

Solid Waste Reduction & Diversion Plan 2026-2027 Work Plan

As outlined in the Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan (the Plan) and the previous appendices, there are ongoing and new actions for 2026 and 2027. This appendix focuses on actions that are planned to be newly operational programs as well as projects that are in the implementation and development phases in 2026 and 2027.

The tables provided below are estimates based on currently available information. As the budget process progresses, these estimates will be further refined and presented as part of the 2026/2027 Business Plan and Budget deliberations in November 2025.

2026-2027 OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

The following table shows the operating requests that are proposed for 2026-2027. New operational requests are shown only in the year that they are introduced.

Table 1: 2026-2027 Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan operating considerations

Solid Waste Reduction and Plan Action(s)	2026-2027 Operating Considerations	Possible funding source	2026 (000\$)	2027 (000\$)
Business and organization waste diversion regulation compliance	Transitioning regulated organics collection at civic facilities from capital to operational.	Mill Rate	6	2
Waste reduction through procurement and specifications	A corporate sustainability program that operationalizes capital funded programs including: Triple Bottom Line Policy support program, sustainable procurement, Leading by Example waste reduction, and Greener Together staff engagement.	Mill Rate	51	88
Proper Disposal of Elm Wood Waste	March 2025 City Council approved an elimination of residential and commercial fees for disposing of elm wood at the landfill. This request is to transition funding from capital to operating.	Mill Rate	200	0
New Compost Facility	The operations of the new compost facility is expected in 2026.	Utility/ Revenue/ SK Recycles/ Mill Rate		3,867

2026-2027 ONGOING CAPITAL PROJECTS

The following table shows the ongoing capital projects for 2026-2027. Some are able to continue with existing capital funding, with requests for additional funding noted below.

Table 2: Ongoing 2026-2027 Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan Capital Projects

Solid Waste Reduction and Plan Action(s)	2026-2027 Capital Project	Funding Status/ Possible Funding Source	2026 (000\$)	2027 (000\$)
Compost depot program review	The West Compost Depot will be decommissioned in 2027 as a result of the new City organics facility opening in 2026.	WMR	0	250
Construction and demolition waste diversion: City of Saskatoon options Material Recovery Centre recycling market development Construction and demolition waste diversion: community options Disposal ban at the Saskatoon Landfill	Actions related to program development at the Material Recovery Centre and Landfill have been coordinated into a single capital project for efficiency.	WMR	62	205
Long-term waste management service and sustainability plan	This is an ongoing funded project that ensures the financial sustainability of the landfill as waste reduction and diversion are expanded.	Funded	0	0
Public space and event waste reduction	Funding to implement the first phase of the public space and event waste reduction strategy, expected to be completed in Q1 2026.	WMR	211	296
Food waste reduction program	This project will work with community partners to reduce food waste through expanded food rescue/donation.	Funded	0	0
Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan Update	Refresh of the Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan and development of a Waste Reduction Program	WMR	219	131

Waste reduction through procurement and specifications Civic Facility Waste Reduction	To support the project component of these actions as they phase-in to operations.	WMR	164	167
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2026-2027 NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS

The following table shows the new capital projects for 2026-2027. The majority are able to be progressed through Waste Minimization reserve funding, with the estimated costs and proposed funding source noted in the table below.

Table 3: New 2026-2027 Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan Capital Projects

Solid Waste Reduction and Plan Action(s)	2026-2027 Capital Project	Possible Funding Source	2026 (000\$)	2027 (000\$)
Transition to SK Recycles Collection Program	Implement the transition of residential recycling programs to SK Recycles, including changes to the utility.	WMR	30	55
Mandatory Multi-Unit Organics Multi-Unit Garbage Service Review Special/bulky waste program for collection, recycling and disposal Commercial Collections Review Waste Collections Customer Service and Technology Improvements Waste Container Asset Management Plan	Prior to 2026, the design of multi-unit organics, the review of multi-unit garbage and the feasibility of a bulky waste were undertaken through separate capital projects. Due to significant overlaps in anticipated activities and resource for implementation, coordination through a overarching project is proposed. A review of commercial collections with a recommended path forward is included in this new project's scope. Additional reporting is planned in Q3 2025. Projected expenses include the purchase of new equipment to support the diversification of the programs.	WMR	870	3,290