



Waste & Recycling Program Public Open House

Why is the Town recommending a full organic compost program?

A full organic compost program could resolve many concerns citizens have expressed about our current Waste Management & Recycling Program:

- **It would allow citizens to compost all food waste in their green carts, including meat and bones, soiled paper and cardboard, coffee grinds, tea bags, yard waste and a long list of other items.**
- **It would remove most odor-causing items from the grey garbage bins.**
- **It would reduce the amount of waste placed at the curb in the grey garbage bins.**



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- **It would bring Ponoka closer to its goal of achieving the provincial target of 80 per cent waste diversion from landfill.**
- **A full compost program is expected to divert an additional 15 per cent of Ponoka's household waste from the landfill – bringing the Town's total household waste diversion rate up to about 50 per cent.**
- **Diverting waste from the landfill helps protect our environment for future generations.**
- **The cost of adding a full organic compost program to the Town's current Waste Management & Recycling Program is not yet known.**
- **The cost will only be known once the Town issues a Request for Tender (RFT) on our full curbside program, including the addition of a full organic compost component.**



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- **While the Town's current contractor has estimated that adding a full compost program could cost an additional \$2 monthly per household based on our current contract, [that number is not final.](#)**
- **Once an Request for Tender (RFT) is issued, it's possible the Town may receive more competitive bids from other contractors that could potentially reduce our projected program costs.**