

## Project 69 – Recycling

The Montezuma County League of Women Voters received a \$10,000 grant from the LOR Foundation to host an E-waste and Paper Shred events.

### Electronic Waste Recycling Event

This project was developed to respond to and encourage electronic-waste recycling. Many residents in the Cortez area cannot afford to recycle e-waste or are unaware that it can be recycled, thereby reducing long-term impact to the landfill and regeneration of components of electronic devices.



LWV, in partnership with the Montezuma County Landfill and City of Cortez held an electronic waste recycling event (see newspaper link) in October 2024. LWV volunteers were there to help educate participants, provide hand outs on how to recycle at City and County facilities and convey that this service was being funded 50% match by a grant from LOR. LOR provided a very popular pencil bag that each car received to promote LOR and to say 'thank you' for recycling. This event had over 650 items recycled.

[https://www.the-journal.com/articles/e-waste-recycling-event-ended-cortez-cleanup-week/?utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=shareArticleButton&utm\\_campaign=shareArticleButton](https://www.the-journal.com/articles/e-waste-recycling-event-ended-cortez-cleanup-week/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=shareArticleButton&utm_campaign=shareArticleButton)



**E-WASTE**  
**Recycling Event**

**Saturday Oct.26th 10am to 3pm**  
**(or until funding runs out.)**

**Community members (not Business or Commercial) will have an opportunity to recycle ewaste with a 50/50 FEE share with The League of Women Voters.**

**This event is funded by a grant from LOR Foundation, and support from the City of Cortez, Montezuma County Landfill and the Cortez Public library.**

## Learning Centers – Educational Displays

In addition, LWV developed five educational displays that were brought to each of the libraries that provided key recycling information. These displays can be used at LWV events and local libraries.



## Paper Shredding Event

With money remaining in the grant LOR approved focusing approximately \$5000 remaining funds to a Paper Shredding Event, held at the City Recycling Center in July 2025. It was quite successful and was posted on FACEBOOK by LWV and the City. Over 150 cars dropped their papers into a shredder (rather than filling up the landfill) and headed to recycling as part of the County paper recycling program.

# SHREDDING TIME





**JULY 24 FROM 10AM-1PM**  
**CORTEZ CITY SERVICE CENTER**  
**110 W PROGRESS CIRCLE**

\*RESIDENTS ONLY, NOT COMMERCIAL

**\*\*FREE EVENT** FUNDED BY A GRANT THE LEAGUE RECEIVED FROM  
THE LOR FOUNDATION

**Items to bring:**  
 Bring your old tax returns, medical records, other paper documents - paper only - including manilla folders or wrapping paper

**Please do NOT bring:**  
 Plastic, CDs, hard drives, thumbdrives, batteries, cords/ribbon/fabric - anything that isn't paper!


The \$400 remaining balance will go to the City of Cortez (if approved by LOR), to help prep recycle dumpsters when the city takes over the efforts provided by 4Corners Recycling (which is ending its program in December 2025).

## Summary

Montezuma County residents in Mancos, Dolores, and Cortez were able to learn more about the importance of recycling and options available in this area. This grant also provided opportunity for the County, the City of Cortez and LWV-Montezuma to work together towards a common and important goal... all supported by LOR Foundation funds. Thank you.

All events were posted on LWV, County and City social media sites (Facebook) and posters were hung in Mancos, Cortez and Dolores public locations that maintain bulletin boards. The e-waste event was advertised in the Cortez Journal and the Community Calendar listed both events. The City of Cortez included a 'flyer' in each household's utility bill for both the E-waste and Paper Shred event.

Respectfully Submitted, League of Women Voters – Montezuma County