

Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan and Recycling Depot Initiatives

The following actions from the Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan and other planned activities will inform the future of recycling depots over the next three budget cycles. The staged approach in the Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan allows for improvements to be made while also providing time for the impacts of other initiatives, such as Recovery Park and the Province of Saskatchewan’s review of the Multi-Material Recycling Program to be understood before substantive changes to the recycling depots are made.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Recycling Depot: Immediate Safety/contamination improvements							
Recovery Park: Operational and accepting recyclables							
Residential Waste & Recycling Survey							
Waste Characterization Study							
Provincial stewardship program review							
Recycling Depot Program Review							
Long-term waste management service and sustainability plan							
Special/bulky waste program for collection, recycling, and disposal							

Initiative	Key Actions	Details
Recycling Depots: Immediate safety/contamination improvements	Identify options for safety and contamination improvements at Recycling Depots. Provide City Council with a service recommendation.	The goal is to alleviate safety and contamination concerns until the Recycling Depot review is complete. Some approaches will be piloted that will be considered in the Recycling Program review.

Recovery Park	Recyclable materials to be collected when Recovery Park opens in 2023.	Data will be collected on the use of the recycling collection at Recovery Park, including quantities of materials, contamination, and illegal dumping.
Waste and Recycling Survey	Complete a survey every second year on knowledge, behaviour and preferences to inform waste programs.	This survey will continue to monitor for changes in reported level of for recycling depots.
Provincial Stewardship Program Review	Actively seek opportunities to participate in the review of provincial programs, beginning with the Multi-Material Recycling Program which dedicates funding for residential recycling.	Ensure the City of Saskatoon provides input on the future of residential recycling. Understand the service impacts of any changes.
Waste Characterization Study	In 2024 complete a city-wide waste characterization study, including the waste collected at City recycling depots.	This study will detail the quantities of materials and contamination received through all City programs.
Recycling Depot Program Review	Short-term: Develop a business case to resource engagement and research. Understand the impact of new programs and city growth on service levels. Provide City Council with a service recommendation.	Determine the role of recycling depots in future waste management services.
Long-term Waste Management Service and Sustainability Plan	Build on Compost depot and Recycling Depot reviews. Explore future disposal needs, including alternate/additional waste handling/transfer stations. Explore comprehensive modeling which integrates the financial impacts of all recycling/diversion programs.	A clear understanding of the impacts waste diversion and population growth will have on the waste services, landfill capacity, revenue, and related infrastructure.

<p>Special/bulky Waste Program: for collection, recycling, and disposal</p>	<p>Investigate service options to reduce illegally dumped waste and/or implement a pilot program at hot spots, such as the recycling depot.</p>	<p>A new program will be designed that is projected to divert 500 (0.5%) – 1,000 (1%) tonnes per year and reduce illegal dumping.</p>
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