

## FACT SHEET: PROPERTY MANAGERS

# Multi-Unit Waste Diversion



**Help us design a multi-unit organics program, review garbage and recycling services, and explore opportunities to divert more waste.**

## What is a Multi-Unit Organics Program?

Food waste and (possibly) yard waste would be collected from all multi-unit buildings. Similar to the recycling program, residents would sort organic waste into a separate collection container in their unit and deposit it in a shared bin.

Please see the Multi-Unit Organics Fact Sheet at [saskatoon.ca/yxetalkstrash](https://saskatoon.ca/yxetalkstrash).



## Service approach

We want to hear from you. What are the challenges and opportunities with these collections approaches?



**City-run:** provided or contracted organics collection and processing services, similar to recycling



**Bylaw:** that requires buildings to contract an organic collection service that meets a minimum standard

Once we decide the approach, we can develop more details such as minimum service levels, education programs, enforcement, timelines, and then determine the costs and fees based on these factors.

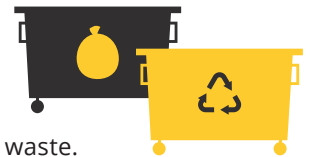
## We want to hear from you

With the roll-out of the Multi-Unit Residential Recycling program, many of you had questions about bin size, collection frequency, cleanliness and safety of the collection area, accessibility, proper use of the program, and the additional costs. We're interested in hearing what is important to you and your residents.



## Review of existing services

Let us know how existing recycling and garbage collection services are working for your building and what other programs or services would help you and your residents reduce waste.



**Did you know?** Some places offer bulky item collections to pick up larger items such as furniture and appliances. Is this something that would also benefit multi-unit buildings?

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## Funding Model

We are reviewing how all City-provided waste management services are funded. Today, property taxes fund weekly garbage collections and a combination of utility bill charges and a subsidy (Multi-Material Stewardship Western Program) fund recycling collections.

City Council is interested in transitioning waste management costs from property taxes to utility bills. Fees could be based on services received or could be a flat rate. Because of shared bins, it would be unlikely that multi-unit households would be included in this program and charged individually for garbage. City Council is interested in a program that will transition waste management costs from property taxes to utility bills.

## Next Steps

- **Sept 2018:** Share community engagement results and present first recommendations report
- **Nov 2018:** Present detailed design and timeline for multi-unit collection programs
- **2019 - 2020:** Implement recommendations (e.g. organics program)



## KEY WORDS + DEFINITIONS

### What is a multi-unit?

**Any property with 3 or more units** is eligible for multi-unit waste collection. However, every building is a bit different. Your property is in the multi-unit program if you:



use a **communal bin** that has year round weekly collection from the City (or have opted out of this service and instead use a private contractor)



have recycling collected by **Cosmopolitan Industries (Cosmo)**

### What is a property manager?

We use the term property manager to refer to **landlords, property owners, condominium boards, cooperative boards, and others** that are involved in the management of a multi-unit property and its waste management services.

### We need your input!



Take the online survey before June 22  
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