



December 16, 2016

To the Owner, Manager or Property Manager

RE: Food & yard waste bylaw changes for businesses and organizations

Calgary businesses and organizations are major contributors to the waste going to City landfills. Over 30 per cent of waste from businesses and organizations is food and yard waste that could be composted or diverted instead.

In 2017, no matter where you live or work, Calgarians will have new ways to keep food and yard waste out of the landfills – through the residential Green Cart program and new bylaw requirements for multi-family complexes and businesses and organizations.

Effective November 1, 2017 the Waste and Recycling Bylaw will require all businesses and organizations to separate specific food and yard waste materials for diversion (see page 2 for the full list). To comply with this bylaw, the property owner is responsible for the following:

- Collect and store food and yard waste separate from garbage or recyclables.
- Ensure the separated food and yard waste is taken for composting or another means of diversion.
- Post clear signage on collection containers showing what goes in each bin.
- Provide information to new tenants and annual reminders to existing tenants and occupants, including:
 - What food and yard waste materials can be collected, and
 - How to prepare and sort food and yard waste materials.

The Waste and Recycling Bylaw applies to all businesses and organizations, including property management companies, offices, stores, malls, schools, restaurants, hotels, healthcare facilities, manufacturers, factories, non-profit organizations, places of worship and warehouses.

This bylaw is part of a series of changes that will help Calgarians divert 70 per cent of waste from our landfills by 2025. As of November 1, 2016, all businesses and organizations in Calgary are required to recycle all of the materials we do at home, plus scrap metal, plastic film and untreated wood. Between now and 2020, we will also introduce a landfill ban on paper and cardboard, increase landfill fees for food and yard waste, and eventually introduce a food and yard waste landfill ban.

You have the flexibility and choice to find a food and yard waste collection company that best suits your needs and decide how to manage the service. The City will assist by providing education and resources to help you get started, and also offers limited commercial collection service.

Visit calgary.ca/businessrecycling for full details, how-to guides, signage and information about choosing a collection company.

You may receive multiple copies of this letter if you own or manage several business locations. Please share this information with the individual(s) who manage the waste for your business or organization.

Sincerely,

Waste & Recycling Services

The City of Calgary

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS



Yes, put these items in the food and yard waste bin

All food (raw and cooked)

Plate scrapings



Eggshells and dairy products



Meat, fish, shellfish and bones



Jams, sauces and salad dressings



Fruits and vegetables



Pastries, cookies, cakes and muffins



Bread, noodles, rice, beans and grains



Nuts, seeds, chips, popcorn and candy



Food soiled paper

Paper plates and napkins



Coffee filters and tea bags



Yard waste

Leaves



Branches and prunings



Plants and weeds



Grass clippings and sod



Fats, cooking oils and grease



*Food service businesses are required to safely dispose of commercial quantities of fats, cooking oils and grease. For more information talk to your collection company or visit calgary.ca/fog