

## FACT SHEET

# Solid Waste Reduction & Diversion Plan

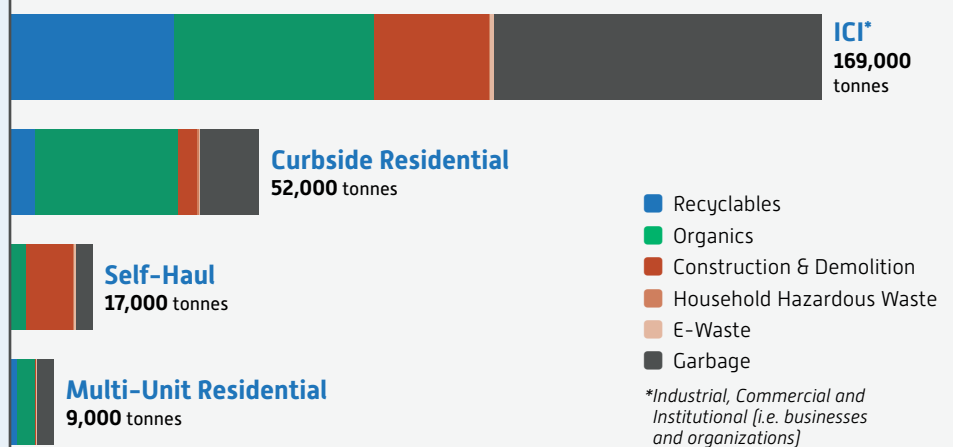
Saskatoon's Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan outlines actions for waste program and policy development that support the strategic direction of the City. Implementation of the Plan would bring waste management in Saskatoon in line with comparable Canadian municipalities and make Saskatoon a leader in the Prairie Provinces.

## Why are we doing this?

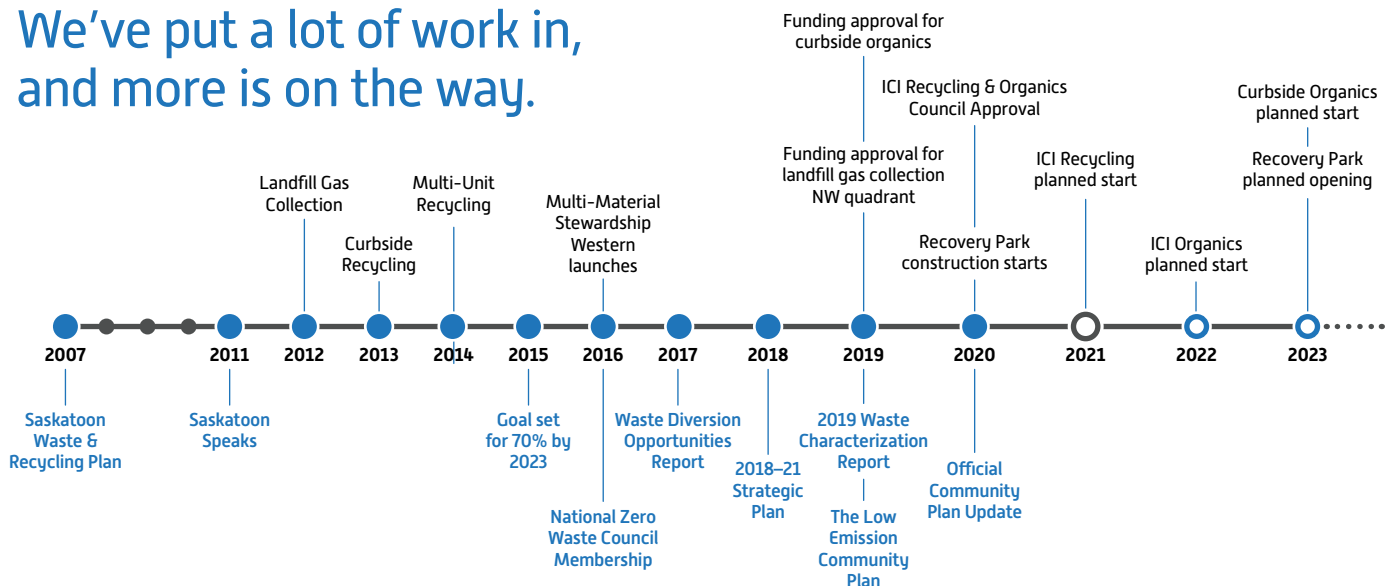
Most of the waste landfilled in Saskatoon isn't garbage. Over 70% of what residents put in the garbage could have been kept out of the landfill.

The Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector landfills over twice as much waste as residents.

Materials disposed at City of Saskatoon and private landfills (2016 tonnage)



## We've put a lot of work in, and more is on the way.



# The Plan

As a community, we are diverting 24% of waste from going to the City’s landfill, through compost depots, green cart program, curbside and multi-unit recycling programs, recycling depots, and public space recycling. In 2015, City Council set a target of 70% waste diversion, and with approved programs such as curbside organics, Recovery Park, and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) recycling and organics, we expect to achieve a diversion rate of 41–54%. Future tools such as economic incentives, new programs, increased education, and continuous monitoring and improvements can get us up to 51–79% waste diversion.

## The actions in the Plan will:

- ✓ Provide sustainable and equitable service to residents.
- ✓ Reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Improve waste diversion and landfill asset management.
- ✓ Foster new economic opportunities.
- ✓ Contribute to a clean and healthy community.

### In Progress:

- › Residential Curbside Organics
- › Requirements for Businesses and Organizations (ICI) to Divert Recyclables and Organics
- › Recovery Park
- › Recycling Depots: Immediate Improvements
- › Provincial Household Hazardous Waste Regulation
- › Requirements for Storage and Safe Collection of Waste at Multi-Unit Buildings
- › Vertical Landfill Gas Well Installation

### Short-Term Actions: 2021–23

- › Accessible Curbside Collections Program
- › Business and Organization Waste Diversion Regulation Compliance
- › Emergency Waste Management and Recycling Strategy
- › Compost Depot Program Review
- › Mandatory Residential Multi-Unit Organics
- › Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Diversion: City of Saskatoon Options
- › Recycling Market Development
- › Disposal Ban at the Saskatoon Landfill
- › Recycling Depot Program Review
- › Waste Reduction Through Procurement and Specifications
- › Federal Single-Use Plastic Ban and Performance Standards for Plastics
- › Provincial Stewardship Program Review

### Medium-Term Actions: 2024–25

- › Waste Management Service and Sustainability Plan
- › Residential Waste Cart Technology
- › Special/Bulky Waste Program
- › Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion: Community Options
- › Public Space and Event Waste Reduction
- › Food Waste Reduction Program
- › 2024 Waste Characterization Study
- › 2025 Solid Waste Reduction & Diversion Plan Update

### Long-Term Actions: 2026

- › Share, Reuse, and Repair Program
- › Textile and Apparel Reduction and Recycling Program
- › Economic Incentive Tools to Support Reduction and Diversion
- › Landfill Closure and Replacement Plan: Waste to Energy Assessment

