



# February 2025 Community Newsletter

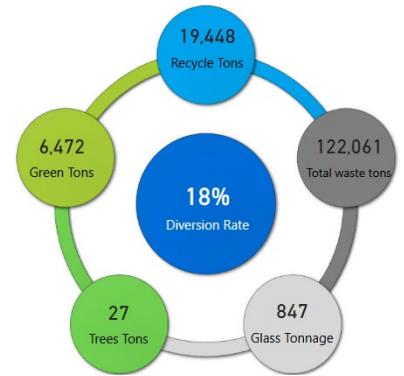
## Diversion Rate

With your help we achieved our District-wide 2024 Diversion Rate Goal of **18%**!

The District's diversion rate is the percentage of residential municipal waste diverted from the landfill through reuse, reduction, recycling, and composting programs.

The Trans-Jordan Landfill is predicted to reach capacity in 8 years, while the Salt Lake Valley Landfill is set to reach capacity in about 40 years. After these landfills fill up, trash will need to be transported out of the valley, increasing vehicles on the road, emissions and transportation costs. Diverting from the landfill supports the longevity of the landfills and reduces our carbon footprint. WFWRD offers multiple diversion opportunities including recycling, glass recycling, and subscription weekly curbside green waste collection.

Check our website and follow us on social media to find out how you can help divert waste from the landfill: [www.wfwrduh.gov](http://www.wfwrduh.gov).



## Strengthening Sustainability, One Leg at a Time

The "Three-Legged Stool" model represents the three key areas essential for community sustainability. Like a stool, if one leg is missing, stability is lost.

At Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District, we are committed to community sustainability. Each year we monitor, track, and improve in each area of the model to ensure a sustainable future.

In the coming months we will share updates on our initiatives and progress in each leg of the stool. Stay tuned to see how we are strengthening our community—  
together.



## Keep Recycling Clean: How We Measure Contamination

Each month we collaborate with our recycling partner to process your single-stream recycling.

Through "Sample Sorts," we assess contamination rates by sorting a portion of the load into two categories:

- Accepted Recyclables: cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs
- Non-Accepted Items and Garbage: items that cannot be recycled

We weigh each material and calculate the contamination rate. Recyclables are processed into new products and while contaminants are sent to the landfill.

Reducing contamination lowers disposal fees and minimizes environmental impact by reducing transportation trips. Please review the list of accepted items to avoid contamination and ensure more materials are recycled. Let's work together to keep contamination low!

ONLY RECYCLE			
Paper	Cardboard	Plastic Bottles & Jugs	Metal Cans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Junk Mail</li> <li>✓ Printer Paper</li> <li>✓ Envelopes</li> <li>✓ Brochures</li> <li>✓ Paper Bags</li> </ul> <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Paper towels</li> <li>✗ Tissue paper</li> <li>✗ Paper cups</li> <li>✗ Paper plates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Food Boxes</li> <li>✓ Soda Cartons</li> <li>✓ Cereal Boxes</li> <li>✓ Cardboard Boxes</li> </ul> <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Aseptic cartons</li> <li>✗ Soup cartons</li> <li>✗ Paper milk cartons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Drink Bottles</li> <li>✓ Lotion Bottles</li> <li>✓ Food Bottles</li> <li>✓ Yogurt Tubs</li> <li>✓ Detergent Jugs</li> <li>✓ Milk Jugs</li> </ul> <p>If <b>NOT</b> a bottle, jug or tub, it does <b>NOT</b> belong in recycle bin.</p>	<p><b>Only Cans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Aluminum Cans</li> <li>✓ Fruit Cans</li> <li>✓ Vegetable Cans</li> <li>✓ Juice Cans</li> <li>✓ Soup Cans</li> <li>✓ Sauce Cans</li> </ul> <p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Scrap metal</li> <li>✗ Full Cans</li> </ul>

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