



# Newsletter

## Winter 2026

### Holiday Schedule

If your pickup day falls on a weekday on or after any of the holidays listed below, your pickup will be delayed by one day during that week. Friday collections will take place on Saturday.

**The following holidays are observed by Western Disposal:**

**Memorial Day** — May 25, 2026

**Independence Day** — July 4, 2026

**Labor Day** — Sept. 7, 2026

**Thanksgiving Day** — Nov. 26, 2026

**Christmas Day** — Dec. 25, 2026

**New Year's Day** — Jan. 1, 2027

For holidays not listed above, your residential collection service will not be affected. For questions give us a call at 303-444-2037 or refer to your collection calendar.

**SPRING ROUNDUP**  
**Save BIG on Junk Removal!**  
**April 1-30, 2026**



**5 Items ONLY**  
**\$99**

**Call 303-444-2037**

### Right to Repair:

#### Colorado Just Made It Easier to Fix Your Stuff

Big news for anyone who's ever been frustrated by a broken phone or laptop: Colorado has passed its third Right to Repair law, making it one of the most repair-friendly states in the country.

What does this mean for you? Starting January 1, 2026, manufacturers will have to give you (and independent repair shops) access to the parts, tools, and manuals needed to fix a wide range of electronics—think smartphones, tablets, laptops, home appliances, and even e-bikes. No more being locked into expensive “authorized” repair options.



#### Why is this a big deal?

- **More choices:** You'll be able to decide where and how to repair your devices.
- **Lower costs:** Repairs should be more affordable because manufacturers can't overcharge for parts or block third-party fixes.
- **Less waste:** Instead of tossing broken gadgets, you can keep them running longer—good for your wallet and the planet.

#### What's included?

Pretty much anything with a microchip sold after July 2021, except for a few things like video game consoles, medical devices, and power tools. The law even bans “parts pairing,” a sneaky practice where companies use software to reject non-original parts or throw up scary warnings. That's a win for DIYers and local repair shops.

#### How did we get here?

Colorado started with wheelchairs in 2022, added farm equipment in 2023, and now this broad electronics law in 2024. Advocates say it could save Coloradans hundreds of millions of dollars every year and cut down on e-waste. Consumer groups are calling it a model for other states.

The law was signed in May 2024, but it officially takes effect in 2026. That gives manufacturers time to comply—and gives you time to start gearing up to become a DIYer. **Don't know where to start? Check out [boulderufixitclinic.org](https://boulderufixitclinic.org)** for resources and local fix-it events.

Sources: [Colorado.gov](https://colorado.gov), [CPR.org](https://cpr.org), [PIRG.org](https://pirg.org)

## Building a Circular Future: Colorado Circular Communities Leads the Way

Colorado is taking bold steps toward a more sustainable future—and Colorado Circular Communities (C3) is at the heart of that transformation. This statewide enterprise is shifting our economy from a “take-make-waste” model to a circular economy that keeps materials in use, reduces waste, and regenerates natural systems.

Created through HB24-1449 and administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, C3 brings previous recycling and waste-diversion programs under one umbrella. Funded by landfill user fees, it links the trash we generate to initiatives and tools that help reduce and better manage waste.

### What C3 Does

#### Supporting Communities and Businesses

C3 offers grants and technical assistance to local governments, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and tribal communities. Whether helping a town launch composting or supporting a startup turning waste into new products, C3 helps ideas take root.

Standout initiatives include NextCycle Colorado, a six-month accelerator for circular ventures, and the Circular Economy Development Center, which builds infrastructure and markets for recycled and composted materials.

#### Success Story: Blazin’ Joe

A standout example of C3’s impact is Blazin’ Joe, a women-owned business in Golden, Colorado. The company won the grand prize at the 2025 NextCycle Colorado pitch competition for its innovative approach to repurposing coffee waste. Blazin’ Joe transforms chaff from coffee roasters into eco-friendly fire logs and starters, offering a cleaner-burning, sustainable alternative to traditional firewood.

This creative solution not only diverts waste from landfills but also provides a practical, consumer-friendly product. Their success shows how circular thinking can create new business opportunities, environmental benefits, and community impact.

#### Tackling Rural Recycling Challenges

C3 also focuses on rural and underserved communities, where recycling and composting are harder due to distance and limited access. The Circular Transportation Network (CTN) helps by offering free pickup of recyclable materials that might otherwise be landfilled.

#### Resources and Collaboration

Beyond funding, C3 shares sample policies, contracts, and data through its Resource Library, helping communities replicate successful programs. Regular RFIs bring in expert consultants to support its expanding efforts.



#### Why Circularity Matters

A circular economy isn’t just recycling—it rethinks how we design, use, and reuse materials. It promotes durable, repairable products and systems that regenerate rather than deplete. By embracing circularity, Colorado builds a more resilient economy, reduces environmental impact, and creates new opportunities for innovation and job growth.

Sources: [coloradocircularcommunities.org](https://coloradocircularcommunities.org),  
[cdphe.colorado.gov](https://cdphe.colorado.gov)

## Materials Management Drop-off Center

2051 63rd Street

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 7 am – 5 pm

Phone: 303-444-5794

#### Saturday Winter Hours:

November 29 - March 28: 7 am – 2 pm

## Win One Month Free Trash Service

#### Congratulations!

If your name is listed below, you are the **lucky winner** of one **FREE month of trash service!**

Call our Customer Service Department at 303-444-2037 to receive credit on your account.

- Richard Capp
- Charles Sarkis
- Nedra & Ron Newson



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## Snow Removal

During the winter, snow and ice can make it difficult for our drivers to access and empty carts and containers. Please remove any snow that may block access, especially drifts or piles.



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