

FACTS ABOUT ORGANICS

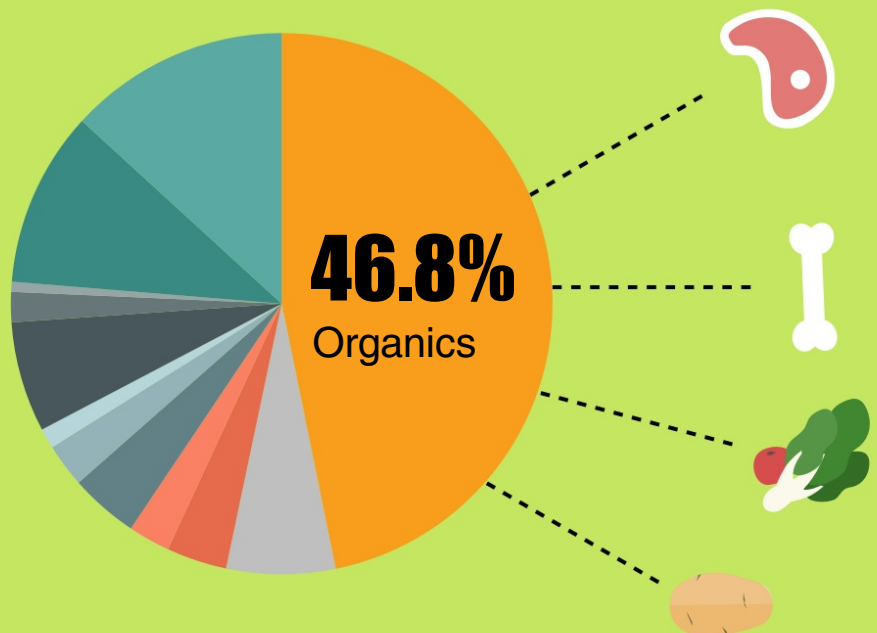


For apartments and condominiums in Metro Vancouver



Why Divert Food Waste?

Organics make up almost HALF the waste stream in multi-family buildings. (1)



ORGANIC DISPOSAL BAN:

Haulers with loads containing more than the following percentage of organics will be subjected to a 50% surcharge [2]:

2015 after July 1



>25%

2016



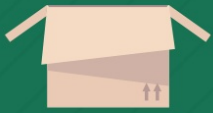
>10%

2017



>5%

ALREADY BANNED FROM LANDFILLS:



Cardboard



Paper



Yard
Waste



Beverage
Containers

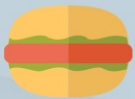


Clean
Wood

Getting Started



Ask Your Hauler the Right Questions:



Frequency: How often are organics collected?



Equipment: What type of containers are provided? (Bins, carts, kitchen catchers)



Hygiene: Do they provide odour management and bin cleaning services?



Education: Do they provide posters, signage or



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WHAT GOES IN



WHAT STAYS OUT



Fruits & Vegetables



Meat & Poultry



Fish & Seafood



Eggs & Dairy



Breads & Grains



Tea Bags



Coffee Grounds



Food-Soiled Paper



No Plastics



No biodegradable or compostable bags



No Diapers



No Animal Waste



No Glass



HAIKUS FOR ORGANICS

REDUCE

Clear out your fridge first



RECYCLE

Food scraps in green bins

Order what you can finish
Buy just what you need

Baking soda for odour
Please no plastic bags

Learn to fold a
kitchen catcher
liners out of
newspaper!
[3]

REUSE

Cook and eat all parts
Freeze or preserve
surpluses
Donate to food banks



**Got more questions on organics?
Visit www.rcbc.ca
Or call the Hotline at 604-RECYCLE (732-9253)**

Sources:

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