

## FACT SHEET

# Business Organics



As of October 2023, all businesses and organizations in Saskatoon that **generate food or yard waste as part of their operations** are required to have separate bins to divert organics and recycling from the garbage.

Organics programs help divert a significant amount of material from the landfill, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and extending the life of the landfill.

**Enforcement will not begin until October 2024** to give businesses and organizations time to educate themselves and ensure services are in place to meet the new bylaw regulation.

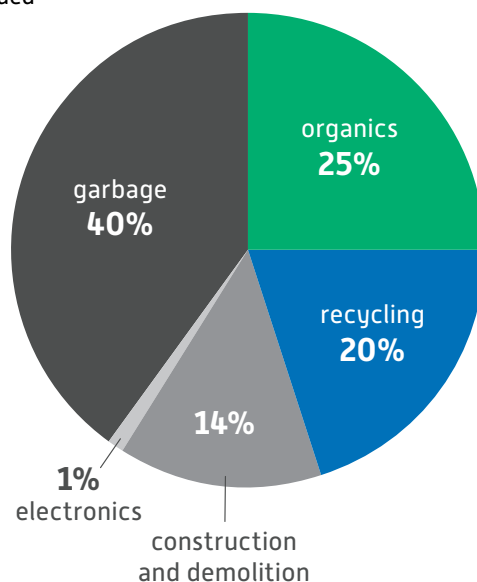
### WHY DO WE NEED THIS?

**Businesses and organizations generate 68% of the garbage in our community.**

Approximately 25% is organic waste that could be rescued or composted.

### ICI Garbage Composition

*2016 Waste Characterization Study, Dillon, Zcg and City of Saskatoon.*



### WHO NEEDS TO PARTICIPATE?

- If your establishment belongs under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes of industries that are known to generate organic waste, this bylaw regulation applies regardless of establishment size or number of employees or tenants.
- Only organic waste from food preparation or production areas as part of the business operations falls under this regulation.
- Staff lunch waste is not required to be diverted as part of the Waste Bylaw at this time.

Businesses and organizations that fall under the new regulation may apply for an exemption by completing a self-declaration form on [saskatoon.ca](https://saskatoon.ca) and providing supporting documents when required. Exemptions will be reviewed for approval by the City of Saskatoon.

**Businesses who do not produce food or yard waste as part of their operations do NOT have to fill out an exemption form.**

If you are unsure as to whether the criteria applies to you or not, please contact [business.waste@saskatoon.ca](mailto:business.waste@saskatoon.ca)

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Before putting in place an organics container system, consider options to reduce or repurpose food and yard materials.

Donation of edible food that would otherwise be composted or landfilled is the preferred method of reducing organic waste.



There are protections in place to protect those who act in good faith when addressing community food needs. In Saskatchewan, details can be found in [Donation of Food Act, 1995, The SS 1995, c D-32.01.](#)

## Waste diversion is just good business.

A successful organics program not only demonstrates your organization's commitment to sustainability and our community, but can also help your bottom line, conserve natural resources, and save valuable space in our landfills.

