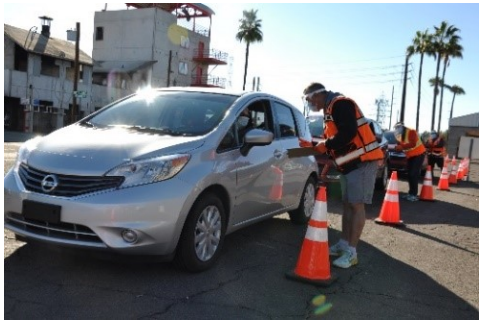




**Zero Waste Day – April 2021**

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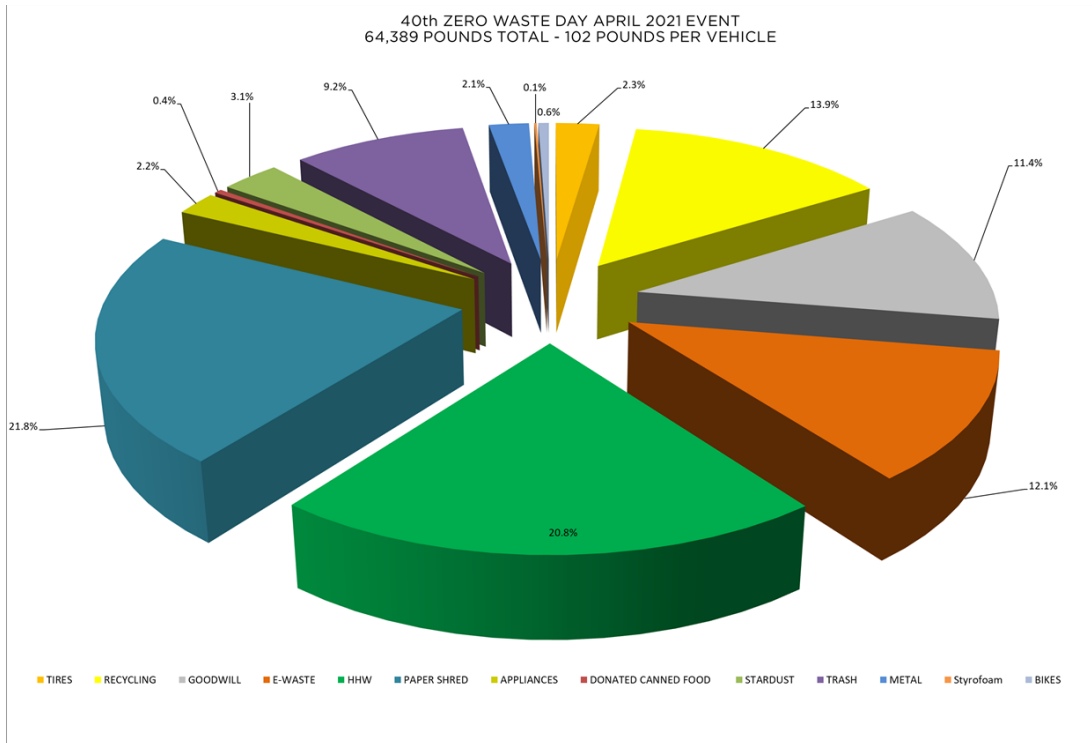
Tempe’s Municipal Utilities Department hosted the 40th Zero Waste Day on April 24, 2021. This event provided residents a means by which to donate usable items to local organizations for reuse, recycle items not accepted in the recycling container and properly dispose of household hazardous wastes.



Municipal Utilities and Communication and Media Relations developed, and is implementing, a detailed, multi-faceted outreach plan to increase awareness and participation in Zero Waste Day events. This outreach effort is to both inform residents of this service, offered at no additional charge, and to encourage landfill diversion. For comparison, there were 559 participants in the Zero Waste Day in November 2020, 568 participants in January 2021 and 631 participants in April 2021.

Material	Pounds collected
Appliances	1,440
Bicycles	360
E-waste	7,786
Food donations	257
Garbage	5,900
Goodwill of Central Arizona	7,346
Household hazardous waste (HHW)	13,410
Metal	1,360
Paper shred	14,050
Recycling	8,920
Stardust Building Supplies	2,000
Styrofoam™	80
Tires	1,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,389</b>

Through collaboration with numerous local partners, 64,389 pounds of material was collected at the April Zero Waste Day, diverting over 58,000 pounds from the landfill. Additionally, over 250 pounds of canned food items were collected at the event, benefitting Tempe Community Action Agency.



Each resident attending the event was offered up to 25 gallons of latex paint at no charge. The signature “Tempe Tan” paint is produced by recycling and reusing paint that was previously dropped off by residents at the Household Products Collection Center or other Zero Waste Day events.

The next Zero Waste Day event is scheduled for July 24, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Tempe Fire Training Center, located at 1340 E. University Drive. For more information on the July event, including a list of items that will be accepted, please visit [tempe.gov/zerowaste](https://tempe.gov/zerowaste).

