

# CMC Waste Diversion Guidelines

## Overview



## Current State

As of 2015, CMC does not track any metrics related to waste and waste contracts do not have any sustainability requirements for vendors.

## Standardize Waste Policy

CMC will identify an appropriate and achievable waste diversion goal, currently as recommended in the Sustainability Action Plan to be the following:

### *Waste Diversion Goal*

Significantly reduce waste streams through a combination of policies including: purchasing guidelines, waste trainings, community partnerships, etc.. The ultimate goal is for CMC to be a zero waste campus by 2050 through implementation of “cradle to cradle” processes and practices. The following goals and targets apply:

- Measure waste and diversion efforts, which is currently not occurring
- Diversion rate of at least 40% by 2030
- Eliminate all yard waste, food waste, and recyclables from the landfill by 2040
- Zero Waste by 2050

However, due to the lack of waste data it is very difficult to set the goal at this time. Once the data collection systems have been implemented, CMC should revisit this area.

## Waste Collection Infrastructure & Signage

In order to maximize correct waste disposal and minimize stakeholder unfamiliarity, CMC will create a standardized infrastructure that dictates the color, location, and sequence of waste receptacles across all campuses. This means that a Steamboat Springs student will be able to correctly deposit their waste on the Leadville or Rifle campuses with minimum effort. Additionally, the infrastructure needs clear and simple signage to show what waste gets deposited where.

## Ownership

Waste is a community problem. While individuals can be responsible for the creation of waste, the effects impact the entire community. Therefore, ownership is needed to help alleviate local issues and foster sustainable waste practices.

## Waste Leader Workshops

Waste Policy Overview

Goals

Infrastructure and signage

Identify potential barriers and concerns

Waste sorting exercise

Very important to treat this as a learning experience but definitely NO SHAMING!

How to train department

## Waste Audits

Student, staff, and faculty waste leaders will go through CMC waste at targeted campuses and sort waste materials by group (recycle, landfill, compostable, etc.). The data from these audits will provide CMC with real time data about how that specific location is performing. If two locations are having various degrees of success, the waste audits will help provide evidence about what programs or practices are the most effective.

Additional Information

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Venues/Planning/Default.htm>