



# 2018 Impact Report



Collaboration



Education



Advocacy

## Our Mission and Vision

**Teton Valley Community Recycling develops 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

- Julie Mueller, Board Chair
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- Emily Selleck, Secretary
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Iris Saxer  
Executive Director



### Iris Saxer, executive director

“Although 2018 was a turbulent year for recycling markets, Teton County continues to be able to recycle the majority of material collected. TVCR works with the county to reduce contamination and increase diversion rates. We’ve also formed great community partnerships to reduce overall waste production at businesses and events. Our new mantra is ‘Collaboration, Education, and Advocacy.’ We continue to join forces with people all over Teton Valley to make this an even better place to call home! We hope you’ll join us!”

### Cindy Riegel, Chair, Teton County Board of County Commissioners

“TVCR has played a key role in helping Teton County divert and reduce waste through community engagement, education, and collaboration with county staff. They have helped improve our recycling systems and communicate the hows and whys of recycling in Teton County.”

### Julie Mueller, TVCR Board Chair

“I feel passionately that we all can do our part, no matter how little. For me, serving on the TVCR Board is a valuable use of my time and I get to work with some amazing people.”

### Tom Marcum, 2018 Recycler of the Year, Head Custodian Victor Elementary

“I’ve been recycling for more than 26 years, and now everyone in the school is on board, from the kitchen staff who separates food waste for farm animals to the second graders who rinse out the milk bottles so they can be recycled.”

## By the Numbers - 2018

# 7,000 lbs

The first-ever Household Hazardous Waste event collected 7,000 pounds of hazardous waste.

TVCR collected 380 pounds of batteries from convenient collection points.

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# 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:

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### Bronze

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## Build a Mobile Hydration Station

In an effort to decrease single-use disposable plastic water bottles usage, a generous donor built a portable water refill station that we provide free at community events such as Music on Main, the Tin Cup Challenge, and 4th of July Festivities. It can also be borrowed for sporting events or other community gatherings. In addition, TVCR provided more than 400 sanitized, reusable water bottles donated by See N' Save and sanitized with the help of Seniors West of the Tetons.



## Establish a Recycling Education Center

Located at the GeoTourism Center in Driggs, our recycling center is open 24 hours a day and serves to educate residents and visitors alike. The center features a "Recycling in Teton County" slideshow, free educational pamphlets, current events announcements, and a centralized location to drop off specialty recycling items including TerraCycle and seasonal collections (blue denim, holiday lights).



## Secure a \$25,000 DEQ grant to reduce Construction & Demolition Waste going to the landfill

With the knowledge that construction waste accounts for 20 percent of our county's solid waste and anticipating the building boom, TVCR prioritized on-site construction waste sorting, which not only saves contractors and taxpayers money in landfill fees, but drastically reduces our landfill liability. Scrap metal and wood can easily be reused or recycled. The program, that is working to educate and improve habits, includes educational videos, signs on job sites, subsidized services, and cash refunds for sorted waste.

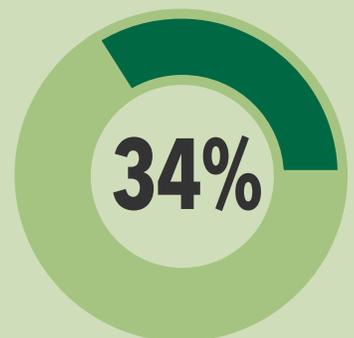


## Increase our TerraCycle Program

TVCR is now able to collect and ship the following "hard to recycle" items from our community to prevent it from ending up in the landfill: cereal bags, dental waste, contact lenses, foil bar wrappers, beauty/self-care products, deodorant, mouth-wash containers, and razors. In addition, we collect used batteries and printer ink cartridges to prevent them from ending up in the landfill. Look for TerraCycle at the GeoTourism Center (Driggs) or General Laundry (Victor).

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

**34% Waste Diversion in 2018.** We've hit the national average! What can we do next year?





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