Solid Waste Enterprise Fund: Wildlife Resistant Containers

PROGRAM PLAN 2018 -2019
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
Durango Wildlife Resistant Container Study

Dr. Heather Johnson of Colorado Parks & Wildlife Partnered with the City of Durango Trash and Recycling Department in 2013 to study the effectiveness of wildlife resistant containers on bear/human conflict

- 1,200 wildlife resistant containers were distributed in two areas in the City of Durango
- Two control areas without wildlife resistant containers adjacent to areas with wildlife Life resistant containers
Results of the Bear Study
2018 Phase I Treatment area

- Area South of College and east of 2\textsuperscript{nd} Ave.
- 600 Residential customers
- $165,000 investment in automated wildlife containers
2019 Phase II Treatment area
- Area West of North Main and North of 17th St
- 500 Residential customers
- $137,000 investment in automated wildlife containers

2019 Commercial Containers
- Area East of Narrow Gauge to 2nd Ave and North of 4th St.
- 150 Auto Locks on commercial front load cans
- $23,000 investment in commercial container upgrades
Residential Distribution Areas Effected by Changes to the Ordinance
Proposed Changes to the Ordinance

- First offence requires a wildlife resistant container and $100 delivery fee rather than a fine
- Residents in zone I & II are required to have wildlife resistant containers
- 2018 and 2019 Plans
- Financial Impacts
Where are we now and where are we headed?

2017 – Phase IA
- There are currently 4976 residential accounts
- There are 2400 residential wildlife resistant cans currently in service

2018 – Phase I
- There will be 3000 residential wildlife resistant cans in service
- 60% of all residential containers

2019 - Phase II
- There will be 3500 residential wildlife resistant cans in service
- 70% of all residential containers

On-going Service Upgrades
- All new accounts are being issued Wildlife resistant containers

~48% of residential customers have a wildlife resistant container