



# Stormwater Management Program News

## Fourth Quarter 2020

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Save the Date:

The City of Cañon City, City of Pueblo, Pueblo County, Pueblo West and CSU-Pueblo are pleased to once again host a stormwater seminar. The date for the seminar is tentatively set for March 24, 2021 at CSU-Pueblo. The seminar is designed to educate contractors, developers, engineers, municipal employees and anyone interested in stormwater in general. Those interested in attending the seminar may contact Glenda DeBekker at 719-276-5265 or [grdebekker@canoncity.org](mailto:grdebekker@canoncity.org) for more information.

#### National Take a Hike Day

November 17<sup>th</sup> is National Take a Hike Day. As you enjoy our wonderful trails around the area, please remember to Leave No Trace! Pack out what you take in; don't litter and pick up after your pets. Remember that we are in extreme fire conditions, so no campfires or open fires are allowed. Also make sure that you don't throw cigarettes on the ground. These actions help keep our trails and environment clean for all to enjoy and help protect our water quality.



### City of Cañon City

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#### Recycling:

Recycling items such as metal cans, cardboard, paper and plastic is a great way to keep these items out of our landfills or to keep them from ending up as litter. Keep America Beautiful estimates that each American generates about 4.4 pounds of trash every day and the Ocean Conservancy estimates that 6 out of 10 items found in our waterways and oceans are fully recyclable. And according to the EPA, recycling benefits communities, the environment, and the American economy, accounting for nearly 757,000 jobs and \$36.6 billion in wages. November 15<sup>th</sup> is America Recycles Day. With that in mind we would like to provide some information on recycling in Cañon City.

For many years the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) has partnered with Fremont and Custer Counties as well as the Cities of Cañon City and Florence to provide a recycling program with bins located in many areas. Due to many factors beyond their control, UAACOG made the difficult decision to end the program as of October 7, 2020. The bins located around Cañon City have been removed.

Cañon City's two local trash companies do provide recycling services for a fee. Listed below are the options that both offer.

Howard Disposal 645 McDaniel Blvd, Cañon City (719) 275-6955:

Howard Disposal offers curbside pickup of recyclables every other week for a fee which is charged on a quarterly basis. They will pick up only what is in the tote, items cannot be placed around the tote for pickup. They also allow citizens to bring recyclables to their facility at the above address and drop them off for free. The items must be loose when deposited at the facility; do not leave them in a garbage bag as the bags are not recyclable. Howard Disposal sorts the recyclables at their facility for processing. Be aware that only the recyclables from either drop-off or curbside pickup are sorted – Howard's does not sort through household trash placed in garbage containers for recyclables. The following items are those which are acceptable for recycling:

- Aluminum, steel and tin cans
- **Empty** aerosol cans
- Cardboard – must be flattened
- Office paper, phone books, newspapers, junk mail and brown paper
- Paperboard such as cereal boxes and food packaging
- #1 and #2 plastics. The recyclable number **must** be on the item.

Twin Enviro Services (719) 372-6671

Twin Enviro also offers curbside pickup of recyclables every other week or once a month for a fee. They provide a 95 gallon tote for the recyclables to be placed in. Items do not need to be sorted before being placed in the tote, but plastic containers do need to be rinsed and lids removed. Recyclable materials can also be taken directly to their facility for a fee. Please call ahead to arrange for the drop-off. The following items are those which will be accepted for recycling:

- Aluminum cans and foil, steel and tin cans, pie tins
- Aerosol cans
- Newspaper (including inserts), mixed paper, phone books, magazines, bulk or junk mail, office paper and brown paper bags
- Corrugated cardboard
- Chip (paper) board such as cereal and tissue boxes, waxed milk cartons
- Plastics #1 - #7, yogurt containers, butter tubs, detergent and vitamin bottles and plastic milk jugs
- Glass jars

The following items **cannot** be placed in recycle totes:

- Plastic bags, plastic bottle caps or six pack ring holders
- Glass jar lids
- Styrofoam/egg cartons
- Shredded paper
- Electronics
- Yard waste
- Paint, oil or any type of liquid

**Placing any type of liquid, especially oil or paint, may lead to contamination of the recyclable materials causing all materials to go to the landfill rather than be recycled.**

Used oil may be taken to your local auto parts dealer for recycling. Twin Enviro may recycle paint, antifreeze and electronics if contacted first to arrange drop-off.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

In November 2018 City Council approved borrowing \$8 million through issuance of Certificates of Participation to fund stormwater capital improvement projects.

In January 2019, a Stormwater Project Prioritization Committee met several times to produce a list of priority projects to present to City Council. Following are the projects which were approved, along with the project status.

### Dawson Ranch Culverts:

The culvert replacements in Dawson Ranch and Wolf Park are completed, ahead of the anticipated schedule.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Street – US Highway 50 to Mystic Ave:

This project combines both stormwater and drinking water infrastructure upgrades with the 2A Street Reconstruction. Funds for the project come from the Stormwater Capital Improvement funds, Water Utility Funds and the 2A Street Tax Fund. Construction is essentially complete; only a few small items remain to be finished.

### Abbey Drainage and Rhodes Ave:

Design plans are approximately 90% complete. The projected start of the project is Winter 2020/2021.

### WPA Drainage – Water Street to Kountz Ave:

Design plans are approximately 90% complete. The projected start of the project is Winter 2020/2021.

### Additional Projects:

Meadows Avenue from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street will be completed by the end of October through the Project 2A funds.

## City Leaf Pickup

Fall has arrived, and that means the leaves will soon start falling from the trees. Remember, leaves need to be bagged for pickup rather than just raked into the City streets. The Cañon City Streets Department will be picking up leaves in late fall; exact dates will be announced on the City website, social media and through radio public service announcements. Bagged leaves need to be placed on the property near the curb during the pickup time frame, not in the street. If you aren't going to participate in the pick-up program, leaves should be bagged and placed in or near your garbage dumpster for pickup by the garbage company. It is against City Stormwater Regulations to place loose leaves, yard waste or other items in the curb and gutter. Those who do so may face enforcement actions from the City Stormwater Program.



*"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe." – John Muir*

Please feel free to direct any concerns or questions to Glenda DeBekker, City of Cañon City Stormwater Program at either 276-5265 or [grdebekker@canoncity.org](mailto:grdebekker@canoncity.org).