



Hauler Licensing and Equal Space Ordinance

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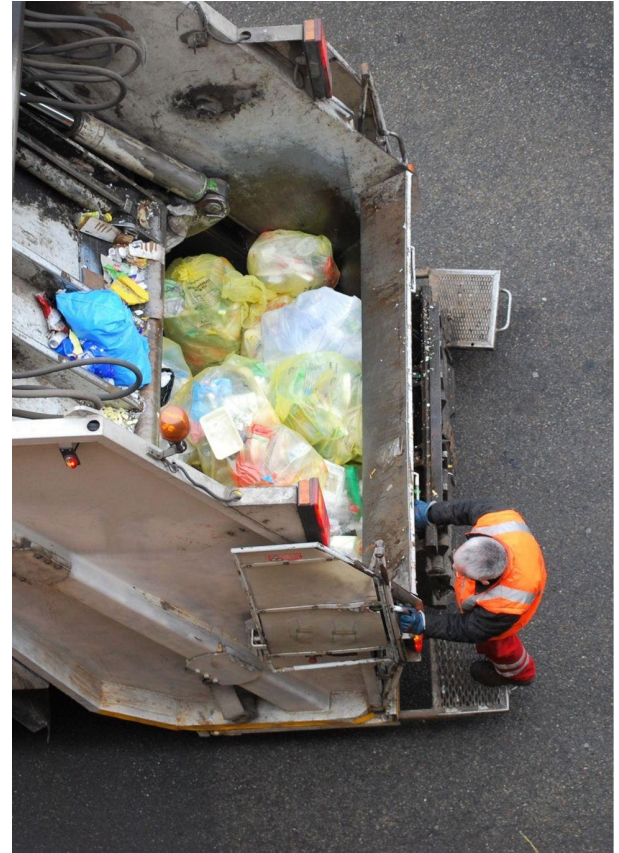


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Agenda

- Summary of previous efforts
- Hauler licensing overview and key benefits
- Colorado's Producer Responsibility Program
- Review of current project
- Discussion of current conditions
- Peer hauler licensing programs
- Hauler engagement findings
- Best practices
- Recommendations
- Equal space ordinance updates
- Next steps and looking forward



Strategic Technical Expertise for the Public Sector



Colorado Circular Communities (C3) is a statewide program that provides financial and technical assistance to enhance circularity across the state, and helps communities achieve their waste diversion and aversion goals.



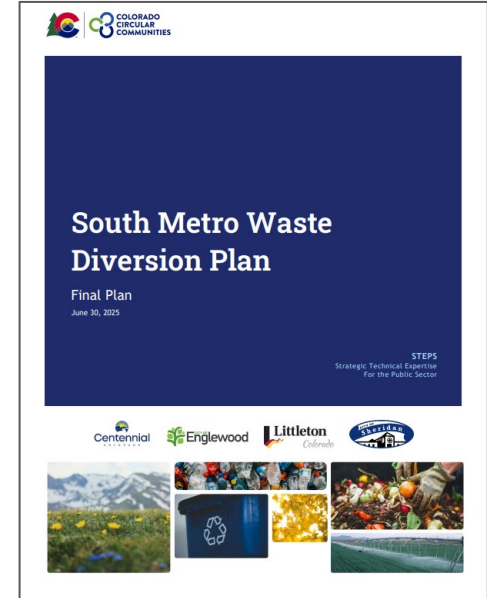
Centennial & Littleton were selected to receive no-cost consulting from C3's Strategic Technical Expertise for the Public Sector (STEPS) program.



Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) is working with Centennial & Littleton on policy considerations for a hauler licensing ordinance.

South Metro Waste Diversion Project

- The South Metro Region (Cities of Centennial, Englewood, Littleton, and Sheridan) completed a project under the STEPS program in 2025.
- The project included hauler engagement, a residential survey, focus groups, a waste characterization study, and a regional waste summit.
- The final plan includes a clear set of actionable strategies to reduce the amount of waste that is going to landfills.
- Recommendations included requiring hauler licensing.



Hauler Licensing Overview

- Regulate haulers that collect and transport solid waste for residents and businesses.
- May cover haulers that provide trash, recycling, and organics waste services.

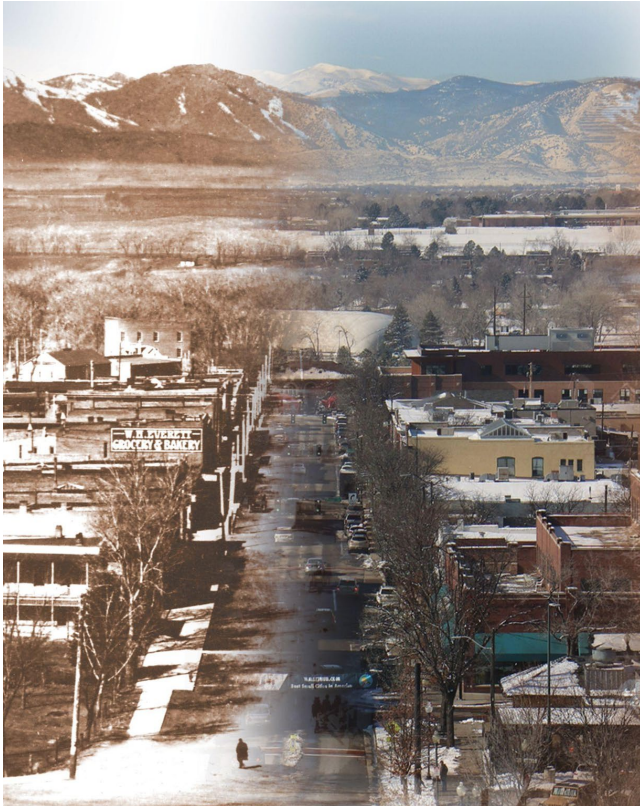
Key Benefits:

- Data collection
- Level playing field
- Transparency in operations
- Hauler accountability
- Insurance expectations
- Recycling access

Colorado's Producer Responsibility Program

- Requires companies that produce packaging and paper products to fund a statewide recycling system.
- Circular Action Alliance (CAA) will reimburse local governments and recycling companies that choose to participate.
- Residents will no longer be charged for the recycling services that are reimbursed by CAA.
- Hauler licensing can align with the program to support expanded recycling access, leverage statewide hauler reporting, and coordinate consistent education and outreach.

Current Conditions in Littleton



- Open market system with no oversight
- Noise ordinance must be followed
- No guidance for new residents other than to coordinate with their neighbors

Peer Hauler Licensing Programs

Hauler licensing is a well-established policy tool. Several Colorado communities have already adopted hauler licensing ordinances.

Example ordinances:

- Englewood ([Code 5-26](#))
- Windsor ([Ordinance 2026-1749](#))
- Lafayette ([Ordinance 21, Series 2020](#))
- Lakewood ([Code 5-29](#))
- Westminster ([Code-5-7](#))
- Superior ([Code 6-5-10](#))



Regional Hauler Fees

Location	Enacted	License Pricing
Englewood	Updated in 2023	\$100 per vehicle annually
Lafayette	2020	\$250 per company annually
Westminster	Updated in 2017	\$250 annually for the company; \$250 for each solid waste vehicle; \$10 for each vehicle hauling recycling
Adams County	2024	1-3 hauling vehicles = \$100 annually; 4-9 hauling vehicles = \$300 annually; 10+ hauling vehicles = \$600 annually

Best Practices



Target
Subscription-
Based Haulers



Offer or
Provide
Recycling



Clear & Digital
Data Reporting



Nominal
Fees



Establish
Operation
Days/Times



Education &
Outreach on
Recycling



Labeled Trucks
& Containers



Colorado
Department of
Transportation
Inspections

Recommendations for Hauler Licensing

- Generally following a medium regulatory model
- Reporting requirements
- Include where materials are disposed/recycled/composted
- Scope includes all haulers (trash, recycling, organics) with limited exceptions
- Must provide recycling and participate in EPR, for curbside haulers
- Volume-based pricing (aka: Pay-as-you-throw, PAYT)
- Graduated enforcement model

Equal Space Ordinance Updates

1 Definition	2 Code	3 Timeline
All new and significantly remodeled structures where refuse is generated by the use of the structure shall provide adequate space for the collection and storage of refuse and recyclable materials	Working in conjunction with Community Development on their ULUC timeline; will include presentation to Planning Commission	To be brought to council for first and second reading in Q1-Q2 of 2027

Next Steps

- If supported by City Council, staff will continue to develop the hauler licensing ordinance and program for City Council's consideration
- Continue to move through the equal space ordinance timeline and work with Planning Commission
- Increase community outreach and education as it pertains to these changes