

# Recycling & Zero Waste

## What is Certifiably Green Denver?

The Certifiably Green Denver Program provides education and recognition for environmental achievement. Our free services are available to any business in the City and County of Denver.

## Certifiably Green Denver offers:

- Assessments to identify water conservation and energy-efficiency options
- Information and assistance to meet your business needs
- Public recognition for your environmental efforts

## Why Participate?

**Compliance** - Proper management practices help minimize wastes, reduce downtime, and keep you in compliance with regulations.

**Cost Savings** - Less waste means lower disposal and operating costs. Efficient use of materials, water, and energy saves money.

**Public Image** - Superior environmental practices affect your image with customers, the community, and regulatory agencies.

## Public Recognition!

Certifiably Green Denver publicly recognizes certified businesses through free advertising. This includes Internet listings and advertising in the newspaper, magazines, radio, and water bill inserts. Certified businesses receive a framed certificate and window decal.

## Who offers recycling services?

Listed below are local businesses dedicated to recycling. **When considering which company to use, make sure they are willing to provide you with your waste diversion rate.**

## What about prices?

Prices have been excluded from this sheet due to the variety of options that each recycler offers. We recommend that you compare quotes from several vendors in order to get the best pricing.

All recyclers are willing to allow shared containers among businesses in the same or adjacent buildings, which can help reduce costs. However, split billing by the recycler is generally not offered. Agreements may be formed between the businesses themselves - ideally the landlord would assume responsibility for splitting any charges.

## What size containers do I need?

Each recycler will cater collection frequency and container size to your business's needs; these factors will be used to determine costs. Representatives from each recycler will be more than happy to provide your business with a better understanding of the costs and benefits of recycling.

Recycler	Information
<b>Alpine Waste &amp; Recycling</b> <a href="http://www.alpinewaste.com">www.alpinewaste.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-stream recycling of aluminum and tin cans, glass, newspaper, cardboard and plastics</li> <li>• Also offers composting services</li> </ul>
<b>Republic Services</b> <a href="http://www.republicservices.com">www.republicservices.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed paper and cardboard</li> </ul>
<b>Tri-R Recycling Services</b> 303-829-0952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-mingled mixed paper, newspaper and cardboard</li> </ul>
<b>Waste Management</b> <a href="http://www.wm.com/small-business">www.wm.com/small-business</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-stream recycling of aluminum and tin cans, glass, newspaper, cardboard and plastics</li> <li>• Also offers composting services</li> </ul>
<b>Waste Connections of Colorado, Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.wasteconnectionsofcolorado.com">www.wasteconnectionsofcolorado.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-stream recycling of aluminum and tin cans, glass, newspaper, cardboard and plastics</li> </ul>
<b>A1 Organics</b> <a href="http://www.a1organics.com">www.a1organics.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composting service</li> </ul>
<b>Pedro's Planet Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.pedrosplanet.com">www.pedrosplanet.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your business purchases office supplies from Pedro's Planet, they will provide free recycling pick up for aluminum, mixed paper, phonebooks, catalogues, ink cartridges and cell phones</li> </ul>
<b>International Paper</b> <a href="http://www.internationalpaper.com/Business-Recycling">www.internationalpaper.com/Business-Recycling</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collects cardboard, magazines, mixed paper (including junk mail) and newspaper</li> </ul>

### How often will the recycler pick up my materials?

The frequency of pickup of recyclables for all recyclers is flexible and can range from daily to once every four weeks. Please contact the recyclers to make appropriate arrangements to meet your business needs.

### What else can I recycle or divert from the landfill?

Commercial organic waste collection services are currently offered by several local vendors, including Alpine Waste & Recycling, A1 Organics, and Waste Management. Please refer to the City & County of Denver's recycling directory ([www.denvergov.org/RecyclingDirectory](http://www.denvergov.org/RecyclingDirectory)) for additional information on what to do with hard-to-recycle items such as:

- Office Electronics (computers, phones, etc.)
- Plastic bags (#2, #4) and paper grocery bags
- Print cartridges (ink/toner)
- Scrap metal
- Styrofoam (#6 white block foam packaging)
- Clothing and fabric
- Wood pallets

### How can I avoid contamination in my bins?

Placing an item that does not belong in a particular recycle bin qualifies as contamination. For example, light bulbs, Pyrex, windows, broken drinking glasses, and dishes are never to be included with glass recycling. These "foreign" glass products have different melting temperatures and will degrade the end product, making it unusable. Even worse, machinery may become damaged. Other items such as trash, food, take-out food containers and plastic utensils need to be excluded from the recycle bins.

### Where can I recycle shredded paper?

Shredded paper can be recycled at the drop off centers in the paperboard/low quality paper bin. Some mobile shredding companies provide a locked bin and can shred your confidential paper and offer recycling of the shredded paper. Please refer to the "Paper, Bottles & Cans – Drop-Off" category in the drop-down menu selection of the recycling directory ([www.denvergov.org/RecyclingDirectory](http://www.denvergov.org/RecyclingDirectory)) for recyclable drop-off locations.

*Please note that the business listings are provided for informational purposes only. It is not an endorsement by Certifiably Green Denver or of any business or service. If you are a service provider and would like to be added to this list, or to update information on this list, please phone Certifiably Green Denver at 720-865-5457.*

### Helpful Resources

See the Certifiably Green Denver website for more helpful resource sheets:  
[www.denvergov.org/CGD](http://www.denvergov.org/CGD)



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