Multi-Family Units' GUIDE TO COMPOSTING

Through organics collection, we reduce our impact on the environment and the amount of land and resources we use for our garbage.

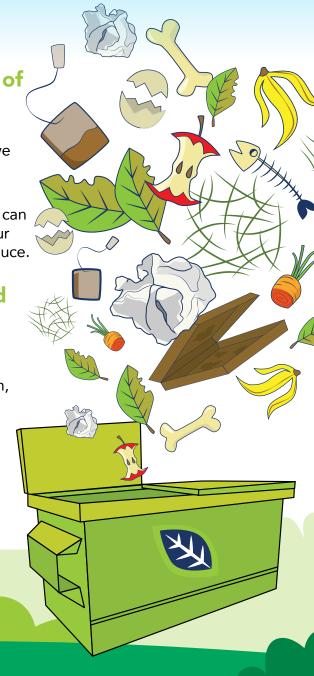
Organics diversion extends the lifespan of the landfill and has long-term financial benefits. At the same time, the compost we produce enriches the quality of our soil, helping to beautify Yellowknife and increase local food production.

By separating our organics from the general waste stream, we can reduce more than a third of the residential waste going into our landfill and decrease the amount of greenhouse gases we produce.

The average household's waste is comprised of 40% organic material.

Multi-family units and small commercial buildings generate more than half of the organic waste in Yellowknife. Your commitment to facilitating an efficient waste collection system, and encouraging your neighbours and tenants to adopt this system, will help us make our community more sustainable and green.

Whether you are a member of a condo board or a property manager, having the necessary information and infrastructure to effectively sort organic waste will directly contribute to creating a sustainable Yellowknife.



We are here to help. If you require assistance with finding the best option for your building, please contact us at sustainability@yellowknife.ca or give us a call at 920-5657.





Waste **Collection Changes**

Joining the program means that your collection schedule should be reviewed. Get in touch with your waste hauler, Kavanaugh Bros. Ltd., to discuss your collection fees and select a schedule that works best for your building by altering the frequency of pick-up and size of your dumpster.

Did you know?

Collection fees for organics collection are much lower than those for regular waste pick-up. Contact Kavanaugh Bros. Ltd. at 873-2811 or info@kaywaste.com for more information.

Designate a Compost

*Designating a composition for the effectiveness of organics collection in multi-family units. The coordinator ensures contact person for tenants with questions on collection.

Checklist for a successful waste management strategy for multi-family units



Evaluate your current waste pick-up situation.

- a. How many times per week is your garbage collected? How full is the dumpster on collection day?
- b. How many units are in your building? Approximately how many tenants live in the building?



Contact Kavanaugh Bros. Ltd. to discuss placement and pick-up options for your green carts or dumpster.

- a. What works best for your building; green carts or an organic dumpster?
- b. Where will you place the dumpster or the green carts? Does this work in winter and in summer conditions?
- c. Does the potential location of the green carts or dumpster create any safety or fire hazards?
- d. Does the potential location of the green carts or dumpster affect parking?
- e. Who will be responsible for bringing green carts out to the curb on pick-up days?



Notify and equip your tenants.

- a. How will you notify your tenants about the organics program? Will you provide a kitchen catcher to all units? The City of Yellowknife can provide support with starter kits to roll out the program to your tenants. Contact the City of Yellowknife for details on how we can support the roll out of the program to your tenants.
- b. Amend your lease or rental agreement to include a paragraph on organics collection so tenants will understand that organics separation is to be taken seriously!

How will you update tenants? Examples include building newsletters or bulletin boards.

COLLECTION OPTIONS Things to consider

Set of Green Carts

- Easily moveable, can be stored inside building
- Smallest footprint
- The number of carts can be adjusted to match the volume of generated organics
- Designated person is needed to ensure carts are properly placed before pick-up time
- Fills up faster

Organic Dumpster

- Stored outside, not moveable
- Larger footprint, dimensions starting at 86" wide x 36" deep
- Similar system to current regular garbage dumpsters
- Takes longer to fill up









