else will" mentality. All go hand-in-hand, if it's inexpensive, easy to do (curbside pickup), and people have the additional space, there would be almost no reason not to do it.
- 206.Money. At some point the community leaders have to grasp that we are a low income area, if the choice is between eating or recycling, people will choose to eat. I knew a lady who didn't even have basic trash service because she couldn't afford it at all so she threw everything in her yard in bags which creates a mess. Luckily now she has a landlord that includes trash in his rental agreement but there are people who cant even afford basic service and their trash ends up around our city. Recycling has to be easy and cheap to work. I am opposed to a single trash service also- I like the smaller companies and feel they have better customer service.
- 207.In Rye, We would need service initiated. Then any recycling bin/can would need to be bear proof.
- 208.Culture of people that don't really care
- 209.Some residents don't have right transportation to take certain material. I feel residents would rather our trash collector pick up at curb side and you get more people to recycle.
- 210.The cost and availability.
- 211.Everyone wants to charge for anything but aluminum. Pueblo County is not a wealthy community. I already pay for trash service that will take the items as trash included in the price.
- 212.no desire from gov't or from trash haulers. people use recycle bins as regular trash because some people don't have/can't afford/don't want to pay for trash service
- 213.The cost to residents. Recycled items are a profit to the collector who resells. other states offer more money to pay those who bring it in. Community drop offs need to be more frequent, in various areas, and offer pick up if needed.
- 214.Laziness. lack of education on rycycling
- 215.The mentality of the local people. They don't know how to use the trash can let alone recycle in public places. That is what I have seen in public places. So, education with our youngest kids is needed through the schools probably because most of the adults are beyond reach in my opinion. At least 50% of them.
- 216.Lack of drop off places, or drop offs are inconvenient or difficult to find/get to, not enough info on what and where to recycle
- 217.Just getting people to get on board with it.
- 218.convenience, and cost working for the county our pay hasn't increased in the 10 years that I have been here enough to even keep up with the increase in cost of living and health insurance increase. Its not affordable to add any type of additional bill.
- 219.should be easier and curb side.
- 220.Education
- 221.Money. Availability for pick up
- 222.Information, I have been here going on three years and other than giving cans to the shelter everyone wants to charge me for waste they will make money on.
- 223.Lack of education of people in general. Sorry to say but they don't see the big picture and how we can protect Earth.
- 224.Lack of options in high traffic areas such as public buildings, sidewalks, restaurants/businesses, multi-resident buildings/apartment complexes (should be requirement for apartment/multi resident building owners)
- 225.access and money
- 226.cost to the consumer, and the ability to collect it and places to store until it is picked up
- 227.There are people that still wouldn't do it because of the cost or they are just lazy to do it.
- 228.Ease of access and cost
- 229.location and convinence of recycling
- 230.Knowledge of services, availability of services

- 231. Community education about recycling options is limited and doesn't reach the population that is most in need. Overall, trash collection costs are high so adding recycling without understanding is problematic for most. There is limited recycling focus in schools where it would be most useful for education purposes.
- 232. Trash services not provided by the city or county.
- 233. Education and options. I think if people were aware of the positive impact recycling has on the community and environment they might be more likely to participate.
- 234. Location of recycling centers Number of recycling centers Lines at few recycling centers
- 235. Place to drop off
- 236. Availability of curbside service
- 237. Lazy people
- 238. Residents have a false perception that collection services should be free; that their taxes should pay for collection and processing. Also.. lack of political will to impose requirements, ordinances or regulations on private trash companies for fear of economic detriment. It's all about the immediate effects and money...not the bigger picture.

Q2.2 - What, if anything, do you think PACOG (Pueblo Area Council of Governments) should do to help support increased recycling?

1. What, if anything, do you think PACOG (Pueblo Area Council of Governments) should do to help support increased recycling?
2. Have a public recycling facility. Create jobs as recycling pick up services. Have inmates work by sorting out recyclables. Homeless can receive low monetary like .05 a can for recyclables gets them working and cleaning the city.
3. Keep talking to the council in the city , county and State representatives
4. Everything in their power
5. Penalties for not recycling??
6. Make it easier to and less expensive to recycle. Make it mandatory!
7. I was surprised when I moved here a month ago to find out that Pueblo wasn't a big supporter of recycling. This beautiful city in this beautiful state wasn't particularly interested in an environmental issue such as recycling?? Plastic bags are used at stores and shops? Plastic water bottles are everywhere! There appears to be no free bulk-item pick-up? Residents can choose not to have trash pick-up at all? I haven't been here long enough to understand why this situation exists here!
8. Free recycling pickup & ability to recycle more materials like glass
9. Run a quality campaign to educate and encourage the citizens on the benefits.
10. Public service announcements, advertising, school art and science projects to teach kids about recycling.
11. Same things, I am guessing. It needs to be easy. It needs to be required; To be perceived as just a fact of life. Look at the examples set by Oregon or California as long as 15 to 20 years ago! Adding CRV to all beverage containers of course!
12. More (free - paid for with tax dollars) locations to take recyclables.
13. educate residents on how, where and why we need to recycle
14. Compost and sell it
15. yes
16. Subsidise curbside programs.
17. Have it available to everyone.
18. See above.
19. I have no clue what PACOG even is in existence for expect to create division where there is mostly hard working people trying to get along in spite of their differences. It is only a way to bilk powerless people that a 'rural' county, as the survey asks in one question, like Pueblo would have a city government and a county government. The fabrication of PACOG and PEDCO only makes the crookedness of it wall worse.
20. Furnish a weekly pick up or bi-monthly pick up. Add a separate container for recycling.
21. More recycle cans around town. Start a recycle campaign in our City/County. We need to be showing our youth the importance of recycling.
22. I would love to see this as part of our city's services. My sister lives in Portland, OR and it's amazing how streamlined and easy all their city supported curbside pick up is.
23. More advertising of the recycling options we have available. More city/county sponsored recycling events.
24. Make a law to have it be a requirement
25. It would be great if there was funding available to pay for recycling services, but the money just isn't in the budget. So I think the next best thing is education. The adults are just too lazy in this town. So get into the elementary schools and have presentations to the children; maybe have a competition between the schools to see which school can collect the most aluminum, plastic, or newspapers, or other materials. Just not glass--too dangerous. Maybe ask Dave Feamster to donate a pizza party to the winning school. I don't make a whole lot of money, but if myself and some other citizens donated money, maybe we could pay for a pizza party, or Taffy's gift certificates, or Tinseltown cards or maybe some business owners would contribute..Ask the Chieftain if they will add something to the "Business Briefs" section about wanting donations to give to the local students that recycle the most items. Anything posted in the Business Briefs is free. Contact Dennis Darrow at the Pueblo Chieftain.

26. Demand trash services offer 'Pay as you throw' options.
27. Educate the public about the urgency of recycling and provide affordable options for recycling household waste. Provide education in every neighborhood and in the schools. Conduct school assemblies and send home printed information with students. Hold neighborhood get-togethers, offering refreshments, and promote recycling as a way to clean up and maintain neighborhoods.
28. Educate first
29. Support the community in their needs to recycle - curb side availability. Drop off locations have to be monitored, so trash doesn't get thrown there.
30. Public Education on the benefits and job making opportunities of recycling.
31. allocate funds to support a recycle center and have collection sites in various places
32. Funding
33. Provide no-cost recycling to help clean up the city.
34. Make it convenient and affordable
35. Heighten awareness of the benefits as well as have at least one centralized drop off location that allows for all recyclable items.
36. More public awareness. Who, what where and when.
37. Make it easy to recycle. Once they get used to it they will be on board with it.
38. See if we can get private haulers to offer this service
39. Educate
40. Educate the public - decrease in amount of garbage; decrease in fill of landfills; what products/uses are made of the recycled items. Make it easier to recycle - people are lazy!
41. Look at existing recycling guidelines and policy from EPAC (Environmental Policy Advisory Committee). They did comprehensive research which should be on file at Pueblo County Planning. The secretary still works there. She will know where it is. You may be reinventing the wheel.
42. With a state-of-the-art transfer station, we could become the hub for other communities to transport their products to. Pueblo could then charge them for the sorting and handling. Metal receivers at the Still Mill have proven this to be a successful opportunity.
43. Provide clean, easy to access and use drop off sites. Require trash haulers to include recycle and yard waste options. Provide education to the community.
44. Be part of the change for a better cleaner society for our next generations
45. spread the word!
46. Curbside recycling.
47. Place a limit on the amount per household that can be sent to the landfill, which will force people to come up with other ways to dispose of items such as recycling, composting, etc. A partnership with retail food establishments would be beneficial to address their food waste that may be composted rather than sent to the landfill to release large amounts of methane gases during composition. Provide incentives for people to participate in the recycling and composting programs, once they are in place.
48. Education. Especially at the grade and middle school level.
49. Many Pueblo groups, non-profits, and businesses are already working on recycling in some way or another. Other cities have been doing a good job on recycling for decades. PACOG could educate itself on what they do, how they do it, what they need to do it better and then find the smartest ways to bring that all together in a form that makes it easier for Pueblo citizens to recycle. Some of us need to learn the benefits of recycling, some need to be encouraged, but many of us already see value in recycling. It just needs to be easier!
50. Back when the Southside landfill was free or nearly free run by Zupan, you didn't see much trash around the area. When the cost of drop off skyrocketed, so did illegal dumping and blowing trash. City and county governments need to address public drop off sites and their costs to the public. Yes, the public in general has priority problems. In many areas of their lives. Not sure how that will change outside of better education.
51. Make the tough decisions of cleaning up the community with mandatory trash service and provide locations for recycling.
52. Increase awareness of available Root Recycling options. Offer additional drop off sites with extended hours (one evening and Saturday). Perhaps offer rotating drop off sites during the week so that working folks can drop off recycling on the way to work.
53. Recycling stations throughout the city
54. More education and keeping cost as low as possible. Make recycling mandatory in all schools and government offices, to start.
55. Put public bins out at parks, river walk etc. for plastics, cans, etc. educate children and adults.
56. I think it should be mandatory as part of the trash service which should be mandatory as well. If people can afford to buy all the merchandise, they should be able to pay for it to be removed from the property. Or add a tax to those items that generate trash. Those not putting recyclables in a separate container should be charged a fee. This is what has happened in many other cities. My father is very anti-environment, yet he has been recycling for years. He does not want to but it is the rules in his community and he has been fined for not following the guidelines. He grumbles but he is a better recycler than most in Pueblo.
57. What ever they can--I don't know their capability
58. Partner with local private trash services.
59. Increased drop off locations Research effectiveness of increasing property taxes to support mandatory trash and recycling
60. I don't support mandatory ANYTHING, whether it be forcing haulers to offer more or forcing citizens to recycle more. I don't support taxpayer dollars being spent on this, either. I think we need to restrict use of plastics and make glass bottles redeemable.

61. Reward recycling. Positive advertising. Easy access.
62. Make it mandatory.
63. Having recycling incorporated with trash collection- so there is only one bill and one pick-up each week. For some reason people don't want to have to "pay for it"- then I mention they pay for trash collection . . ."true . . ." they say . . . but . .
64. Advertising campaigns, free centralized drop off recycling center
65. Collection sites at Walmart and Safeway. Bergen Park (near Evergreen) has a massive, manned recycling center behind the King Soopers and it is swarming with ppl.everyday. But that's Evergreen.
66. find a way to recycle that is cheap or free and easy
67. Recommend mandatory trash and recycling
68. Find funding for long term/permanent recycling at no or very low cost to the residents spread out throughout the county with the proceeds fed directly back into the program - or split the take with the haulers.
69. No ideas. I'd be happy if you could teach people not to litter!
70. Research other successful cities programs both in and out of Colorado.
71. Study other communities where it is working successfully. Educate the public through mailings and TV spots. Being more proactive in doing the right things for the community without fear that Puebloans would not support something like this. Go into it positively.
72. Make recycling a priority and initiate the development
73. Give grants to non-profit to set up more FREE drop off locations.
74. Offer tax incentives for those who recycle. Begin positive promotional and educational awareness campaign in elementary school. Make/enforce a recycling law. Provide recycling bins on all public areas, schools, libraries, etc right next to city/county provided trash cans. Begin a green initiative for environmental practices (ban plastic bags, water bottles etc)
75. Assist in getting recycling as priority in Pueblo and Pueblo County. Perhaps help the existing trash services to implement a recycling program.
76. Make it affordable and educate the community about using it. Change people's minds!
77. Educate and financially assist
78. Offer drop off areas around the city- at grocery stores and pharmacies
79. Offering any kind of incentives to either the collection services and/or residents to promote recycling would probably work
80. Start a free Pickup recycling service. Sadly people aren't generally willing pay AND make an extra effort.
81. raising awareness campaigns and changing policies to direct tax dollars into a County owned MRF
82. Nothing if it was going to work here the private haulers would already offering more options other then the ones they do now.
83. Education.
84. Compel companies to participate.
85. Educate the residents to the importance and benefits of recycling.
86. Nothing, private industry will do it.
87. Issue citations for the infractions of City Code, illegal dumping fines need to be stiff and enforced, and collection sites have to be accessible to people without transportation. A resource may be needed to provide incentive to the sanitation companies in the form of tax breaks.
88. Make it easier/cheaper to recycle electronics, hazardous waste and yard waste.
89. Increase education and availability of services
90. Education, building infrastructure to support recycling, and curbside recycling efforts.
91. Maybe, offer a trial basis.
92. Have a short tv show on public access, or psa on public radio.
93. Education programs for youth and adults and cleanups with an environmental interpretation component
94. Get the city to pay for it like they do in Denver!
95. Publicity.
96. Spread the word
97. Mandate trash and recycling service. Create a trash and recycling utility. Create a recycling drop off/sorting center.
98. Greater amount of information, was for recycling to happen.
99. Education & raise awareness
100. Build and use a Pueblo County DEMONSTRATION EDUCATION FACILITY Do Not use just a DUMP. Be Creative and progressive Land Use Stewards Show the public the processes that the individual must follow for Source Separation and Educate them how their small part fits into the Bigger Picture. .
101. Increase awareness
102. have neighborhood drop off points for recycling. centralize trash pick up that would include recycling in totes not bags
103. Encourage private companies. County should stay out
104. Require curbside recycling
105. Public outreach and education
106. Create a recycling center, public education, more public drop off sites
107. Increase community awareness, try to ensure lowest cost to the residents, curb side pick up instead of having to drop it off some where.

108. Work with trash providers to implement curbside recycling or more local drop off stations. Right now we have to drive from the north side of Pueblo West to Prairie Ave. to drop off recycles. We could pay for curbside recycling with our provider, but it is cheaper to drive to drop off stations.
109. Partner with current companies offering recycling
110. Education on existing programs and increasing programs
111. Make it mandatory
112. Offer pick up at no or little charge.
113. Offer free trials at the schools.
114. Have more drop-off sites and locate them in all quadrants of the city not just out in the middle of nowhere. Curbside recycling would be optimal but may be too expensive for the city and population to afford. Educate the community about the importance of recycling.
115. Price increases to trash service and automatically include recycling. Fines few people who don't separate trash and recycle properly. It works in many other cities, states and countries.
116. MORE EDUCATION AND USE OF ADVERTISEMENTS
117. Have the city take over these services.
118. First, PACOG needs to see the benefits of recycling and a comprehensive waste management system then they can go back and educate the rest of the Elected Officials and other members of their governing agencies. Pueblo has a poor reputation around Colorado as being trashy and poor. If we spend a little effort cleaning this place up and joining the modern world we may just change that reputation.
119. It should be in the schools, large events, riverwalk, public places.
120. education, more resources
121. Support offering free or inexpensive recycling service through all service providers. When we previously had recycling we had 2 choices and both added and extra \$20 or more for biweekly or monthly trash service which wasn't practical for a family of six with 2 kids in diapers at the time.
- 1) lower the cost 2) make it more available (curbside or more community recycling areas)
122. Offering more options at a low cost may increase recycling.
123. Create a comprehensive sustainable recycling program that is a one stop shop with pick up service.
124. Lead by example.
125. see above
126. Very LOW cost to have it.
127. Look at permanent solutions like other cities. I have a relative in California where they have three bins: one large recycling, one large yard waste, and one small trash. All is curbside.
128. Education and recycling centers would help very much! I think CITY residents would also benefit from the same thing. In the county, I put grass clippings around my garden perimeter, but I am moving to the City shortly and was told to just 'bag up' the grass clippings and put them in the trash!... Not very environmentally friendly :(BOTH the City and County should work to beautify Pueblo...not just one or the other!
129. Contract with trash service to include recycling in their services and include recycling costs in the monthly bill.
130. Push for legislation to mandate haulers offer curbside recycling as an option to customers.
131. Increase the number of recycling options or recycling locations to increase convenience of recycling. Increased convenience will increase use.
132. N/A
133. Investigate and invest
134. Ways to help fund increased recycling. Many people in Pueblo can't afford trash service let alone paying extra for recycling.
135. Make it a priority and pay for it with tax dollars and put more recycling options around the city.
136. Make it part of the trash service free of charge and provide two waste containers; one for recycling and the other for waste. In Lacey, Washington the recycling container was actually double the size of the trash container, which promoted recycling. We ended up throwing less away in the trash because of the option to recycle and the limited space for actual trash waste.
137. Help the City expand the new recycling site.
138. Help find a way to get grants or funding for trash services so that they can provide recycling services to residents of Pueblo. I like the idea of a residential compost area, Philadelphia has several and they are VERY successful. I like maybe doing a residential recycling area, that way it is only a few blocks away, rather than across town to recycle. That might help some people.
139. Advertising
140. Maybe see about getting government grants to help fund recycling rather than having to do so by taxes.
141. Promotional information/events and county-wide recycling services.
142. Educate/market to the public, especially people ages teen to middle age
143. Include recycling into the standard trash removal system.
144. Educate the public and increase places to drop off recyclables, as well as getting curbside pickup
145. public information campaign, promote recycling events
146. Maybe offer businesses some sort of incentive to sign up. Credits on property taxes? The benefit should help offset the cost.

- 147.It should be basically free service to save our resources and landfills.
- 148.mandatory...
- 149.public education, partner with trash service companies to create affordable recycling pickup service, create more drop off locations
- 150.Make it easier, people are lazy.
- 151.Make it mandatory.
- 152.Bring a recycle center to Pueblo!
- 153.Require mandatory recycling for every address.
- 154.provide easy and affordable options for recycling teach and encourage citizens and businesses to participate
- 155.THEY SHOULD WHATEVER IT TAKES
- 156.Increase locations and lower costs.
- 157.Start a curbside recycling service or have multiple drop off sites.
- 158.A lower cost option would be nice to help increase folks doing it. I like the idea of yard waste recycling. MOST of my trash collection each week is weeds and yard waste.
- 159.At the very least, I think they should create more public drop spots in convenient locations. I don't think it necessarily needs to be curbside, if there is enough convenient and free public drop spots (and people know about it).
- 160.put recycling bins around town
- 161.Provide recycling with minimum cost
- 162.The COG in Fremont County supports recycling - don't know why we cant'.
- 163.Education to the public and incentives to trash companies who offer it at no cost to the consumers
- 164.Make it cheap and easy to recycle weather bins, drop off locations in the city and county or home pickup.
- 165.It should be on a voluntary basis ONLY!!!!!!
- 166.Get rid of the trash first, I strongly believe that trash collection should be required for all property owners. Also, there needs to be more advertisement. Too often there will be a community clean up or some type of event and you barely find out about it one day before or the day of.
- 167.increase awareness and locations for drop off
- 168.Advertise the services on a wide range of media.
- 169.Create more drop off spots, educate about the ones that exist
- 170.More recycling drop off sites
- 171.Include recycling flyers with utility bills either via hard copy or electronic. Offer companies incentives to provide recycling services.
- 172.further enable curbside recycling of daily use items, and drop off recycling of large items (mattress) etc.
- 173.Increase options and ease of use
- 174.More promotion of recycling programs.
- 175.Get off your ass and do something about it.
- 176.education
- 177.Deploy an efficient recycle program with tax funds and plan on sustainment with user funds.
- 178.Nothing. If it was a profitable endeavor private companies would already be offering the service. The government should stay out of recycling. Taxpayer dollars are already stretched too thin. No money for road repairs, police, fire protection and general essential services that are required to be provided by the government. Every election there is a plea for more money in the form of increased taxes, fees, bond issues etc. Recycling is very low on the list of priorities.
- 179.lower cost so it is affordable by all
- 180.cost effectiveness
- 181.education and cheaper cost of recycling with trash provider
- 182.offer availability at limited cost
- 183.whatever it takes .
- 184.Make it easy. Having it picked up with the trash.
- 185.Maybe have classes to inform the public on what they can recycle and advertise why recycling is a good thing for our environment.
- 186.Hold more community events. If there were some "contest oriented" maybe more people would get involved: have a can recycling day and make it a big competition where everyone from one high school drops off their cans in different areas of a large place (like the state fair) and the school with the most cans wins something for their school. It could really be big if it was incorporated with the bell game, canon game, pigskin- like the school winner is announced at their game and they get something for school or who knows. Get an artist to do a mural on their wall or something kids would think is cool. Get the kids & schools involved, they are hopefully the future residents and rivalries around the schools usually get support.
- 187.Grants, Consider making recycling part of new business and existing business guidelines. Consider mandatory trash service in the monthly utility bill.
- 188.Promote and advertise recycle locations.
- 189.Not charge a lot if residents want it. Have to where it is picked up at residence.
- 190.Have it free or little cost. Pueblo is money based. When you have people in the community that have to debate whether to pay for recycling or putting food on their table, they will pick the food every time.

- 191. Have a place that can recycle old gasoline. It is the only hazmat that I can not find anywhere to recycle or dispose of. Many dump it on weeds, which I am sure is not safe.
- 192. promote/encourage curbside
- 193. Offer incentives to the residents who recycle.
- 194. Curbside for both trash and recycling
- 195. Education to kids
- 196. Find a use/monetary value for the recycled product, people recycle aluminum cans because they get money for it, large trash companies would provide more recycling if the end product were in demand or worth something. Instead recycling only costs them money.
- 197. uncertain
- 198. Yes, make it law
- 199. raise awareness
- 200. moral support only.
- 201. Advertise hold training/educational seminars, require all pueblo county government facilities to recycle
- 202. Central location for electronics, paper, oil,
- 203. Give subsidies for companies to start curb side recycling. Fresno, CA Trash system is one hundred percent funded by the recycling and mulch services it provides.
- 204. Education. But, keep the cost very low. People in Pueblo County are cheap. Maybe, create incentives for folks to recycle. You have to bribe folks, otherwise, they are only concerned with their own lives and needs, thus could be careless about doing what's right and helping protect our Earth.
- 205. more curb side pick up, more drop off locations, and more options for out on the Mesa.
- 206. I don't think it is the responsibility of PACOG, but rather the City or County.
- 207. Information, and assistance with cost
- 208. help with education and promotion
- 209. Make it more available :)
- 210. Provide education on benefits and access to recycling. Work to overcome barriers to recycling. Identify how Pueblo could benefit economically from recycling.
- 211. Increasing recycling facilities.
- 212. Education, awareness and low cost options.
- 213. Require waste pick-up providers to have service.
- 214. Encourage or require trash hauling services to offer curb-side recycling programs
- 215. Weekly pickup in County.
- 216. some funding
- 217. It could be a variety of things in concert. Ask current members to set yearly waste reduction goals... and hold them accountable. Inform PEDCO that their staff must recruit manufacturers/businesses that need recyclables as input to close the 'loop'. And recruiting new businesses with environmental sustainability plans, should be a main focus, not just how many jobs they create. Invest local, state and federal grant monies to establish a local solid waste district/authority with some dedicated PACOG staff.

Q2.3 - How do you hope recycling in Pueblo County will work in the future?

- 1. How do you hope recycling in Pueblo County will work in the future?
- 2. Recycle pick up by city of pueblo just like all the other larger cities.
- 3. It has to turn a profit. Recycle profit making items first, then add the recyclables that aren't as easily shipped out.
- 4. Curbside and regular dropoff locations
- 5. Curbside with more neighborhood type events for difficult to recycle items.
- 6. People will get in the habit of recycling if they realize the importance of doing so.
- 7. I hope Pueblo County becomes a model for the country!
- 8. Again, free recycling pickup. I've never lived somewhere I had to pay to recycle except Pueblo!
- 9. curb side pick-up & additional/easy accessible drop-off points
- 10. It needs to be easy. It needs to be required; To be perceived as just a fact of life. Look at the examples set by Oregon or California as long as 15 to 20 years ago! Adding CRV to all beverage containers of course!
- 11. More like Chattanooga, Tn - look up their services
- 12. mandatory curbside collection for all residents with large recycling bins provided by waste haulers
- 13. More recycle bins out in the city
- 14. because it works for pueblo county.
- 15. Curbside pickup from existing service providers.
- 16. Curbside pickup where feasible, convenient drop offs where not.
- 17. It is necessary to be environmentally responsible.
- 18. I hope that through education and community outreach, Pueblo County government will make this happen.

19. Consciously
20. See above
21. I would like curbside pickup for recycling at a low cost
22. I would like to see it as a value, not an extra cost. Each home receives a blue can for recycle and a regular gray for trash. Everyone is to recycle if they don't have to pay. Garbage needs to decrease and be part of our water bill.
23. I would love to see a program for composting, yard waste collection, and other recycling not just offered by one company that's kind of expensive.
24. City/County services available to the public, possibly in cooperation with private companies.
25. I'm not hopeful. I currently take all of my recyclables to work.
26. It would be nice if there was somewhere that we could dispose of our recycling materials. But I don't know if anywhere in this town to do that. Maybe have some large recycling bins again, like the ones that used to be by the Steel Mill, across from Minnequa Works Credit Union.
27. I hope to see recycling mandated, but supported by the city in a way that doesn't feel punitive or intrusive. People are more apt to participate if they see themselves as part of the community who needs their help to thrive. Shaming makes people defensive, and makes them withdraw from the community. Recycling drop-off areas in each major neighborhood would support keeping neighborhoods clean. A reasonable fee could be assessed as part of property taxes to pay for installation and maintenance of neighborhood recycling drop-off points.
28. Low cost
29. More people will recycle!!!
30. I would like to see it become a city owned utility that provides jobs and raw materials for Green businesses.
31. Curbside, included in trash costs manditorally would be the best solution.
32. Deposit on cans and bottled, refunded when returned
33. Easy, cheap options for recycling glass and plastic in Rye
34. I hope there will be a centralized drop off location for recycling along with trash companies offering curbside collection of recyclables.
35. More options in more in more businesses
36. I live at Hatchet Ranch. It would be impossible to implement pick up. So I need a drop off location that is easy for me like at the King Soopers stores where I go to shop in Pueblo. Currently I only recycle cardboard monthly at the Valley Market in Colorado City.
37. Curb side pick up
38. More frequent or practical recycle pickups. Also need better containers than bags that rip and fall apart.
39. Curbside in urban areas, convenient dropoff places in rural areas.
40. Requiring trash haulers to offer this service will instantly wipe-out the smaller companies. They will be forced to sell to Waste Connections or Waste Management since they are not anywhere near equip to handle this volume. This may not necessarily be a bad thing if Pueblo County wanted to consider adding trash service to another utility and manage all workflow through one provider. If this were to happen, the company could actually reduce their rates and our community would see far less (super loud and heavy) trash trucks roaming through neighborhoods on a daily basis. I would also imagine that the City/County could renegotiate the landfill agreement and get much more affordable rates by moving to a single-operator utility. Although some smaller companies would go out of business, I'm sure their customers (and equipment) would have to be purchased, meaning, they'd likely get a large payout in the process, as has happened in the past. Their employees would also likely be needed and could be offered better pay, insurance and benefits by moving over to a major company.
41. Like I mentioned above. Look at Boulder's programs and zero waste goals.
42. I would hope for much better
43. I'd like to see affordable curbside recycling and locations where you can take recyclables. central locations would provide some jobs and weekend hours would be helpful for those of us who work we cannot continue to have illegal dumping around neighborhoods -- it's not fair for the residents!
44. Curbside recycling
45. I hope every household regardless of service provider will have the opportunity to have a recycling container included with their trash service, making it easy and affordable to participate in the program.
46. :-) Better!
47. My family recycles everything that is possible to recycle in Pueblo County, but it takes real effort and commitment. Most people just won't do that. Curbside recycling would be the best solution. Next best would be neighborhood drop-off centers that are free or low cost. A good minimal solution would be a central recycling center for the county either free or low cost.
48. Be handled with trash hauling service. Once a week.
49. I would like to see the majority of households and businesses become staunch recyclers. A long time ago a saying arose that said, "There is no such thing as throwing something 'away'. It goes SOMEWHERE". Our somewheres around here are usually prairies and arroyos. There are only so many to fill up and cover with dirt. I'm not optimistic.
50. Curbside at a reasonable cost.
51. I admired the partnership between We Recycle and trash hauler we had in Pueblo West a few years ago. Since we compost and generate little "smelly" materials, trash pick up every other week worked well, with 1 or 2 bags of recycling picked up weekly. I'd

- like to see a similar option in Colorado City. Ideally, the cost of twice monthly trash pick up and twice monthly recycling pick up could be similar to what we pay for weekly trash pick up now.
52. I do not like the idea of Trash Service having mandatory recycling as it incurs costs to everyone who receives the service whether they recycle or not. Recycling should be a personal commitment with available stations to the public.
 53. Would love to have curb side recycling option like they have in Boulder (even 15 years ago!). Also would like to have a hard-to-recycle and hazardous waste site available to drop stuff off any time during the week and on Saturdays.
 54. Free or minimal cost curbside
 55. Make it more accessible easier to recycle. Bring cost down to recycle so more can participate
 56. I hope every home and business is held responsible for the future of our planet. If we generate the trash, we should be responsible to make sure that it is disposed of with the most integrity. The schools should be recycling. The number of bins of trash filled with paper, cardboard, and plastic water bottles is sinful.
 57. I would just like to see some type of curbside recycling program, or at least more drop-off locations.
 58. So people will take pride in the city they live in and stop dumping their trash wherever they want.
 59. I hope a majority of our population would welcome (or at least begrudgingly accept) additional recycling opportunities.
 60. Improved curb-side recycling options.
 61. Curbside pick-up for smaller items and a drop-off location for large items
 62. Ours works well. Get everyone on board. We have better recycling in Pueblo than we have ever had before - even just ten years ago. Keep it up.
 63. Mandatory recycling with curbside pick up.
 64. That recycling and composting will become an integral part of our county.
 65. vastly improved
 66. At least newspaper recycling at WM, SW by 2020.
 67. free or cheap and in an area that is easy to go by and drop off materials. I would be willing to sort my stuff into containers of glass, cans, paper etc and then drop off myself into containers for each different recycleable item. unfortunately i know people are not organized or care to take the time at home to separate their recycleables.Maybe a program to educate people on how and what to recycle.
 68. I'm hopeful to see a start other than a few outliers with their weekly orange bags from Roots
 69. Residential collection sites throughout the city/county. No fee. better yet, free bins & pickup. Better yet MANDATORY recycling provided by the municipalities and charged to their sewer or, if available in the future, municipal waste collection. This is how it was where I grew up outside Pittsburgh, PA. We paid a small monthly fee on our sewer/water bill and it included trash & mandatory recycling pick up. Why do we have to have so many trash companies? Can't each town provide this service? I remember the arguments by the small haulers when Pueblo approached this idea a few years back...ugh. That one got all tangled up...
 70. More private companies offering low cost curbside options. I think private enterprise is a better option than government intervention.
 71. Curbside recycling and yard waste collection along with regular trash collection. San Diego has theirs set up as follows: Weekly trash collection using black trash bin, green bin (smaller than the black) collected every other week, recycling bin (blue) collected the weeks green is not collected.
 72. In Windsor, California waste management provided a trashbin a recycle bin and a yard waste bin. They had a truck where the backend was waste and the front and was recycle. Then a separate truck would come by for yard waste. We wasted nothing! And it felt so good to know we were recycling
 73. All recyclables be processed with emphasis on plastic.
 74. Curbside free to everyone. Possibly even require business and resident to recycle.
 75. I hope that curbside recycling of all recyclables will become a reality
 76. I wish it could be combined with my regular trash collection.
 77. I hope it will become mandatory.
 78. I would like to see Pueblo/Pueblo County become a model for recycling. Help schools/govermental agencies with recycling. Don't charge schools for recycling. Help our schools become a recycling model.
 79. I do not support trying to mandate recycling or trash service. Most people who don't have trash service, can't afford it or just don't have respect for themselves or others. Not easy to change disrespect. If the city mandates it everyone will have to pay more than the already outrages prices, especially for those of us that already recycle and compost and produce very little trash. More education in the schools; teach them young and give them the tools to do so.
 80. I'd like to see affordable curbside recycling for everyone
 81. Curbside pickup
 82. I hope that residents receive large bins for their recyclable materials when they sign up for trash service
 83. I hope recycling will become the standard, just like trash collection. If it was simply something that was built in to the property renting/owning system, it would eventually become the norm and more efficient
 84. Pickup recycling service like in Florida. Just got back from visiting family there and their recycling pickup service seemed like the norm for everyone to take part in.
 85. smoothly and so all can be involved no matter if they can pay or not - subsidize for people in poverty? Adding composting and supporting the community gardens with the yard-waste turning into value!

86. More free drop off sites.
87. Simple with no complications. Free Recycle drop off or a recycling service that is cheaper than bundling with trash service.
88. Efficiently and universally
89. Community wide effort.
90. Run by private enterprise and a choice of the people.
91. Curbside pickup that is cost efficient because it offsets the cost of illegal dumping and returned revenues.
92. More frequent community no-cost recycling events for electronics, furniture, and yard waste.
93. Curbside would be preferable, or else having an easy to use recycling center closer to my home.
94. I would hope it would get off to a great start.
95. Profitability, charitability, community point of pride with some kind of public sculpture to commemorate it generated with matching government funding.
96. Tax funded and universal. Same with trash.
97. I think Pueblo would be a lot cleaner!
98. Free for all. And we can see products made from recycled materials
99. It would be exciting if the county were able to offer it so that people wouldn't have any excuses.
- 100.It would be great if most of it could be curbside pick up.
- 101.I hope it works out but not forced on the people
- 102.Mandatory trash, recycling, compost as a publicly owned utility.
- 103.mandatory curbside
- 104.*Schools Educate qas to process to be implemented. Kids bring info home.info & facilitate dialogue. *City notifies of intention to provide services- sign up at member levels? Varies *Roll Off Give Away/ use incentive to Participate or low cost payment plan purchase. Source Separation through Haulers/Collection services processed at a MRF Multi-stream Recycling Facility Resources sold as Feed stock on Commodity markets. Customers have the option to invest in Collection Operators companies, EDG Economic Development Grant? "-)
- 105.I hope it will become more accessible to all residents at an affordable rate.
- 106.would like it to be weekly pickup like in Denver and Boulder and other enlightened communities. if we had trash pick at every house, there would be lest littering and dumping in neighborhoods.
- 107.More options, convenience would help people recycle more
- 108.Should be curbside every week across the entire county
- 109.I hope we get it.
- 110.A cleaner better Pueblo region
- 111.I just hope that more people, including myself, start recycling.
- 112.I like the idea of the larger item recycling center that the Pueblo Chieftain discussed in the paper this morning. Once or twice a year large scale recycling is wonderful, but not adequate. Even once a month would be a great help to residents.
- 113.Affordable home pickup options
- 114.Single stream curbside recycling would be great
- 115.Trash and recycling picked up at same time
- 116.I hippie it will become easier
- 117.It would give us a positive image.
- 118.It should be easy and affordable to recycle.
- 119.See above. Everyone separates and recycles.
- 120.VERY MUCH SO.
- 121.will have more affordable haulers for at home pickup
- 122.City will offer bi-weekly curbside recycling pickup, where all recyclable materials can go in the same container.
- 123.It should still be an open subscription type system with some free public drop off options.
- 124.Would like to see it part of everyone's daily lifestyle.
- 125.I hope all will participate
- 126.I hope that we can get recycling that is part of trash service, having the option available without "add on fees" would do wonders.
- 127.I would love for us to be a recycling community with cheap recycling options
- 128.It will become the culture - everyone just does it
- 129.I'm not sure.
- 130.Curbside single stream service that includes glass, household items and has a pick up for household hazardous waste.
- 131.I believe that trash service should be per bag - small bags are \$5 and large bags are \$10 per pick-up but recycling is free. However, then I would worry about the contaminates in the recycling because people would try to "cheat" the system (put trash in the recycling to not have to pay).
- 132.that it will be combined with trash or at least more companies to have competitive pricing
- 133.Low to no cost to collect would be the only way.
- 134.All curbside with drop-offs for large items or when you have more than curbside can handle (i.e. lots of moving boxes, etc.). Have the ability for large curbside for a fee if someone doesn't have the ability to get waste to the center.

135. BOTH City and County working together to change the culture of Pueblo overall. Make it a clean place, by making debris from yards, and household waste easy to dispose of in an environmentally friendly way! Drop-off Centers (minimal or free charge). People are cheap (wage has a lot to do with it, but that is an entirely different subject!), and want things for free, which is unrealistic. A reasonable charge for say... monthly membership would be acceptable!
136. One stop shop. Trash service can pick up your separate recycling materials whilst picking up weekly trash.
137. There will be more curbside options and single stream will be incorporated as well.
138. Eventually, curbside recycling in all of Pueblo County will increase usage in all homes. Having a separate recycling bin (outdoor) will increase usage since indoor storage is not as necessary (since individuals won't be storing until they can transport recyclables themselves).
139. N/A
140. Yes it would help clean up this town
141. Curbside recycling at low or no cost.
142. I hope we can make it accessible and affordable for more people.
143. More drop off sites, discount on trash service if you recycle, and better yet, free curbside recycling pickup!
144. Like the program I mention above in Washington.
145. Large item drop off.
146. The dream would be that eventually nearly 80% of Pueblo recycles and composts. I have been recycling for a few years, and honestly, Most of my old "trash" are able to be recycled. I hope it takes off.
147. N/A
148. I hope it'll play huge role in our day-to-day lives.
149. For me I liked when my trash service would pick up our recycled items. It is so much more convenient to do it that way especially for our elderly folks in the community.
150. Curbside pick-up and composting made convenient, affordable, and accessible for all residents.
151. Incentives by government, and healthy competition between recycling and trash providers
152. Curbside pick ups
153. Easier on the landfills, smaller carbon footprint
154. Increased locations for drop offs, including hazardous waste; composting; curbside services
155. I would hope to see some sort of mandatory ordinances established for homeowners and businesses. The city of Boulder has a zero waste strategic plan which outlines specific steps to achieve goals of reusing, recycling and composting 85 percent of their waste. Businesses and commercial properties are required to recycle and compost.
156. Curbside would be so easy
157. Roots recycle makes it easy... but is too expensive... mandate it so trash companies don't have choice...
158. Every home and business has affordable recycling options available at the curb, infrastructure to support a county wide recycling program that includes creating local jobs
159. Single stream curbside pickup included with trash pickup, and dumpsters at apartments or businesses that generate a lot of recycling.
160. I hope they could educate people on the benefits and or show them what products could be created with recycled materials, instead of sitting in a landfill.
161. Hope it's very successful!
162. I want to see 100% recycling.
163. No sorting at home, just place in container and it is sorted by workers after hauled
164. I AM HOPING THAT IT WOULD HELP TO CLEAN UP THE COMMUNITY
165. More locations, lower costs, and turn it into a revenue generating business.
166. I hope for auto curbside service
167. I would hope trash service would offer it with their trash collection at no additional fee
168. More public drop spots located sporadically throughout the county.
169. It will bring more jobs
170. Pick up with trash service with minimum cost
171. Pick up weekly with the regular trash.
172. On a VOLUNTARY basis ONLY!!!! I do not support a forced Recycling Program.
173. There should be multiple sites for recycling at a reasonable cost and more advertising.
174. Curbside recycling available for everyone at a low cost
175. More drop off sites! those little containers that they had on the street corners were eye sores!! We need it in our trash service. If it is curbside it will work.
176. For each individual household to have bins placed curbside and for the service company to ensure trash is recycled appropriately. This is how military installations do it.
177. Recycling picked up similar to how the trash is already
178. Curbside with provided bins, picked up weekly to include plastic, paper, and aluminum.
179. That we are able to create our own recycling place (plant/facility) that would employ residents and would be affordable for all.

180. Affordable weekly municipal curbside pickup and 2+ drop off locations (N, S E?), where recycle is weighed/measured and credit given for larger volumes of recyclables that offsets municipal monthly trash service cost.
181. Free or cheap to use for every household
182. All recyclable materials imaginable recycled all of the time.
183. Single stream recycling
184. simply and inexpensive
185. I think it would be great if recycling would work and create some jobs in the private sector. I think it would be a travesty if the government shoved this down the throats of the citizens, especially if those same citizens are funding the operation. If it were a profitable business the private sector would already be on top of it and this survey would not be necessary.
186. lower cost so all can afford
187. yes
188. to create a better environment for the community
189. Work as a community toward saving our planet and in creating a healthy environment for our future generations and animal life
190. it should be required, curb side, and include ALL recyclable materials
191. That it is made affordable to encourage more recycling.
192. I hope to be able to have it set out in a separate bin and picked up along with my regular trash service.
193. I hope there is more recycling for large items, mattresses, tires, couches, TV's... These things litter our streets and they are costly and hard to get rid of for the average resident.
194. Mandatory with scholarships and a decent rate that is affordable.
195. I would like to see Pueblo county connect trash/recycle service with a utility bill. If a person has utilities at an address then that trash/recycle would be billed through the utility bill so everyone must have trash/recycle service that has a residence in Pueblo County.
196. I hope our Earth is getting polluted we need to save for our children.
197. I hope it becomes standard that if you live in Pueblo County, you receive "free" trash and recycling. Growing up in CT, we never paid for trash or recycling - the money was paid in taxes, but you never had to think about an extra cost.
198. FREE. Otherwise I will put it in the garbage that I already pay to have collected.
199. that we will have one bin we can put all of our trash in and the trash hauler will separate.
200. offer incentives for recycling not charge people for a profit. in California you can get over a \$1 a pound for aluminum, high return on bottles and glass. There is a redemption fees; however, people have put their kids through college by recycling.
201. Very Hopeful
202. Long process needed for our community. If trash companies all offer it then that would help but if the cost is too high I don't believe people will subscribe to it. JMO
203. I hope it will be easier to recycle
204. More options for drop off. C&C is fine, but very limited weekend hours, hard to get to from Avondale/ Boone. Another facility on the east side would be so great.
205. Take a look at the recycling program up in Loveland, it is amazing.
206. hopefully it will increase.
207. as part of regular trash service
208. Each family is able to recycle
209. Multi central locations for area codes
210. That we have three trash cans at all homes, Recycling, Yard waste and normal trash. This is easy and once the population gets use to it they will love it more than throwing everything in to one can.
211. It should be a norm of our society right now. The fact we haven't for Pueblo County, but not just PC but other areas of the United States, is pathetic. Some states and counties are doing a fantastic job, though.
212. Will keep the community clean and will provide for future generations to live a clean and healthy environment.
213. The more we can recycle the better in my opinion.
214. Curbside is the only realistic option
215. I would love to have one wheeled tote to fill with recycling and have it picked up in the same place as my trash. And I would love to see all my neighbors being able to participate because the service is easy and accessible.
216. 95% of recyclable items are recycled.
217. I hope that we see everyone participating in recycling in the community because it has such a big impact on the environment.
218. Numerous locations for manufactured items 1-3 locations for organic recycling, including compost options
219. curbside pick-up
220. Weekly pickup in County
221. well
222. A county-owned, but privately managed, recycling facility that accepts and bales materials from all local licensed haulers, with a drive-up option for private residents. A profit/loss sharing arrangement for all PACOG members.

Q2.4 - Do you have any other comments about recycling you would like to share?

1. Do you have any other comments about recycling you would like to share?
2. I'm a true believer in recycling and hope that the city and county will see that recycling will make our community more appealing to outsiders to visit or call it home. Clean up the city and county! It can only help.
3. I find it interesting what is and isn't recycled in various locations. That confuses people about what they can do. I'd like to know that the grocery stores really do recycle plastic bags and I'd like to see more pictures of recyclables (or not) as well as how to recycle stuff like bottle caps, etc. It can all be done.
4. Drop-off sites for large items. More education on the importance of recycling.
5. If we're going to go 100% green energy, then we should also strive to be a 100% recycling community.
6. Not exactly recycling, but I have a problem with blowing trash along the highways and in low density neighborhoods. I would like to see a requirement for trash can enclosures in low density areas (Pueblo West) where the wind is likely to overturn containers or blow trash from open or overfilled containers. Alternatively, if trash haulers would install straps on the covers of their residential trash containers, they could be fastened when high wind is forecast. I have put these on my trash container but the trash hauler employees cut them, probably because it means they have to get out of the truck to unfasten them.
7. Look to other existing, working recycling programs and processes. Don't try to reinvent the wheel.
8. Not enough people recycle, and I worry about the future of our communities.
9. Have containers marked specifically for recycling ie, another color ie, blue so recycling is visible. a recycling campaign is needed so everyone knows the options
10. no
11. Do not forget to provide recycling options (convenient drop-offs) for rural areas.
12. Just do it.
13. Time to get with the program people. The time to talk about this issue ended in the real world perhaps 30 years ago. "Solid wastes" are the discarded leftovers of our advanced consumer society. This growing mountain of garbage and trash represents not only an attitude of indifference toward valuable natural resources, but also a serious economic and public health problem. -- Jimmy Carter
14. nope
15. Just like anything, people will use it if it's free and easy. I would use it if it was cheap and sort of convenient (ie: not having to take it somewhere).
16. Please get moving on this, we can't afford to wait.
17. Some of the street corners have the black barrels, but the losers that don't want to pay for trash service stuff the barrels with their own trash, so there is no room for the stuff that should be recycled. The adults in this town are too cheap to pay for trash service, and therefore, don't have to even lug the trash bag to the curb for collections; so they're not going to bother to sort it, rubbish in one bag and recycling in another.. I used to use those recycling barrels, until someone told me that it was only for "foot traffic" along the street, and that it wasn't supposed to be used for the public to recycle their recyclables from home. So I just stopped all together. So pay the people that work at the landfill to sift through it I guess.
18. Thank you for taking the time to address this important issue in the Pueblo community.
19. No
20. Trash dumping is a problem and will affect recycling drop off locations as well. Trash dumping problems have to be dealt with
21. I feel we are way behind other communities in our recycling efforts. Smaller communities, such as Walsenburg, Westcliffe, etc. have much superior systems, and they also have the monetary challenges that Pueblo County has. Recycling needs to become a priority for us.
22. Other states have had great success, share and get information on these programs.
23. Pueblo County should have a recycling program!
24. Get it started now.
25. So many people just don't seem to understand about the damage they are doing to the environment by not recycling. EDUCATION!
26. Please do follow through on this until you are successful.
27. Drop off locations are an ideal fit for several people, but many others, like myself, do not have suitable trucks or vehicles that can be loaded up with trash bags full of grass clippings, soda bottles, stacks of cardboard, etc. As much as I would love to recycle the massive amounts of cardboard that comes from Ikea... it is a challenge in itself to try to fold that thing up into my trash can. At that point, I'm just grateful to see if go on trash day! Please don't misunderstand my comments as being detrimental to the success of this, I am pleased with the topic and hope desperately that our community can come up with a solution that makes sense for the long run. I will say that those beautiful recycling trash cans bolted to the streets throughout downtown are a complete failure, so please don't go that route. No one pays attention and I am sure that the trash that is pulled out is simply trash. The items are not separated, unclean, and the cans are typically overflowing because they are so undersized. I don't know who services them, but I can't imagine that is a cheap process either.
28. I would be happy to be involved in making this happen!
29. Thank you for asking me. I have recycled for 30+ years and it didn't hurt me a bit.

30. I use bottled water and also save plastic with the little triangles on them...I recycle my newspapers and any aluminum -- I was not aware that we could recycle tin cans! I also recycle glass. I'd like to be able to get rid of defunct electronics instead of putting them in the trash and having them end up in landfills I just feel like anything that can be reused in some way should be! I am lucky to be in the county where I can burn yard waste.
31. As long as you have multiple waste companies slogging up and down all the alleys of the city of Pueblo, it is going to be hard to put regulations in place and steer recyclable (sp?) material from the landfill.
32. We've contracted with Roots Recycling for several years back when they were a fledgling start-up called We Recycle in Pueblo West. They are an awesome group of folks. They are distant from us now in the Minnequa Industrial Park from Pueblo West but I often drop off stuff outside of our regular pickup day. Always enjoy interacting with their staff. Good people.
33. Really appreciate that Pueblo County is looking into better options for citizens to recycle. In Colorado City, we're trying our best. I belong to Volunteers for Community and our volunteers provide a monthly cardboard/paperboard drop off project that generates 1 to 2 tons of recycled cardboard. Also, our local girl scout troop offers a monthly pickup of cans/aluminum and scrap metal that they take to Pueblo for recycling. Our only other local option for recycling is through our Metro District, which contracts with WeRecycle out of Pueblo West. Our Metro District offers the WeRecycle bags to citizens at \$3.50 per bag. Many don't participate due to the cost of the bags. But many, many Greenhorn Valley residents want to recycle. Hopefully the County can help make it easier for us! Thanks!!!
34. I have been involved with recycling educational events and presentations to City Council for years and feel that I was wasting my time and all of the words were greeted by false smiles and nods and then quickly dismissed as I walked away from the uncaring and uninformed council members. I have stopped putting myself out there and do my part from my little corner as I advocate for the planet and act as a role model for my students. I am all for it and good luck to anyone trying to tackle the trash haulers and council members and their selfish, narrow-minded approach to the world in which they live.
35. No. I began recycling in about 1975, and Pueblo has been the most difficult place to do it.
36. I believe educating us about the capacity of our landfill and the benefits of recycling would be useful. I would like to see opportunities for increasing individual yard and food waste composting - perhaps with attractively priced compost units made available through the county or city or a non-profit.
37. None
38. Let's work on banning plastic bags too!
39. I really like the idea of locating a free recycling center near where the old animal shelter was. There was an article about that possibility in the paper recently.
40. I hate stuffing my Chieftains into the trash.
41. I am a true believer in it's importance. Unfortunately, I am also constrained financially, so I will not pay for it.
42. Un-maned recycling stations would probably turn into a disaster but maned stations are vary costly.
43. I grew up in pueblo and lived here much of my life and am always amazed at the lack of the County and City's ability to move forward with this problem. Recycling is something that is teachable. It's easy and saves our environment.
44. I felt sad and when I came back to Pueblo that there was no program in place for recycling on the curb side, and that many people didn't know about places they could drop off recycling. And it was discouraging to feel that local government didn't feel like Pueblo was worthy or smart enough to have a program like this. I am 100% for curbside recycling and yard waste along with trash. Pueblo needs to be pulled up. We need good government to do this.
45. N/A
46. Start now. Start young.
47. I wish the garbage companies would work together so there aren't constant garbage trucks driving our alleys and streets on a daily basis.
48. Please start this up, have been disappointed about the lack of programs here for years!
49. Keep sharing information about how businesses are SAVING MONEY and how it was easier to implement the recycling than they thought... public education campaigns for individual residences too or maybe through schools?
50. Drop off recycling is more Eco friendly than curbside pick-up.
51. It is really easy but you have to get in that mind set to do it and start doing it. Then it will become second nature to you. It begins with one decision, "Yes, I will recycle".
52. No
53. No taxes should be charged for recycling
54. Along with greater county support should be larger advertising pushes and MUCH GREATER EFFORT to advertise longer prior to the event! I rarely hear about the events in time to participate!
55. N/A
56. No. I like metal scraps. I do not like people soliciting metal removal "for free". Metal removers should offer to pay people, clients, and advertise their service as costing something. It implies that most people are wasteful or do not know the material value of things.
57. We really need this to get done here in Pueblo
58. There has been no mention of Organic Vermi Culture composting or Worm Farm Operations.. With out this facet and aspect of recycling it is incomplete and hypocritical and not an authentic thought out program. What is the purpose if not COMPLETE.. Going for the Money? Strong statement, but perhaps Necessary to draw your attention. What is presently being done to dispose of the

BioSolids from the Water Filtration Plants in Pueblo County? DO REsearch on the GIA WELLNESS INSTITUTE located in Pueblo They operated the Gaia Wellness Center who operated the Happy Worm Herders Recycling Facility contracted with the City of Pueblo from 2008 to 2013.

59. more trash receptacles on public streets and parks to eliminate littering and dumping
60. Trash haulers need to be better and more flexible!
61. It's important for the planet and our local community to be more sustainable and it helps sell property here in Pueblo.
62. Is there any incentive with the trash companies to reward those that participate in their curbside recycling programs?
63. None
64. We must continue to improve these services in pueblo. The cities to the north and other progressive cities have been doing this for decades. Children need to be educated regarding recycling and keeping our earth clean
65. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT RECYCLING LGHTI BULBS, AND ELECTRONICS.
66. Recycling needs to be made easier here.
67. Kids today think hamburger comes from McDonalds. Education should be supported in our local schools and public areas - and taught why it is so important to the future of our town.
68. No
69. Thank you for working on it - it is an important topic and it made me call my trash service to see about starting recycling!
70. I think recycling is important, but right now I am too focused on basic issues. While I think it is a great idea, it is a want and not a need.
71. We are way behind in the process and need a good program.
72. I believe the focus should start in the schools. There is a lot of paper and plastic waste occurring at ALL the schools. Public employers (City and County) should make desktide recycling MANDATORY. It would be nice if leaders inviting new business to the area, especially restaurants could review their environmental friendly statements, such as, what type of "to go" items they provide. Can someone visit with Sonic regarding styrofoam drink cups and switching to something that is recyclable? Think "long-term".
73. we need curbside composting!
74. I have a 3 yard dumpster at my other house and it serves 3 houses I own.
75. It's important for numerous reasons.
76. Unfortunately, Pueblo has a reputation for being 'dirty' and when you go outside of Pueblo (North) in communities such as Windsor, Ft. Collins, etc. You understand why. There are HOA's even in rural areas that prevent a lot of problems such as junk cars, weeds, etc. that keep areas clean. And the HOA fees are approx. \$40 a month. In exchange, there are FREE recycling drop-off centers and also the fee includes water in many locations! There are a ton of options to make Pueblo just as nice, but we have to change the culture and make people excited to have a nice yard, etc. The City and County also need to do their part and get rid of the weeds in vacant lots and along the highway interchanges! Our 'public' places are an embarrassment to visitors. We look like we just don't care, so how are the citizens supposed to be encouraged to keep up their places, when the public places look bad!? I know there is now weed ordinance in the county and it shows! But the City is just as bad in some places! Step it up in BOTH areas and residents will follow suit!
77. Increasing community knowledge on importance of recycling might change current lack of recycling
78. I do not want to pay out of pocket or through taxes for recycling.
79. If we have recycling already, we have no knowledge of it. Also the cost at the landfill is way to high.
80. I think more people would be happy to recycle if they were made aware of the benefits and if it was a convenience to them.
81. I hope things work out! :)
82. N/A
83. I would gladly do it again if my trash service offered it again.
84. I support and promote it!
85. this has to be a better world for our children issue rather than a money making one...
86. Educate, educate, educate! Get some recycling education programs into the public school systems, create local signage about the value of recycling. Make recycling a community priority.
87. Make it mandatory.
88. No
89. Want to recycle to save environment. Need accessibility and availability.
90. I have lived in large cities where recycling was a regular part of the trash pick-up service at no cost. I would like to see the same here in Pueblo.
91. there is only one electronic/paint recycling company in Pueblo. Might help if there was more of them
92. AND it seems that certain neighborhood representatives do more for their area than others. This needs to be across the board for anything to be successful. If not, certain parts of town will always look like a dump.
93. I would love to have affordable curbside containers and pick up at least two times a month
94. Get with the big cities and see what works.
95. None
96. I would love to see recycling increase and for it to be easier to do
97. I would pay for this service, but not more than \$4-5 dollars a month.

98. The thought of recycling should be encouraged in children so that it will be automatic once they become adults. Recycling in the schools will encourage children to recycle at home.
99. Increased access to E-cycling would be a huge benefit, especially if it was free.
- 100.It needs to be encouraged in the community and promoted more than it has been.
- 101.I can't believe Pueblo does not have a publicly funded, supported and coordinated comprehensive recycling program.
- 102.It needs to be simple, easy and low to no cost.
- 103.Some people don't pay for trash service now and dump wherever, causing problems. Let's assume that by recycling the trash output decreases by 30% meaning the life of a landfill should increase by 30%. My bill is roughly \$55 per quarter which includes about \$6 for the container. If the bill would decrease by the same 30% it would be about \$16.50 less per quarter. Can the trash companies add a recycling container and pick-up service for \$16.50 per quarter? My guess is they can't or they would already be promoting a recycling program for the same amount we currently pay for trash service. Selling the recycled items after sorting should generate some income that could pay salaries for the increased work force and generate additional profit for the company. There is a reason this is not already in place and being promoted by the private sector. In your survey you asked how much more I would be willing to pay for recycling and my answer is \$0 based on the example provided above.
- 104.helping with the elderly and disabled that cannot take items to recycle locations
- 105.none
- 106.Please make this happen! SOON
- 107.When I lived in NY it was a requirement to recycle. Recycling was picked up every week with the trash. In the fall, there was a truck that would come around and collect leaves that were raked to the edge of the street to encourage yard clean up and make it easy.
- 108.Other than weeds, I do not have trees or grass at the current time but would be willing to separate glass and plastic from the trash and willing to do my part for our environment. I already separate aluminum products but usually give the aluminum to family that sells it for extra cash.
- 109.Contracts to the City and County would be expensive. Govt. may want to hire seasonal or FT employee with trash truck so they can haul their stuff.
- 110.I think it would benefit Pueblo County to have a bulk pick up once a month to keep these bulk items from piling up on the sides of peoples houses and on porches or driveways. Just this week I searched the internet for a place to recycle a dishwasher in Pueblo, Co. The only way I found to recycle is to have the home improvement stores take it when they deliver a new one. What if I didn't buy it there? How do I get rid of it?
- 111.nope.
- 112.I think it is so important to recycle. We need to keep our earth green.
- 113.More cost is not the option. also more community recycling with pick up should be scheduled. Use the Marijuana money, not charge residents more.
- 114.Again, children is where it is at. They will put guilt trips on parents if they understand it. This can be taught in science classes. Some how we skip some of the most important things in the schools any more. Industrial Arts, Driver's Ed, all things that have gone by the wayside. This would be something simple but teachers are asked to do so much that some may view it as unimportant.
- 115.None at this time
- 116.when i lived in Nevada trash company provided crates blue red and white for aluminum, plastic, and paper they were put out with the trash and all picked up at the same time at no additional charge.
- 117.Would like to know all the ways it will benefit our community.
- 118.I've done it for 5 years and it works well
- 119.Please look in to Fresno, CA's program of Recycling they are doing a wonderful job and the program has so much extra money that the mayor keeps trying to rob it for other programs. The Fresno, CA program was written so well that they are over funded due to all the money they receive back on all the recycling. It would take awhile to get off the ground but will fund itself in the end.
- 120.This is a great survey. Hopefully, it drives folks to get the ball rolling and make recycling and protecting the environment important. I think the places you will find the most success are Pueblo West. I think folks out there will lead the charge, in my opinion. You will probably struggle with lower income areas such as East side and South Pueblo. Eagleridge area and Aberdeen will be successful too.
- 121.None.
- 122.Phoenix, AZ has been doing an amazing job with trash and recycling for many years. Check out their program.
- 123.My daughter is a huge environmentalist and has opened my eyes to the benefits and impact recycling can have on the environment. I pay extra for the weekly recycling service but I feel it is worth it, our contribution to a better environment is worth it.

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