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For compliance with
The Waste Bylaw, 2022
The Building Bylaw, 2024

Saskatoon Homebuilder Waste Guide

saskatoon.ca/businessrecycling



Over **35,000 tonnes** of construction, renovation and demolition waste are generated in Saskatoon annually.

City of Saskatoon (2017), Waste Diversion Opportunities Report

Properly managing your construction and demolition waste demonstrates your organization's commitment to sustainability and our community, and can also help your bottom line, conserve natural resources and save valuable space in our landfills.

This guide provides waste management best practices for construction, renovation and demolition projects to meet or exceed City of Saskatoon Bylaw requirements.

The Waste Bylaw requires all businesses and organizations in Saskatoon to separate recyclable materials from the garbage. Recyclable material, as defined in the Bylaw, includes boxboard and corrugated cardboard.

Both the Building and Waste Bylaws include waste management requirements for construction sites.

Failure to meet Bylaw requirements could result in a fine, removal of the building permit or future ineligibility for lot draws with Saskatoon Land.

Thanks for putting waste in the right place!

If you'd like to speak to someone about waste diversion opportunities, please contact business.waste@saskatoon.ca



Bylaws

The Waste Bylaw, 2022

CONSTRUCTION WASTE

50. (1) Any person carrying out the construction, alteration or demolition of a building, structure or landscaping feature on any property shall:
- (a) Ensure that waste containers are available for the separate storage and disposal of garbage and recyclable material;
 - (a.1) Place all garbage in a garbage container;
 - (a.2) Place all recyclable material in a recycling container.
 - (b) Ensure that the waste container is sufficiently covered to prevent the waste from being dispersed, except while material is being deposited into the container or while the container is being emptied;
 - (c) Take all other reasonable steps to prevent the waste from being dispersed, by wind or in any other manner, on or around the property or surrounding properties;
 - (d) In a timely manner, dispose of all waste resulting from the construction, alteration or demolition to ensure there is no unreasonable accumulation of waste on the property during the construction, alteration or demolition; and
 - (e) Upon completion of the construction, alteration or demolition, clear the property of all waste.
- (3) No person shall place waste generated from the construction, alteration or demolition of a building, structure or landscaping feature on any property in a bin, roll-out cart or stationary container subject to automated collection.

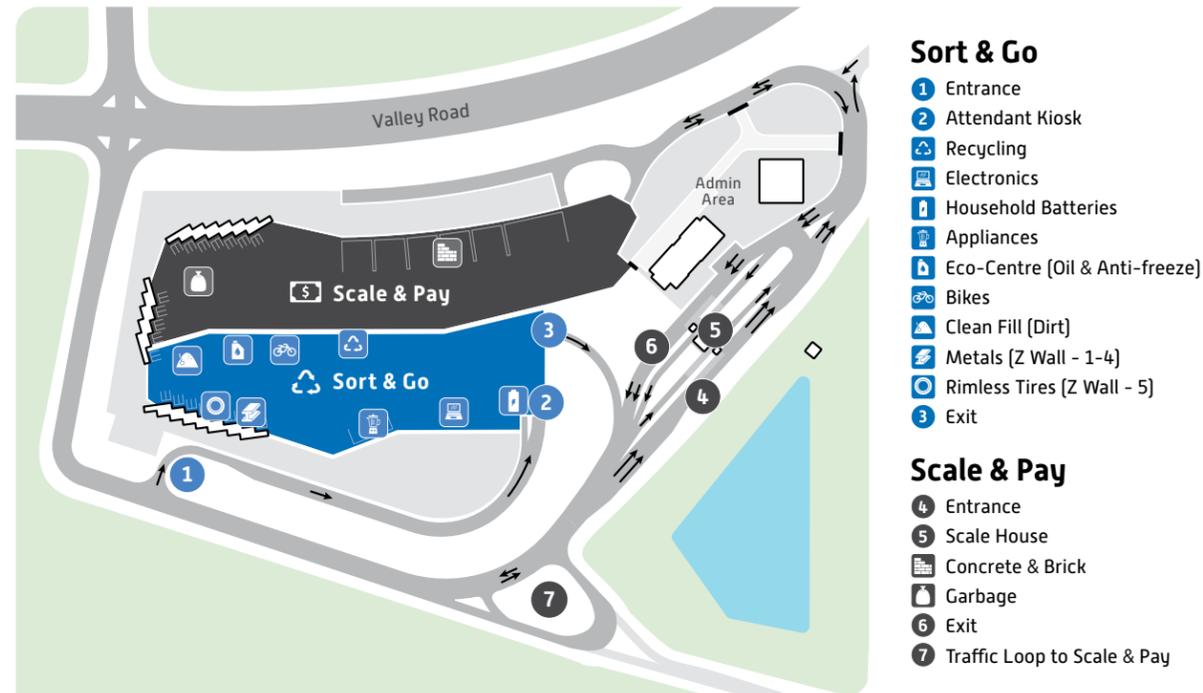
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CONDITIONS OF A BUILDING PERMIT

21. (3) the applicant shall be responsible for:
- (a) keeping the construction site in a clean and tidy condition;
 - (b) providing containers or secure areas for waste material; and
 - (c) the cost of repair and clean-up of any damage to city property that occurs as a result of the work covered by the permit.

Saskatoon Material Recovery Centre and Landfill

The Material Recovery Centre (MRC), located at 42 Valley Road, is designed to be a one-stop facility that provides easy, efficient, and cost-effective waste diversion and landfill transfer.



Reminders:

- ✓ **Sort your items prior to arrival.** This will save you time as your items will be ready to drop off at their respective areas at the Material Recovery Centre.
- ✓ **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required for all customers with tip trailers unloading at the landfill tipping face.** A hard hat and high-visibility vest/shirt/jacket/suspenders are required. If you don't have adequate PPE, you will be required to manually unload at the transfer bins.
- ✓ **Lift capabilities on trailers or vehicles must NOT be used at transfer bins,** due to safety concerns.
- ✓ **Elm wood is required to be landfilled by provincial regulations.** The City has waived all landfill fees for elm wood disposal. Elm pruning and tree removals still need to comply with provincial regulations.

Sort & Go: drop off for FREE	Scale & Pay (Landfill)
Cardboard and Paper	General Disposal \$15 entrance fee, \$105/tonne.
Scrap Metal	Concrete and Brick Must be weighed in. Decreased tipping fee of \$50/tonne to incentivize recycling and increased diversion from the landfill.
Clean Fill (dirt) Commercial drop-off of clean fill must be approved in advance.	Elm Wood Disposal fees are waived for all loads of elm wood only.

Additional Cardboard Recycling Options

There are currently two locations that accept cardboard from businesses:



Cosmopolitan Industries
1300 block Ontario Avenue



Loraas Recycle
1902 1st Avenue North



For a comprehensive list of recycling and disposal options in Saskatoon, check the **Waste Reduction Hub:** saskwastereduction.ca

Waste Management: Tips and Best Practices

Waste is generated on all construction sites, including new builds, renovations and demolitions. **A single-bin system sends over 90% of waste generated to the landfill.** Setting up a recycling station is an easy and effective first step to divert waste from landfill.

Considerations when setting up your recycling station include:

- ✓ the materials you will recycle;
- ✓ how you will haul materials;
- ✓ where and how the station will be set up; and,
- ✓ how you will engage your crew and other sub-contractors working on the site to use the recycling station.



Unsorted construction waste in a single bin headed to the landfill.

There are four key steps to set up a successful recycling station:

1. Plan

- Identify materials generated onsite and estimate their quantity. At minimum, plan to recycle the essentials; cardboard and metal.
- Based on your findings, determine what materials you will collect and how much space it will require.
- Determine where you will set up your recycling station. Consider ease of access for waste haulers and areas that do not conflict with the construction process.
- Identify the person on your team who will be the lead to implement, communicate and monitor the recycling station.



Cages can be used to segregate and organize clean wood or metal.

2. Select

- Decide if you will hire a waste hauler or self-haul.
- Selecting a self-haul option will require a vehicle and staff time to transport the material. This option is best for small sites and one-off items. Waste must be transported covered or securely tied down as to not escape the vehicle.



Multiple dumpsters, clearly labelled for different materials. Photo courtesy of the City of Guelph.

3. Implement

- Now you're ready to set up your diversion station! Remember to take into consideration bin location, size and coverage to store materials.
- Create clear signage for each bin detailing accepted and not accepted materials.
- Communicate the new system to your crew and sub-contractors and provide training on best practices.

4. Monitor

- Check in on your bin contamination regularly.
- Communicate to the crew where they can improve to reduce contamination.
- Track changes in waste management expenses

Responsible diversion including reduce, reuse and recycling principles may help your bottom line.

Additional Best Practices

In addition to setting up your recycling station there are many actions you can take to reduce waste at a construction site, such as:

- Set up a “reuse” area for materials that can be reused on site, such as lumber, forming materials, shingles, masonry bricks, cardboard boxes, etc.
- Create detailed framing layouts to allow for optimized use of materials (accurate take-offs).
- Reduce waste allowances from the traditional 10% to a more responsible 0-5%.
- Order materials as they are needed, avoid stockpiling at the beginning of a project.
 - ▶ Less material wasted due to weathering, improper storage, or on-site damage.
- Select suppliers who will offer credit for unused materials.
- Maintain accurate inventory records so that future orders can be adjusted as needed (avoid over-ordering).
- Buy direct from the supplier and buy in bulk to avoid individual packaging.
 - ▶ It is estimated that 10% of construction waste is from packaging.
- Protect materials stored on-site from exposure to the elements.



*Lumber exposed to the elements is vulnerable to water damage.
Place on pallets and cover*