

## City of Toronto's Integrated Waste Management System



#### Long Term Waste Management Strategy



# Long Term Waste Strategy Recommended Options





# 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse Recycle Options





# Multi-Residential Specific Options

In addition to the 3Rs opportunities, the Waste Strategy recommends other ways to increase diversion at Multi-Residential buildings. **Data Management Support for Community** By-Laws and and Accessibility Composting **Enforcement** 55% of Torontonians live in apartments and condos and 45% live in single family homes. Residents in single family homes divert 65% of their waste Residents in apartments & condos divert 27% of their waste



## **Key Multi-Residential Engagement Outcomes of Waste Strategy**

- City Council direction: consult on the feasibility of requiring all Multi-Residential and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional buildings, regardless of collection provider, to develop and implement waste diversion programs that correspond with all waste diversion programs provided to City-serviced customers
  - Report back to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in 2017
- A Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Advisory Group will be established in 2017



### **Proposed Multi-Residential Rates**

- 2017 Budget process currently underway
  - Executive Committee December 1, 2016
  - City Council December 13-14, 2016
  - Changes effective January 1, 2017

Customer Group	2016 gross fee	2017 gross fee	gross fee % increase	2016 customer cost/yr	2017 customer cost*/yr	Customer cost \$ Increase
Multi-Residential base fee per unit	\$209.04	\$211.13	1.0%	\$24.04	\$26.13	\$2.09
Multi-Residential excess fee per yd³	\$14.50	\$14.65	1.0%	\$14.50	\$14.65	\$0.15

<sup>\*</sup> Assuming 2016 rebate levels in 2017. 2017 rebates to be determined during 2017 Tax-Based Budget.



## Waste Diversion Services Provided by the City



Blue Bin Recycling



Green Bin Organics



Toxic Taxi (Household Hazardous Waste)



E-waste



Oversized and Metal Items



Yard Waste

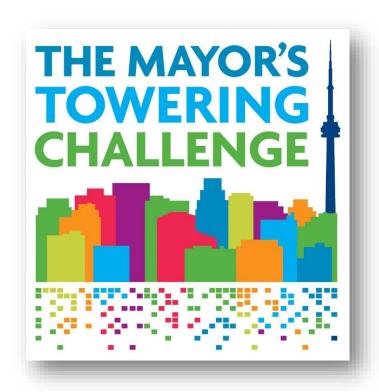
#### **PROGRAMS**

- Free organics kitchen catchers and in unit recycling bags for all residents
- Staff will do site visits to provide advice to property managers and superintendents
- Staff can host lobby displays to educate residents





### Mayor's Towering Challenge



- Over 130 buildings have registered for challenge
- Over the 6 month challenge period, SWMS staff will provide outreach and support to registered buildings
- Online resources and tools available at: toronto.ca/toweringchallenge

### **Contamination Campaign**





#### **Contamination is Problematic**

Contamination is anything that doesn't belong in the Blue Bin and Green Bin Programs. It's a problem:

- Reduces revenue and extra processing costs
- Garbage mixed with recyclables and organics will contaminate a load
- May result in non-collection at the building
- Is hard to remove from large recycling and organics containers
- Residents need to know what can & cannot be diverted
- Can also have Blue Bin and Green Bin material in the garbage

## Contamination: Problematic Materials

- Contamination of Blue Bin Recyclables is on the rise
- Blue Bins have almost 25% improper materials by weight
- Amount of food waste improperly placed in Blue Bin is growing
- Textiles found in recycling on the rise
- VHS tapes, chains, hoses, electrical cords, medical waste, coffee cups, HHW, e-waste, black bags also found in Blue Bins







## Managing Contamination at Multi-Residential Buildings

- Staff will inspect building recycling bins prior to collection
- Recycling bins with obvious garbage/non-recyclables will be rejected from recycling collection
- Rejected materials will be collected as garbage and building contact will be informed
- Cost of collecting rejected material will be added to the building's garbage bill



### **Preventing Contamination**

- Sign board with actual samples of what is not accepted in the program
- Signage (posters and stickers) on and above the container
- Remove contamination as soon as it occurs
- <u>Caution</u>: use litter pickers or work gloves

#### **Promotion and Education**

#### Residents need to know:

- What can & cannot be diverted
- 3Rs is a priority for your building
- How to prepare items for diversion
- Location of Blue Bins (recycling) and Green Bins (organics)
- Benefits of participation



### Ways Toronto can help

- Signage and bin stickers
- Posters for display
- Apartment Recycling Calendar
- Roll-up display banners for loan
- In-unit containers (recycling and organics)
- 3Rs Ambassador Volunteer Program
- Lobby displays/Presentations
- Site visits
- toronto.ca/recycling



## Resident Engagement: 3Rs Ambassador Volunteer Program

- Volunteer-driven waste diversion education and outreach program
- City trains volunteers
- Residents teaching residents
  - Examples of activities: lobby displays, presentations, sorting games
- City provides free resources and support



Community-based, customizable and creative to suit your buildings' waste diversion needs!

