



**Agenda Item: Presentation**

**Title: Recycling Program**

**Recommended Council MOTION: N/A**

**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

Solid Waste Division Objective FY 2020 - Continue to find opportunities to reduce contamination in the recycling while increasing the overall amount being recycled.

**Background:**

The City of Laramie’s curbside single stream recycling program began in September 2011. Since that time, the City has sent nearly 21.5 million pounds of materials to the Franklin Street Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) near Denver, Colorado. The MRF is owned and operated by Waste Management of Denver.

The City collects materials from each residential and business user every other week. The Solid Waste Division tips approximately 230,000 recycling carts per year. The material is taken to the landfill Baler Building where it is offloaded, baled and loaded into a trailer for transport. Waste Management dispatches a truck to bring an empty trailer and picks up the full one. The full trailer is then transported to the Franklin Street MRF where the material is offloaded, sorted, baled, loaded and sent to market via truck and train. In addition to the recycling collected, city residents, Albany County residents, private haulers, businesses and the University of Wyoming drop off single stream recycling at the landfill Baler Building.

Other recycling programs operated by the City of Laramie include: composting, batteries, tires, scrap metal and electronic waste.

Other recycling opportunities in Laramie include glass through the Wyoming Conservation Corp; local grocery stores accept plastic grocery bags, bubble wrap and plastic film; two drop off centers for cooking oil operated by a private company; clothing, furniture and other household items can be dropped off at multiple reuse stores.

**Legal/Statutory Authority: N/A**

**Responsible Staff:**

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Attachments:  
Presentation