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ASPEN SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



This annual report shares key highlights and successes of what the City of Aspen accomplished in climate and sustainability in the past year. *For more information on these wins, please visit aspen.gov/climate.*

ENERGY & BUILDINGS



The City of Aspen's electric system uses **100% renewable energy** and has maintained its 100% renewable electricity profile for 8 years.



Coordinated a targeted irrigation audit and **rebate program** for Aspen water customers. 25 properties received free irrigation assessments in 2023.

Benchmarked 19% of all the square footage of buildings in the city, including city-owned buildings and large commercial buildings, for the second year of our **Building IQ program**.

Completed audits of **8 local buildings**.



Adopted the 2021 International Energy Conservation code with amendments to support energy efficiency and electrification.



Aspen Utilities began offering a **new rate structure for all-electric single-family residences**. Residences that qualify will be eligible for the all-electric rate that incentivizes a property's choice to transition to an all-electric home.

TRANSPORTATION

Installed 3 electric vehicle (EV) chargers

in 2023. This includes a Level 3 fast charger located in the Rio Grande Garage, a Level 3 fast charger located on Monarch Street, and a Level 2 charger on North Spring Street.



Implemented a \$0.25/kWh EV charging **pricing policy** for Level 2 chargers in May.

The policy pays for electricity costs, ongoing maintenance costs, and future installations of EV chargers.

Established EV-ready, EV-capable, and EV-installed requirements in Aspen's building code that are above the state's requirements.



Supported community EV charging events alongside our partners, Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) and Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER).



Joined a regional EV cohort to build out templates and resources in support of EV charging in multifamily residences.



WASTE

A new Organics Diversion Ordinance passed by Council, made it **illegal** for restaurants to **throw away** their food as trash, all restaurants are now composting their organics.



Tripled the number of residents composting at the free organics drop-off shed at the Rio Grande Recycle Center.

Partnered with Aspen Skiing Co. to host a **ski drop off event**, where we collected over 600 pairs (4,000 pounds) of skis and snowboards.

Implemented a **plastic bag recycling program** at City Hall collecting over 400 pounds of plastic film for recycling.



Collected 11,000 pounds of electronics for recycling at the annual **e-waste recycling day**.



Updated the **Construction Mitigation Plan** to include waste diversion requirements for construction materials recyclable at Pitkin County Solid Waste Center.



Partnered with APCHA to start a **sustainable move-in program** and rehomed 3,000 pounds of household items from the trash, generated by seasonal move-outs.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Named an **"A-List" city** by the environmental impact nonprofit Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) for our environmental leadership and transparency. As an "A-List" city, Aspen is taking 4 times as many climate and mitigation and adaptation measures as non-A listers.
- Developed an internal **sustainable procurement program** to prioritize the purchasing of goods and services that embrace the City's sustainability goals and environmental stewardship. This includes purchasing goods that are supplied locally, made from recycled content, made in the USA, and include sustainability certifications.