

# Business Organics (Food/Yard Waste) Program

[Today's Date]

We are excited to announce our [office/complex/organization's] organic waste diversion program, which starts on [Enter date].

The program will help us keep food and yard waste out of the landfill. It also complies with the City of Saskatoon's Waste Bylaw that requires onsite diversion of organic waste at all businesses and organizations who produce food and yard waste as part of their operations.

## Where to find our Organic waste area

The Organics collection area(s) will be in [Enter the location(s) where the containers are stored]

## What IS included in our Organics collection:

### All food (raw and cooked):

- Fruits and vegetables (including peels, pits, and cores)
- Bread, Noodles, and Other Grains
- Coffee Grounds, Paper Filters, and Paper Teabags
- Eggs and Eggshells
- Food-Soiled Paper Products
- Meat and Seafood
- Dairy Products (yogurt, butter, and cheese)
- Solidified Fats and Food Grease
- Baked Goods
- BPI-Certified Compostable Bags

[If your collection company has special instructions for storage and handling of fats, cooking oils or grease, enter them here]

### Unbagged Yard waste:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Branches and prunings [If your collection company restricts the size of branches, enter it here]
- Plants and weeds

[Add other items if applicable – for example, if your collection company can accept certified compostable food ware]]

## What is NOT included:

- Pet Waste and Bags
- Styrofoam
- Diapers and Hygiene Products

- Plastic Bags and Packaging
- Elm Wood
- Glass and Metal Packaging

## **Who collects our food and yard waste**

*[Name/Company]* will collect our material regularly and will take it to be composted.

## **Why It is Important to Divert Organic Waste from the Garbage**

Landfills bury food and yard waste, which leads waste to decompose without oxygen. When this type of waste breaks down in this environment, it turns into leachate (garbage juice) and methane. Leachate pollutes our land and water, and methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that can escape into the atmosphere. Leachate and methane are expensive for landfills to manage. Methane is a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, and leachate needs to be managed under strict environmental regulations.

It is important to responsibly manage food and yard waste, just like we manage recycling and garbage. By diverting food and yard waste, we can reduce our dependence on landfills, minimize the harmful environmental effects of food and yard waste in landfills, and produce useful new resources, such as compost.

## **Thank you!**

By diverting our food and yard waste, we can significantly reduce our garbage and keep this material out of the landfill.

If you have any questions, please contact *[contact name, number, or email]*.

Sincerely,