Denver Recycles’ Roundup

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[Editor’s Note: The Denver Recycles’ Roundup is a monthly news column written by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management. The publication includes updates on seasonal and ongoing activities related to the City and County of Denver’s residential recycling programs. Editors are invited to publish all or part of the column, but we do request that major edits are reviewed by our staff to ensure accuracy of information. Questions may be directed to Tay Dunklee at Denver Recycles, 303-446-3557.]

Will You Be Our Customer?

Denver Recycles is asking you to show your love for Denver by becoming a Denver Composts customer. In addition to supporting Denver in reaching its 2020 Sustainability Goals, composting also helps keep material out of the landfill, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and creates a valuable soil amendment that can be used to build healthy soil. Beyond these benefits and showing your support to the city that you love, ordering a green compost cart now will make it easy to compost that wilted bouquet of flowers and uneaten Valentine’s Day sweets later. It’s truly a win, win, win!

In case you’re not convinced, here are a few more reasons to order your green Denver Composts cart today!

☐ Spring is almost here, and green carts can help you manage the increase in yard debris that comes with the change of the seasons. Along with food scraps and non-recyclable paper, the
Denver Composts program accepts yard debris such as leaves, grass clippings, perennials, and even weeds that you pull from your lawn and/or garden.

- **Signing up and participating in the Denver Composts program is easy and impactful.** You can sign up Denver Composts program in minutes, and once you do, you’ll be a participant in a program that keeps more than 9,000 tons of food waste, yard debris and non-recyclable paper out of the landfill each year.

- **Sharing is caring, and we don’t mind if you share your cart.** Our goal is to get compostable materials composted. If splitting the cost and sharing a compost cart with your neighbor is what works best for you, we’re all for it.

To learn more and sign up for the Denver Composts program, visit DenverGov.org/GoGreen or call 311 (720-913-1311).

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**Lend a Hand and Adopt-a-Spot in Denver**

Denver’s Adopt-a-Spot program is a great resource for residents that are motivated to help keep Denver a clean and safe place to live and play. The program is free, and perfect for groups of all sizes and participants of all ages. Groups ranging from organized civic groups, to families, to schools are encouraged to Adopt-a-Spot in Denver and commit to maintaining this spot for a year (or more!).

Adopting a spot is not only impactful, but also rewarding. Here’s what the commitment entails:

- Maintaining a stretch of road, alley or open area (public right-of-way) for one year.
- Providing the person-power to pick up litter, remove illegal signs and report graffiti vandalism.
- Notifying the Keep Denver Beautiful program staff of planned cleanup dates so that supplies can be provided, and trash removal can be scheduled.

Denver’s Keep Denver Beautiful program staff is here to help you with your commitment and can provide organizational help, safety and procedure training, supplies such as bags, safety vests, work gloves and tools (as needed), and trash pick-up after each cleanup. Your group will also receive a customized sign to advertise your commitment.

If your school group, business, church, family, or another group wants to commit to adopting a spot, more information can be found online at DenverGov.org/KDB or by calling 311. For more information
about all other services and programs offered by Denver Solid Waste Management, visit denvergov.org/trashandrecycling or call 311 (720-913-1311).

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