



Denver Recycles



2016 Annual Report Summary

Denver Recycles is a program of Denver Public Works, Solid Waste Management. The following report summarizes the recycling, composting and diversion activities in Denver for 2016.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Denver Recycles:**
 No-cost recycling services available to all Denver residents living in buildings with seven or fewer units.
- Denver Composts:**
 Fee-based weekly compost collection service available to eligible households.
- Denver Public Schools Collections:**
 Recycling and composting service to more than 160 Denver public school sites.
- Denver Municipal Facilities:**
 Recycling and composting services for Denver municipal buildings and facilities.

Recycling education and communication, recycling drop-off center, appliance collection and recycling, electronics recycling events and drop-off discounts, household hazardous waste collection, LeafDrop, Treecycle, Learn to Compost classes, Master Composter training program, and Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale.



Changes in Materials 2015 to 2016



Overall Recycling Rate:
 Increased by **5%**



Tons Composted:
 Increased by **45%**



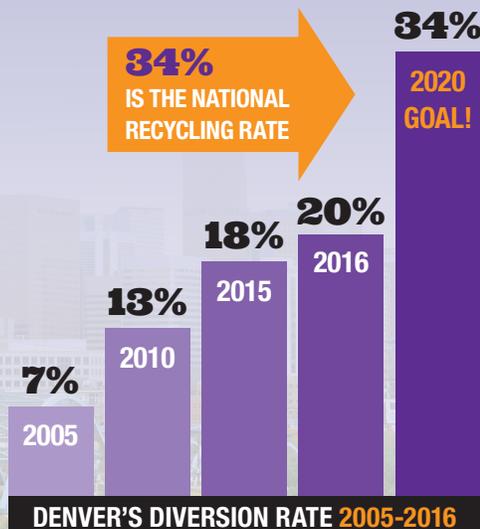
Tons Disposed in Landfill:
 Decreased by **7.5%**



Compost Subscriptions:
 Increased by **41%**



There's More to Do!



2016 Highlights

- Denver residents diverted **46,976 tons** of materials from disposal in the landfill in 2016 through Denver Recycles' programs.
- Participation in the City's residential recycling program **increased to 82%** of all eligible households.
- The number of households enrolled in the Denver Composts program **increased by 41%** and **organics diversion increased by 45%**.
- SWM converted an additional **35,000 Denver households** to cart-based trash service.