

# Draper City Recycled Materials Report January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

## **Curbside Recycling**

During the 6 month period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 our recycling trucks have picked up **821.26 tons** of recyclables from your curbside blue lid recycling containers. We call this mixed load collection because it contains plastic bottles, metal cans, corrugated cardboard, and paper. Each day we deliver these mixed loads to Rocky Mountain Recycling Services in Salt Lake City. Rocky Mountain Recycling is a material recovery facility (MRF). They use a state-of-the-art sort line, as well as trained staff to ensure that as much recyclable material as possible is reclaimed. The sorted cardboard, paper, plastic, and metal is then baled and sent to various production mills across the country to be made into new products.

#### **Mixed Load Contamination**

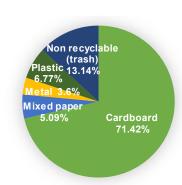
Rocky Mountain Recycling runs a test sort each month where our driver empties the load in an open area and then a recycling staff member sorts through the truck load and determines how much is recyclable and how much is contamination, meaning materials that cannot be recycled. Our average during this 6 month period is **13.14% contamination**, which means 13.14% of what we pickup in curbside containers is not recyclable. This is where we need your help.

### What can I put in my recycle can?

Cardboard (please flatten boxes), paper, newspaper, cereal boxes, toilet roll and paper towel tubes, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic containers with necks/lids. The recycle can is for loose materials only—don't put recyclable items in bags.

# Keep these things out of your blue-lid recycle can!

Plastic bags of any kind, fast food containers, greasy or soiled wrappers and packaging, wax coated cardboard, Styrofoam, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, yard waste, and glass.



#### **Corrugated Cardboard**

In addition to the mixed loads from your curbside cans, we also have two single stream drop off containers. One for corrugated cardboard at the Public Works facility (72 E Sivogah Ct), and the other for glass at City Hall (1020 E Pioneer Rd). During this 6 month period, Draper residents have recycled **17.63 tons of corrugated cardboard**. Keep in mind that cardboard doesn't weigh very much. A 30 yard dumpster where the cardboard has been compacted weighs an average of 1.97 tons. Corrugated cardboard is also delivered to Rocky Mountain Recycling for processing.



#### **Glass**