



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Sandy City 2020 Transition to Every-Other-Week (EOW) Recycling

### **RECYCLING SERVICE IS CHANGING IN SANDY CITY**

Beginning August 1, 2020, Sandy City residential recycling will be collected every other week (EOW), instead of weekly. The City and WM see this change as the best way to meet the community's needs for service affordability, reliability, and excellence.

### **WHO IS AFFECTED?**

This change applies to Sandy City residents with Waste Management services only.

### **WHY IS RECYCLING CHANGING TO EOW COLLECTION?**

In 2019, WM conducted an audit to see how widely the recycling program in Sandy City was being utilized. While participation is strong in the city (90% participation), the study concluded that weekly recycling is unnecessary to support the current efforts.

The study found that approximately half of households set out recycling carts every-other-week or less frequently. Half of containers are less than 50% full when they are set out for service. Around 40% of containers that are full have cardboard boxes that are not broken down, taking up lots of empty space.

### **WILL MY BILL CHANGE?**

No. The price of your recycling service will not be changing. With a change in frequency of recycling services, we can offset increased costs to recycle and maintain the current rate.

### **IS THIS THE FIRST STEP IN ELIMINATING RECYCLING?**

No, Sandy City and Waste Management are firmly committed to recycling. This change allows us to keep the program sustainable at the current rate. Waste Management recently invested \$17 million to build a new Material Recovery Facility in Salt Lake City to process recyclable materials from our fast-growing region. The company is invested in recycling for the long-term.

### **LOOK UP YOUR NEW COLLECTION DATE HERE:**

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### **RECYCLING TIPS TO HELP MAKE MORE ROOM IN YOUR CART**

- Recycle the basics. Aluminum cans; plastic bottles, tubs & jugs (the shape is the most important), paper, and cardboard.
- Flatten/break down all boxes to make more space in your cart.
- No food, liquids, or plastic bags in recycling.
- Do not bag your recyclables; empty them loose into your cart. Recyclables in bags will most likely go to the landfill, thwarting your hard work.

### **HAVE MORE QUESTION?**

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