

# Waste Management

## Residential Recycling and Compost

### **Main guiding documents in Winnipeg**

- Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Strategy (CIWMS)
  - Adopted by the City Council in 2011
  - Provides the long-term framework for reducing waste and increasing diversion from landfill
  - Currently undergoing review and updates
- Winnipeg Climate Action Plan
  - Identifies waste reduction and landfill methane reduction as important actions for lowering greenhouse gas emissions

### **STRATEGIES AND TOOLS**

#### ***Residential Garbage and Recycling***

- Single-family homes and buildings with up to 7 units
  - Weekly garbage collection
  - Weekly recycling collection
- Apartments and condominiums (8+ units)
  - Garbage collection
  - Properties can choose to sign up for recycling collection services

#### ***Green Cart (Organics) Program***

- Seasonal yard waste collection
- The City is currently planning for a city-wide curbside Green Cart program, with implementation currently targeted for 2030.

### **WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS**

In addition to curbside collection, the City supports waste diversion through:

- Food Waste Drop-Off Stations
- 4R Winnipeg Depots
- Community Recycling Depots

## IDEAS FROM OTHER CITIES

- **Edmonton, Canada**, offered a Green Cart program for single-family homes but in 2023, began to implement a phased rollout of a three-stream waste collection service of garbage, recycling, and organics for apartments and condominiums. The program continues to expand to additional multi-unit residential buildings each year.

## LONG TERM GOAL

Reduce the amount of waste sent to Brady Road Landfill by increasing recycling and organics diversion. A significant portion of residential waste could be recycled or composted rather than be sent to landfilled, helping extend the life of Brady Road Landfill and avoid the financial and environmental costs of developing a new landfill site. In 2023, the City conducted waste audits of single-family homes, multi-family homes, and industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities, finding that approximately 15% of garbage could have been recycled and 52% could have been composted.

## SOURCES AND FURTHER READING

### City of Winnipeg

- *Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Strategy Review*. Available at: <https://engage.winnipeg.ca/comprehensive-integrated-waste-management-strategy-review>
- *Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan: Planning for Climate Change. Acting for People*. Available at: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/services-programs/trees-environment/climate-action/winnipegs-climate-action-plan>
- *Recycling & Garbage Services*. Available at: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/services-programs/recycling-garbage>
- *Food Waste Drop-Off Stations*. Available at: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/services-programs/recycling-garbage/drop-depots/food-waste>
- *Drop-Off Depots (4R Winnipeg Depots and Community Recycling Depots)*. Available at: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/services-programs/recycling-garbage/drop-depot>

### City of Edmonton

- *Apartment and Condo Collection (Three-Stream Waste Collection Rollout)*. Available at: [https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/garbage\\_waste/apartment-condo-collection](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/garbage_waste/apartment-condo-collection)