

7.5 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING



Curb side Blue Box Recycling Program

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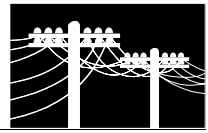
As a member of the GVRD, the City is committed to playing its part in reducing per capita garbage disposal in the region, and to manage solid waste disposal. The City provides for a full range of recycling and waste reduction programs under the regional integrated solid waste management plan. Recycling collection services includes the 'Blue Box' system for single- and multi-family dwellings, yard waste collection, and back yard composting. The City will continue to support provincial initiatives relating to household hazardous products disposal, and drop-off recycling services to the City's Recycling Depot. The City continues to pursue initiatives to reduce waste generation and its impacts on limited resources, finances, and the environment. It is acknowledged that the responsibility for waste management lies with all of us as waste generators.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Meet the community's basic needs for solid waste collection and disposal, while providing residents with incentives and opportunities to practice the "three Rs – Reduce, Re-use and Recycle."

POLICIES:

- a) Aim to increase the public's participation in reduction, re-use and recycling by continuing to:
 - Review the fee structure for solid waste collection so that it provides residents with an acceptable basic level of service at reasonable cost while encouraging users to reduce unnecessary waste generation;
 - Improve access to recycling and re-use opportunities;
 - Support public education on the benefits of the "three Rs";
- b) Provide incentives for users to seek alternatives to waste disposal that pursue the "three Rs", and focus on cost-effective programs that have the greatest potential for materials diversion from disposal;
- c) Continue to monitor the per capita rate of waste disposal and recycling as the primary means of measuring achievement of waste reduction objectives;



- d) Support regional initiatives to develop alternative programs to reduce waste and pollution, for example, waste audits on construction sites, processes for tracking construction waste, developing alternatives to traditional building material, recycling programs, alternative stormwater management techniques, and innovative building design options;
- e) Continue to set an example of waste reduction in the City's procurement practice by emphasizing reusable packaged products, minimizing the procurement of over-packaged products and products that do not contain recycled materials, and ensuring responsible management of residential waste;
- f) Encourage additional opportunities for safe and convenient disposal of household hazardous wastes;
- g) Promote voluntary recycling of major glass, metal, heritage materials, and wood products at construction and demolition sites.