

FACT SHEET: BUSINESSES + ORGANIZATIONS

Organics



We want your help designing organics requirements that will work for you and the City of Saskatoon.

WHAT WE KNOW

We know most businesses and organizations send their organics to landfills

Only 23% of businesses and organizations reported composting all or some of their organic material. The top reasons for not composting included having a small amount of organic waste, lacking space, and not having enough time.¹

Residents want businesses and organizations to do their part

Almost 70% of residents support banning organics from business garbage bins.²

We can find solutions

Cities including Calgary, Halifax, and Metro Vancouver all have organics requirements for businesses and organizations. We intend to learn from them, work with local waste haulers and processors, and listen to your ideas.

Waste from businesses and organizations is managed differently

Private haulers collect waste from most businesses and organizations. Requirements for organics are unlikely to change who collects waste.

WHY DO WE NEED THIS?

25% of what is thrown out could be composted

98% of organic material is food waste.³

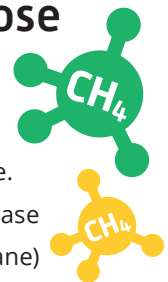


Composting organics has many benefits

Materials can be turned into valuable compost, while saving energy, water, and lowering greenhouse gases.

Organics don't decompose properly in landfills

When buried in a landfill without oxygen, organics can take a long time to decompose. When they eventually break down they release powerful greenhouse gas emissions (methane) and a liquid runoff (leachate).



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Organic refers to materials that decompose under the right circumstances



food scraps

fruit, vegetables, grains, oils, meat and bones



yard waste

leaves, grass, garden waste and small branches



soiled paper

paper towels, cardboard and tissues

We want to talk about:



How you, private waste haulers, and the City can **work together**



What **proof of organics diversion** the City might require, such as needing an onsite organics bin, proof of an organics contract with a waste hauler, an organics plan, and/or onsite composting



What materials will be part of the requirement and how it's phased in



How the City might help **reduce the impact** for small/medium organizations



What you need to be able to separate organics

Get started now

Talk to your waste hauler about what organics diversion opportunities they may offer or have planned. Visit saskatoon.ca/homecomposting to get information on setting up on-site composting

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¹ 2017 Environmental Survey, Environics and City of Saskatoon

² 2017 Waste Awareness and Behaviour Survey, Inshtrix and City of Saskatoon

³ 2016 Waste Characterization Study, Dillon, 2cg and City of Saskatoon

Audits covered 62% of employment and 75% of ICI waste