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Third plant expansion for Alpine Waste & Recycling

New equipment processes materials faster, more effectively

DENVER (March 12, 2019) — To stay ahead of the growing emphasis on recycling in Colorado, [Alpine Waste & Recycling](#) recently completed a \$2.5 million expansion and upgrade of its Altogether Recycling plant.

The investment translates into a 33 percent increase in the plant's recycling speed, giving Alpine a huge advantage in its commitment to help the [City of Denver](#) and other clients divert increasing amounts of material away from landfills. Alpine currently recycles about 13,000 tons of material per month, and this upgrade to the plant will allow the company to handle more than 17,000 tons.

This expansion is Alpine's third since the plant opened at 645 West 53rd Place in 2007. The last expansion was in 2015; and Alpine has invested a total of more than \$15 million in the plant (capital costs) in the last 13 years.

"We promised the community back in 2007 that Alpine would always be at the forefront of the recycling industry in the multitude of ways that we contribute to a healthy environment," said Brent Hildebrand, VP-Recycling for Alpine. "We have kept our promise by focusing on technological innovation, by coming up with creative solutions to recycling problems, and by providing the capacity that will meet local recycling demands."

The new equipment at the plant includes a metering bin at the front of the processing line and a second ballistic separator. For years, Alpine has been the only recycling company in Colorado with a [ballistic separator](#), which bounces 2D and 3D materials, and now Alpine has two, to improve the separation between paper and containers.

The two other major pieces of new equipment: an optical sorter (giving Alpine two of these) and a four-deck cardboard screen. This new cardboard screen will allow Alpine to pull smaller bits of cardboard from the recycling stream.

“We’re constantly analyzing the stream of materials and adjusting equipment to handle the evolving composition,” Hildebrand said.

In this expansion, Alpine has also added 15 new belts to help improve the speed and flow of materials. All new equipment was provided by Machinex. The expansion retains the polystyrene condenser for recycling of Styrofoam® and the lightning-fast robot that sorts juice cartons and coffee cups.

About Alpine Waste & Recycling

Alpine Waste & Recycling, a wholly owned subsidiary of [GFL Environmental Inc.](#), is a commercial waste, recycling and compost collection and processing company operating in Denver, Colo. Founded in 1999 as a single-truck operation, the company has parlayed a customer-service and sustainability focus into growth of more than 50 percent since 2015, and the Denver Business Journal listed Alpine as the eighth fastest-growing large company in the Denver area in 2018. With more than 115 trucks and more than 250 employees, Alpine handles more than 400,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. In both 2009 and 2016, the Colorado Association for Recycling named Alpine as the state’s most outstanding business for its recycling/diversion program (Altogether Recycling®). Commerce City named Alpine as its 2010 Small Business of the Year; and the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce named Alpine in 2011 as a Finalist for Green Company of the Year Award. Alpine also was the recipient of the ACG’s 2012 Emerging Growth Company Award. For more information call 303-744-9881, or go to www.alpinewaste.com.