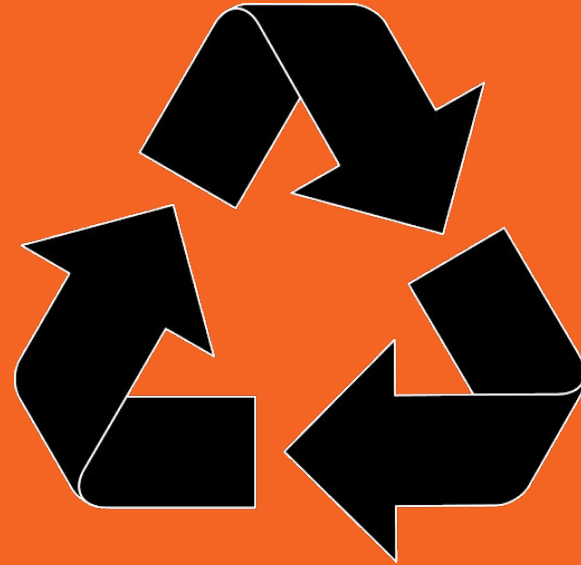

Recycling During COVID

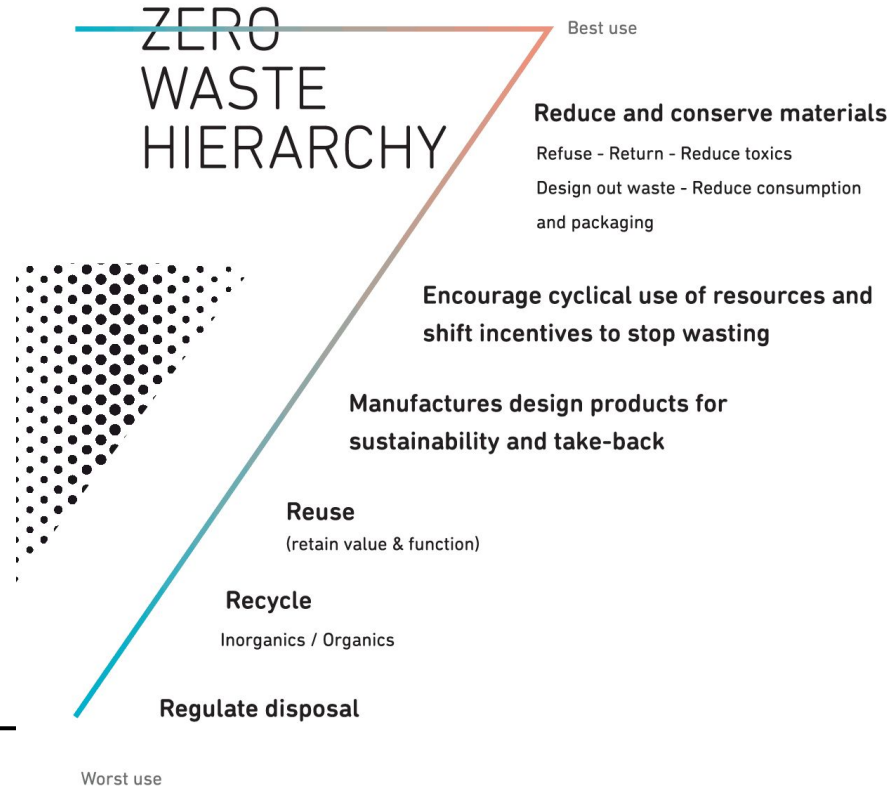


State of Recycling in COVID Times

- Nationwide: 15-25% increase in residential
- General decline in commercial recycling & waste
- Locally: increase in recycling contamination
 - Home renovations, clean-ups



Remember...





Shelf-Stable Items



- Cans (drinks, soup, beans, tuna...)



- Cartons (milk, juice, soup, coconut water..)



- Pasta boxes



- Jars (pasta sauce...)



- Lids separately, please!

- Bags for pasta, etc.



- Wrappers (bars, packaging)



- Bread bags



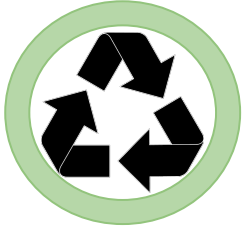
- HTR

- Pouches (rice, granola)



- Oatmeal/coffee canisters





Frozen Food Packages



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- Ice cream cartons
- Frozen food boxes
- Frozen treat wrapper
- Frozen berry/vegetable bag
 - Stretchy: HTR





To-Go Containers



- Hard plastic takeout containers
- Hard plastic clamshells
- Cardboard pizza boxes
 - Not soiled
- Paper bags
- Aluminum



- Styrofoam containers
- Condiment cups
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic to-go bags
- Plastic-coated paper
- Plastic cups
- Straws



PPE: No thank you!



Compostable

✓ YES, IF IT'S A PAPER PRODUCT *NOT* LINED WITH PLASTIC.

Many foodservice paper products are lined with petroleum-based plastics that contaminate our soils when composted.



These paper products are free of plastic and can be safely composted.



These paper products are plastic-coated and go in the TRASH.



✓ YES, IF IT'S A *CERTIFIED* COMPOSTABLE "PLASTIC."

If it looks like it contains plastic, it must be a certified "bio-plastic" to be safe for soils.



Products that appear to contain plastic must be certified compostable by BPI.



These labels also mean certified compostable:

ASTM D6400 **ASTM D6868**



must have letters PLA



These labels *DO NOT* mean compostable.

MADE FROM PLANTS
MADE FROM PLANT STARCH
BIODEGRADABLE
OXO-DEGRADABLE
BIO
ECO-FRIENDLY
EARTH-FRIENDLY
MADE WITH RECYCLED CONTENT
GREEN

Other resources

- Hard-to-Recycle Materials
 - Eco-Cycle CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials) at 6400 Arapahoe, Boulder
 - Longmont Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin St, Longmont
 - Eco-Cycle A-Z App
 - Download it anywhere you get apps!
 - Or call us at 303-444-6634 or email rosie@ecocycle.org with any Zero Waste questions
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