

Why

GO BEYOND THE BIN?

There's more to recycling than what you can put in your curbside bin. Bring your hard-to-recycle items to the CHaRM!

All Boulder County residents and businesses have access to a first-of-its-kind facility that does not exist in most US communities. It's the Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials, affectionately called the CHaRM, where many items that you can't recycle in your curbside bin are accepted.



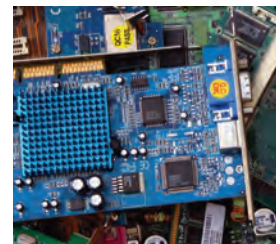
When utilizing the CHaRM, we:

1 GIVE NEW LIFE TO MATERIALS THAT TYPICALLY GET TRASHED

The common products and packaging accepted at the CHaRM are challenging to recycle for many reasons: they do not have enough inherent value to be recycled at a profit, contain multiple materials that cannot be separated and responsibly recycled at a profit, are toxic to handle and require special procedures, and/or have strict collection guidelines that don't mix with curbside recycling systems. That's why there is a fee associated with most of the products accepted—Eco-Cycle and the City of Boulder are actually paying to have these items processed.

2 RECYCLE ELECTRONICS TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

It is illegal to throw electronics in the trash in Colorado because of the hazardous toxins found in them. You can recycle your electronics at the CHaRM knowing they are recycled following the world's most rigorous environmental and social justice criteria.



3 CREATE JOBS FOR PEOPLE WITH disAbilities

Thanks to a partnership with Blue Star Recyclers, when you recycle your electronics at the CHaRM, you also create recycling jobs for people with disAbilities.



4 GIVE RECOVERING INDIVIDUALS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Through Eco-Cycle's partnership with Spring Back Colorado, every time you drop off your old mattress or box spring at the CHaRM, you support employment opportunities for Coloradans rebuilding their lives.



5 SUPPORT SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Bring your used children's books to the CHaRM, and help us redistribute approximately 50,000 books each year to 27 local and international organizations including shelters, clinics, and schools.

