

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

THIS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), made effective February 10th, 2026 (the "Effective Date"), by and between THE CITY OF CORTEZ, COLORADO, a Colorado home-rule municipality, hereinafter referred to as the "City," with 123 Roger Smith Avenue, Cortez, Colorado 81321 as its mailing address, and THE TOWN OF DOLORES, COLORADO, a Colorado home-rule municipality, hereinafter referred to as the "Town," with PO Box 630, Dolores, CO 81323 as its mailing address. The City and the Town may be referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

- A. The Town has identified a service gap in its recycling and waste management services.
- B. The City operates an established waste and recycling program capable of addressing this gap.
- C. The City will invest in additional containers and resources to provide services to the Town as a satellite operation.
- D. The Parties desire to collaborate to provide efficient and cost-effective services to Dolores residents using reasonable collection methods, while prioritizing the City's existing operations.
- E. The Parties aim to promote community opportunities by encouraging consideration of qualified Town residents for employment in the satellite operation, fostering living wages and economic collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose

The purpose of this IGA is to establish cooperative waste collection, recycling, hauling, disposal, and related services between the Parties to improve efficiency, improve services to residents, reduce costs, and support environmental stewardship. The City will provide waste and recycling services to the Town as a satellite operation to address the service gap in the Town, while ensuring that the City's existing waste and recycling operations and regulatory framework take priority and promote economic opportunities for both communities.

2. Authority

This IGA is entered into pursuant to **C.R.S. § 29-1-203**, which authorizes public agencies to contract with one another to perform governmental functions and deliver public services.

3. Scope of Services

The services provided under this IGA shall be operated as a satellite operation, separate from the

City's primary waste and recycling operations. As such, the City's normal regulations, including code enforcement related to waste and recycling, shall not apply to services provided in the Town. This satellite operation is robust but does not include all aspects of services available to the City's residents. The City shall provide the following services to the Town under this IGA:

- a. Curbside trash collection.
- b. Free curbside recycling for all trash collection customers.
- c. Backhaul and back charge service for hard-to-dispose items, including mattresses, upholstered furniture, and e-waste.
- d. Access to cleanup and construction dumpsters (at additional cost), subject to availability.

A detailed description of services, schedules, routes, container types, and service levels is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

4. Collection Methods

The City shall employ reasonable collection methods to ensure efficient, safe, and environmentally responsible delivery of services. Such methods shall include, but not be limited to, the use of appropriate vehicles, containers, and scheduling to minimize disruption to the Town's residents and comply with applicable regulations, maintaining the high recycling and clean collection standards that have made the City's program a success in Montezuma County. The City cannot require town residents to stage carts for collection in any manner that violates town code of ordinances.

5. Employment Opportunities

In support of economic collaboration and to promote living wages and opportunities within Montezuma County, the City will, when possible, give reasonable priority consideration to qualified candidates residing in the Town for employment opportunities related to the satellite operation established under this IGA. This commitment reflects the Parties' shared goal of raising awareness and fostering economic opportunities for their communities.

6. Service Rates

- a. The City will set rates for the Town's residents based on the Dolores town boundary.
- b. Rates for all services provided under this IGA will initially be set at \$2.00 above the current City rates for comparable services.
- c. As of the effective date of this IGA, the base rate for the residential service package in the Town shall be \$31.75 per month, based on the 2026 City rate of \$29.75 per month.
- d. Rates for Dolores residents shall be reevaluated and adopted by the Cortez City Council at the beginning of each calendar year as part of the City's rate schedule review. Any changes to the rates shall be communicated to the Town at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation.

7. Priority of the City's Operations

Parties acknowledge that the City's primary waste and recycling operations and regulatory framework for the City's residents shall take priority over the satellite operation in the Town. The City shall ensure that the provision of services to the Town does not adversely impact the quality, reliability, or regulatory compliance of its existing operations in the City.

8. Term

This IGA shall commence on March 1st, 2026 and continue for a minimum term of five (5) years to allow the City to offset its initial investment in containers and resources necessary to provide services to the Town. After the initial five-year term, this IGA shall automatically renew annually for an additional three (3) one-year terms unless otherwise amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

9. Governmental Immunity

Nothing in this IGA shall be construed to waive, limit, or otherwise modify any governmental immunity that may be available by law to either Party, its officials, officers, employees, and agents, or any other person acting on behalf of either Party and, in particular, governmental immunity afforded or available pursuant to the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, Title 24, Article 10, Part 1, of the Colorado Revised Statutes. This Section shall survive termination of this IGA.

10. Termination

The City shall have the right to terminate this IGA For cause at any time by giving the Town ninety (90) days' prior written notice of termination. Upon termination, the City shall be entitled to collect final payments from customers for services that were provided prior to termination, pursuant to the City's agreement with customers prior to such termination, and both Parties shall thereafter be relieved of any and all duties and obligations under this IGA.

11. Administration

- a. The City shall be responsible for the administration, billing, and operation of the services provided under this IGA.
- b. The Town shall assist in communicating service details, schedules, and rate changes to its residents as needed.

12. Governing Law

This IGA shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.

13. Amendments

This Agreement may only be amended in writing, signed by both Parties.

14. Dispute Resolution

The Parties will first attempt to resolve disputes through informal discussions. If unresolved, disputes may be submitted to mediation before either Party pursues legal remedies. Any court action to interpret or resolve a dispute concerning this IGA shall occur in the State Courts of Montezuma County, Colorado.

15. Non-Appropriation

Financial obligations are subject to annual appropriation by each Party's governing body. Failure to appropriate funds constitutes grounds for termination of this Agreement.

16. Entire Agreement

This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations or agreements, whether oral or written.

THE PARTIES AGREE TO THIS IGA EFFECTIVE AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE STATED ABOVE.

THE CITY OF CORTEZ, COLORADO

ATTEST:



Rachel B. Medina, Mayor



Danielle Wells, City Clerk

THE TOWN OF DOLORES, COLORADO

ATTEST:



Chris Holkestad, Mayor



Kelley Unrien, Town Clerk



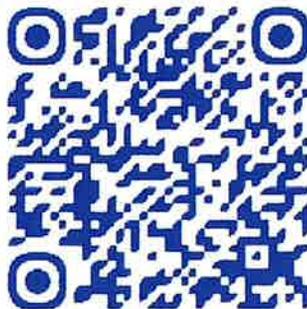
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EXHIBIT A

INFORMATION PACKET FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

1. Polycart Placement Etiquette
2. Residential Recycling
3. Guidelines for Bear-Deterrent Carts
4. Take Care when Disposing of Hot Ashes
5. What to do with my Extra Trash
6. Guidelines for Cleanup Dumpsters

For year-round guidance try our disposal tool at this QR code:





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POLYCART PLACEMENT ETIQUETTE

Do Your Research Beforehand: Curbside pickup has evolved, so take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the policies and schedules for your garbage and recycling.

Only Use Approved Containers: Ensure that you use approved containers for your garbage and recycling.

Use Trash Bags: To prevent spills and other problems for the professionals collecting your garbage, place all of your trash in bags. This practice will also help keep your bins clean and minimize odor buildup and windblown debris.

Put Your Bins Out on Time: It's crucial to put your recycling and garbage bins out on the curb before collection day. Aim to have them out the night before to avoid any last-minute scrambling. This preparation ensures that your items are picked up on time and allows you to manage space in your bins throughout the week.

Don't Overfill Your Bins: Make sure your bins are fully closed. Keeping them closed prevents issues during pickup and prevents animals from getting inside your bin and creating a mess.

Don't Block Sidewalks: When placing your recycling and garbage bins on the curb, ensure they do not block the sidewalk, mailbox, or driveway. Blocking these areas can create problems for pedestrians and other service providers.

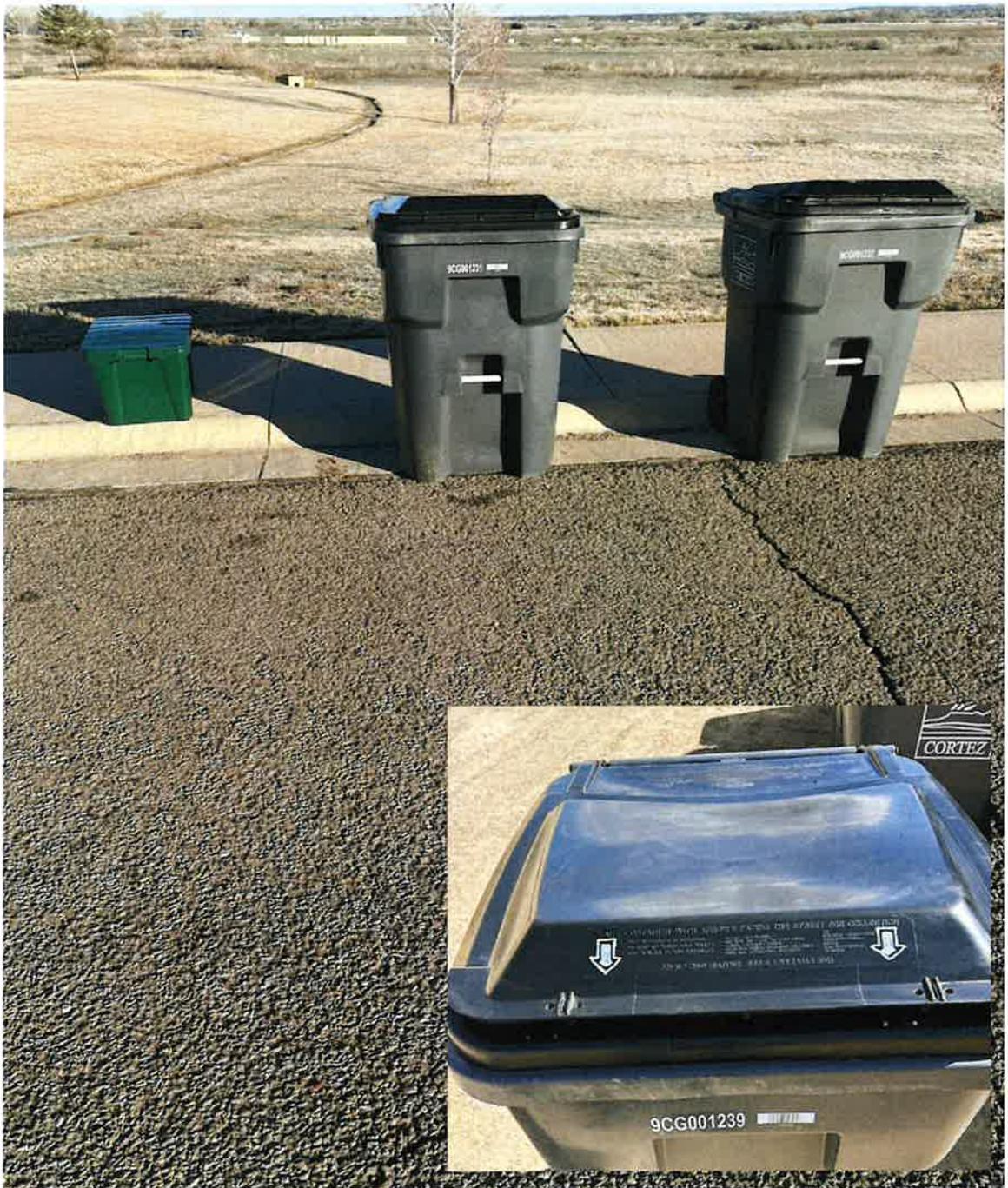
Be Courteous: After your curbside pickup service is complete, promptly put your garbage and recycling bins away. This action helps keep your street and neighborhood clean and well-maintained.

Curbside pickup services are convenient for both homeowners and apartment renters. By following these tips, you can help the professionals collecting your garbage and recycling do their job quickly, efficiently, and without any issues.

For year-round guidance try our disposal tool at this QR code:



1. Leave Three Feet (3') of space between carts and obstacles.
2. The cart opening should face the road with the lid closed.





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Residential Recycling

On their regular residential route, our Recycling Crew will pick up source-separated recyclables: **CLEAN** Aluminum cans; Type #1 and Type #2 Plastics; Tin/Steel cans; Cardboard; and small quantities of mixed Paper.

Please Separate

All Items must be clean and sorted into bags or containers so that our crew does not have to hand-sort them. Mixed containers, or materials that are not properly sorted, will be left on-site until either disposed of, or properly sorted by resident.

Type #1 and Type #2 Plastics: Check for the triangle symbol on the bottom of most plastic containers for either a #1 or #2 inside the triangle. All other numbers are currently not accepted and considered contamination by our mills. Lids are not accepted.

Tin/ Steel/ Ferrous: Clean Tin/Steel cans and small ferrous items such as pots, pans, brake rotors, etc. A good way to tell is that if a magnet sticks to it, it is a ferrous metal and should be put in with tin cans.

Aluminum: Clean aluminum cans, pans, and foil.

Cardboard Mix: Corrugated cardboard, brown paper, and paper board (i.e. cereal boxes, cracker boxes, beverage boxes, etc.).

Office Paper Mix: Magazines, junk mail, post-its, office paper, shredded paper, and plain paper.

Sorry, No Newspaper, No Books, and No Phonebooks at this time.

Recycling is included with Trash Service, so call and sign up today!

(Restrictions may apply)

Call Cortez City Hall to Set Up Service: 970.564.4012

Holiday Pick-Ups: Residential recycling does not run on Holidays. Holiday pick-up schedules will be listed on the City of Cortez website and on the City's social media pages.

What happens to all this stuff? The City contracts with the [Montezuma County Landfill](#) to bale the paper, cardboard, and plastic. The Landfill then sells the material to recycling brokerage companies who, in turn, sell the raw material on the open market. The aluminum, tin, and steel cans are taken to local scrap yards for processing.



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Guidelines for Bear-Deterrent Carts

Bear-deterrent carts are available for a one-time setup fee. Carts must adhere to the same guidelines as regular polycarts for daily operations. They are designed to secure household waste for day-to-day storage.

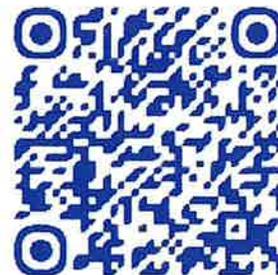


Availability is limited.
Carts and lock styles may change without notice.

For questions or additional information, call the Service Center at 970.565.7320.

To schedule a cleanup dumpster or extra services, call 970.564.4012.

Follow this QR Code for different disposal
and recycling options around Cortez.



TAKE CARE WHEN DISPOSING OF HOT ASHES!

Do NOT put hot ashes in your polycart for disposal. They will melt the polycart and could cause a fire in the trash truck. Polycart replacement costs will be added to your bill.

DISCARDING THE ASH AND WOOD FOR TRASH COLLECTION:

1. **Allow the wood and ashes to cool completely in the fireplace.** Let your embers cool down completely with the fire screen closed. Even if it appears the ashes and wood aren't hot, they may remain warm and capable of starting a fire for some time. Allow several hours for the embers to cool. They will not radiate any heat when they are completely cold.
2. **Let fires cool completely.** Wearing safety gloves, use a metal shovel to transfer the ashes into a **metal** bucket. Move the bucket close to the site of the fire so you are not transferring ashes over your wood floor. Never use buckets or shovels made of any combustible materials, such as wood.
3. **Wet the wood and ashes with water.** Use a water bottle or watering can to wet down your ashes and any wood pieces in the bucket. Use enough water to saturate the materials in the bucket, so they are thoroughly wet.
4. **Transfer the metal container outside until garbage day.** Place your metal bucket of fire waste outside your home. Choose a location away from any combustible materials, such as oil or paper. While it might be tempting, do not discard any additional trash or flammable materials in the bucket.
5. **Leave your ashes in a small 1 or 2 gallon METAL bucket** for pickup on your collection day; this will give our crew the opportunity to check the ashes before they are dumped.



The damage above resulted when hot ashes were placed in a City of Cortez polycart. Cost of a new polycart will be added to your bill.



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WHAT TO DO WITH MY EXTRA TRASH



SECOND POLY CART:

We understand that sometimes a single trash container isn't enough to contain all your trash. **Polycarts are not to be loaded so full that the lid will not close.** If you are continually overloading your polycart, or have additional bags each week, please order a second polycart or request to have a clean-up dumpster delivered to your residence (available to all Refuse Customers). Our new policy allows you to request a **second polycart at a 50% discount from the original rate.** We hope this will make managing your waste a breeze!

To request a second polycart, call Utility Billing at Cortez City Hall at 970.564.4012.

CLEAN-UP DUMPSTERS:

Trash pickup is available for a 2-yard or 3-yard dumpster (available to all Refuse Customers). No heavy materials such as concrete, rocks, dirt, chemicals, tires, large wood products, metal, or steel are allowed. **Dumpsters are not to be loaded higher than the rim of the dumpster.**



Is your pile size too big? Contact Utility Billing at Cortez City Hall at 970.564.4012 to order a clean-up dumpster or check for availability (limitations may apply).

SPECIALTY ITEMS:

Bulk items like mattresses and upholstered furniture, and even E-waste, can be hauled via dispatched request. **Back-billing will apply.**

Electronics, tires, and certain other items will not be picked up. Check the City's website at www.cortezco.gov for updated guidance, restrictions, schedules, and additional information.

For Guidance:





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Guidelines for Cleanup Dumpsters

City cleanup dumpsters can be used for various waste disposal activities, and they can be emptied more than once a week. This makes them a great option for small projects or property cleanup. If a dumpster needs to be emptied more than once a week, there is a minimum one-month billing requirement. Additionally, short-term weekend drop-offs on Friday with removal on Monday are available at the current mid-rate charge.

Dumpsters for both residential and commercial use are available for light property cleanup and light-duty construction materials. Items such as couches, chairs, and cabinets can be put in the dumpster if they fit inside, but applicable fees may apply. It's important not to overload the dumpsters or put in any unacceptable waste materials. **Overloaded dumpsters or unacceptable waste will be left for the owner to dispose of at the landfill, or back-charged to the resident.**

Unacceptable Waste:

- Tires
- Chemicals
- E-waste
- Batteries
- Concrete
- Large Rocks
- Appliances (**call for guidance**)
- Large amounts of Ruble
- Large amounts of Dirt
- Logs or dense materials
- Large quantities of asphalt shingles (**call for guidance**)

Light-duty Construction Debris: Use common sense, don't fill the dumpster higher than the brim. Do not overload dumpsters with heavy dense materials.

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Year-round Disposal Tool:

