



# 2020-2021 Impact Report

Your Waste Reduction Ambassadors



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

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Iris Saxer  
**Executive Director**  
Andrea Swedberg  
**Program Director**



### **Iris Saxer, Executive Director**

“We’re so delighted to finally be emerging from the pandemic and all of the associated single-use waste. We’re hopeful that people will once again embrace lower waste choices, like refilling, reusing, and rethinking, while retaining the great new habits they have picked up such as gardening, composting, and cooking meals at home. TVCR is excited to once again engage with families and businesses to reduce Teton Valley waste.”

### **Mike Whitfield, Teton County Commissioner**

“TVCR is an energetic and essential leader in the reduction of materials going into the landfill through creative approaches to recycling. TVCR is the perfect complement to our innovative trash hauler (RAD) and the County’s highly capable Transfer Station staff as we seek to increase waste diversion.”

### **Andrea Swedberg, TVCR Program Director**

“Education is the one thing I hear that people appreciate most during compost workshops. Community members involved with TVCR programs are always excited to learn more about Rethinking, Reducing, and Reusing.”

### **Sue Miller, TVCR Treasurer**

“I am happy to be a part of TVCR and its mission, as reducing waste has always been a personal focus of mine. TVCR engages our community and keeps it on track, from county government to individuals and families, by informing and improving our trash habits and steering us toward greater sustainability in our beautiful valley.”

## 2020 By the Numbers

# 1500 lbs.

Community members recycled 1500 lbs. of old denim through TVCR's Annual Denim Drive, upcycled into home insulation.

# 1055



Facebook followers

# 2200

Teton Valley Free Swap site members



# 14 categories

TVCR is now collecting 14 different kinds of “hard to recycle” waste with TerraCycle



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

## Our 2020 Sponsors & Partners

Our Sponsor levels are based on net value of recycled materials.

### Aluminum



### Steel



### Glass

Creative Energies  
General Laundry  
Peaked Sports  
Silver Star Communications

### Paper

Fall River Electric  
Farmer's Insurance  
Valley Lumber & Rental

### Plastic

MD Nursery



### Offer School Education programs

TVCR is finally back in the schools, both in person and on-line, teaching local youth the importance of reducing waste. We're working with all ages of kids, with our main focus being 4th and 5th graders. We plan to dive deeper with local kids going way beyond recycling. Recycling Center tours have been a big hit and we plan to also offer some to the greater community.



### Get 500 free compost bins in people's backyards

In an effort to reduce landfill-bound waste and keep valuable soil nutrients in our valley, TVCR is manufacturing and distributing 500 free backyard compost bins, along with education and continued support, to help people succeed. This initiative also aims to raise awareness and help community members reduce household food waste through simple techniques like menu planning, food storage, and creative uses for leftovers.



### Give old corks a new life through the Cork Club

In partnership with local liquor stores and restaurants, TVCR is collecting and upcycling corks into new cork products. So far, we've shipped 50 lbs. of corks.



### Salvage bikes and get them into the hands of local kids

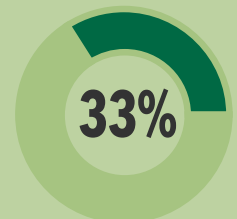
The Pierre's Pedal Project gathers broken bikes from the Transfer Station and local thrift stores, repairs and refurbishes them to full function for those needing an affordable bike. John Beller is our partner and founder of this fantastic up"ycling" program.



### Offer a new "Bags to Benches" program to turn plastic waste into something useful

TVCR has partnered with the Trex company and Smith's of Jackson, to collect stretchy plastic bags and plastic film (pallet wrap) to recycle domestically into composite decking. With the help of local schools, businesses, and individuals, we'll earn a community bench (made of recycled plastic) for each 500 lbs of plastic we recycle. Find out more at [tetonrecycling.org](http://tetonrecycling.org)

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



**33% County Waste Diversion rate in 2020.** We dropped 1% due to COVID-19. Let's get back on track reducing, recycling, and diverting waste!



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