# **ZERO WASTE LONGMONT**

On September 27, 2022 Longmont City Council passed an updated Zero Waste Resolution, setting new targets and guiding future decision-makers on reducing waste in the Longmont community.



Resolution: Sets Priorities

## Where We Are Today - Diversion of Trash from the Landfill

2021: 34% — 2050 Goal: 95%

2030 Goal: 75%

### **Waste Diversion Rate by Sector**







Residential 42%

Commercial 36%

Construction and Demolition

6%

#### **How Do We Get There?**

- Adopt a Universal Recycling Ordinance that requires recycling in all residential and commercial buildings.
- Ordinance: Sets Laws
- Install recycle and compost bins in key locations such as parks and downtown.
- Increase opportunities for hard to recycle items (e.g. computers, mattresses).
- Expand multicultural education and awareness.





# How Waste Impacts Our Community



Litter can release toxic substances and harm our soil, water, ecosystems and communities



The presence and cleanup of litter can have financial impacts on our community



Landfills generate methane emissions, which are 28 to 36 times more impactful than carbon-dioxide



The entire lifecycle of a product, from its creation to how it is disposed, generates greenhouse gas emissions and other waste

#### **Watch Your Waste**

- Right-size your trash bin
- · Sign up for curbside composting
- Don't know what to do with electronics or plastic bags? Use the Waste Wizard app
- Join the Sustainable Business Program to gain access to resources and incentives on reducing waste
- Reduce your dumpster costs by recycling or donating cardboard, metal, cabinets, doors, etc.

