



# 2019 Impact Report



Collaboration



Education



Advocacy

## Our Mission and Vision

**Teton Valley Community Recycling promotes ethical waste reduction solutions that are financially and environmentally sound for our community. We envision a healthy community that reduces, reuses, recycles, and rethinks its way toward zero waste.**



## Board of Directors

Betsy Hawkins, Board Chair  
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Iris Saxer  
 Executive Director



### Iris Saxer, Executive Director

“2019 was another tough year for recycling, but that allowed us to focus on what matters even more—reducing consumption, reusing items multiple times, and rethinking waste. We were excited to be able to provide backyard compost bins for valley residents, provide incentives for local contractors to sort construction waste, and work with the county to implement out-of-county fees to reduce waste being imported to our valley. We’re also really enjoying collaborating with business, individuals, and organizations to reduce waste at the source.”



### Emily Selleck, TVCR Board Secretary

“As the years have passed, conventional recycling has become more and more challenging. The real focus is on TVCR’s broader mission of waste reduction in general. We all need to think more proactively about how we purchase things (or not) and how we can reuse containers and the like, keeping in mind the impact of waste now and in the future.”



### Darryl Johnson, Teton County Public Works Director

“TVCR has been instrumental in educating the community about recycling, and helping to increase diversion rates at the Transfer Station. They have also helped identify funding sources to help expand and improve our recycling programs. TVCR has proven to be a key contributor to our staff and our community through their expertise and vast knowledge of diversion and recycling.”



### Lauren Bennett & Teton Valley Foundation 2019 Recycler of the Year

“Reducing our waste by changing our habits helps eliminate an incredible amount of single-use waste from our community. In the West, I feel like we have an especially important responsibility to set the tone for examples of waste reduction. We can enact social change here that will hopefully encourage progress in other areas of our country as well.”

## By the Numbers - 2019

# 2,000 lbs

of food waste diverted through our home composter give away.

Denim collected to recycle into home insulation.

# 450 lbs

# 10 categories

TVCR is now collecting 10 different categories of “hard to recycle” TerraCycle waste.



# Thanks to you, Teton Valley Community Recycling was able to:

## Our 2019 Sponsors & Partners

### Gold



### Silver

Creative Energies  
General Laundry  
Peaked Sports

### Bronze

Fall River Electric  
Farmers Insurance



## Incentivize Sorting Construction & Demolition Waste to Keep It Out of the Landfill

Through a source reduction grant awarded by the Idaho DEQ, TVCR was able to inject \$25,000 into the local economy to educate and provide financial incentives for contractors to sort construction waste for reuse and recycling. As a bonus, \$9,000 of those funds were donated to the local schools!

## Continue to Expand Our TerraCycle and Specialty Recycling Programs

TVCR continues to collaborate with the County Transfer Station/Recycling Center and RAD Curbside through regular communication and assistance purchasing signs and educational materials. We also offer our own specialty recycling collections for items that Teton County can't accommodate by offering convenient in-town drop-off locations for items like batteries, string lights, used denim, printer ink jet cartridges, and a variety of "hard to recycle" items collected through our TerraCycle program. Please stop by our Recycling Education Center at the Teton Geo Center or at General Laundry in Victor for more information or to drop off specialty recycling.

## Get People Started on Backyard Composting

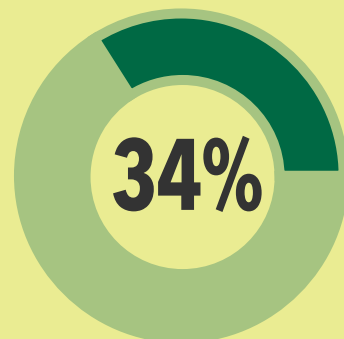
TVCR was able to provide fifty local families with a free backyard compost bin in 2019 and offer them basic instruction and advice on composting food scraps and yard waste. This resulted in more than one ton of food waste being diverted from the landfill and returned to soil in the first year alone—and once someone starts composting, they usually stick with it. Composting food waste is a very tangible action that anyone can easily do to reduce environmental impact.

## Support Local Efforts to Reduce Event Waste

From working with the Community Foundation of Teton Valley to make Tin Cup Challenge "greener" and supporting Teton Valley Foundation's cup rental program at Music on Main, to encouraging Fall River Electric to reduce waste at their annual meeting, TVCR works with local businesses, individuals, and agencies to seek opportunities and help with ideas to reduce waste at the source. We appreciate the efforts of all of our partners.

# With your support, we can continue to do even more to reduce waste in Teton County!

34% Waste Diversion in 2019. We've hit the national average! What can we do next year?





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