

## **Guiding Principles for Multi-Unit Organics**

### **Service Level Satisfaction**

A high quality and reliable service is provided. Service levels are set to provide a balance between service and cost.

### **Affordability**

A relative measure of how well a household can pay for a service. The additional diversion stream does not significantly increase costs of solid waste services for any property, building, or tenant. The funding model is equitable.

### **Transparency (Funding Model)**

A funding model that aligns with the user directly paying for services. In multi-units, it is challenging to make this per unit as waste services are communal.

### **Flexibility**

The program offers a service that meets the needs of most properties. Service options are available to help make the program work for all property configurations. An opt-out option may exist for those that have a specific requirement and require an alternative service.

### **Diversion & Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided**

The program design encourages diversion of food waste from landfill, which avoids the generation of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

### **Contamination**

Steps are taken to reduce contamination and ensure levels do not reach a point where it is excessively challenging to process the material into high quality compost.

### **Sector Alignment**

Curbside residential and the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional sectors have operational organics programs with different approaches. Sector alignment strives to ensure all sectors have access to diversion opportunities such as recycling and organics. The service level for organics waste in the multi-unit residential sector should be in line with other sectors.

### **Integrated waste**

The City of Saskatoon (City) will take an integrated approach to designing a program that balances the protection of human and environmental health with affordability, convenience, and efficient use of resources. An effort will be made to ensure all streams of solid waste services are complimentary and work together.

### **Responsibility**

It is clear who is responsible for what specific elements of the program from education to collection. Residents know how to use they program and how to participate, property managers and condo boards know what they are responsible for, and the City clearly determines what their role is in a program and communicates the requirements that must be met.