

Overview

On July 20th, 2015, City Council approved the [Waste Diversion Policy](#), which directed the Waste & Recycling Utility to develop waste diversion and waste disposal targets for the residential sector; construction and demolition sector; and the industrial, commercial, and institutional sector.



Waste Disposal Targets			
	2013	2021	2030
Residential	330 kg/capita	180 kg/capita	140 kg/capita
Waste Diversion %	20	50	65
Industrial, Commercial & Institutional	580 kg/capita	430 kg/capita	320 kg/capita
Construction & Demolition	280 kg/capita	210 kg/capita	150 kg/capita
Waste Diversion %	0	25	45
Total	1,190 kg/capita	820 kg/capita	610 kg/capita
Waste Diversion %	0	30	50

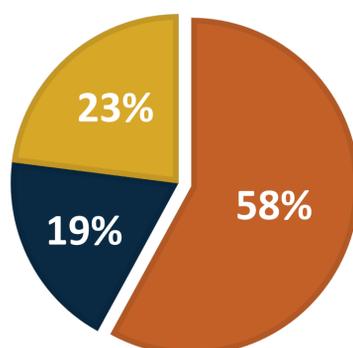
In August 2015 City Council approved the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Recycling Implementation Strategy – This is now commonly called the Business Waste Reduction Strategy.

Who does this apply to?

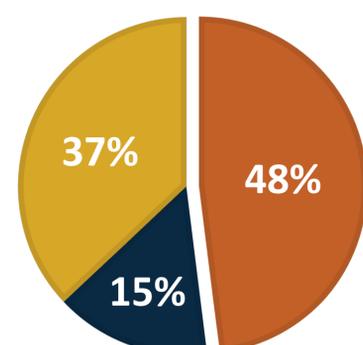
The rules will apply to everything that is not a residential premise. Home based businesses will continue to use their blue carts.

The focus on businesses is part of an overall plan to reduce waste city wide. Since businesses have historically created 2/3 to 3/4 of waste in each year, it is essential to reduce this waste alongside reductions in residential waste.

2008 WASTE BY SECTOR



2017 WASTE BY SECTOR



■ ICI ■ C&D ■ Residential

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Schedule

Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Construction & Demolition 5 Year Schedule					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TIPPING FEES:	\$95/t	\$105/t	\$115/t	\$115/t	\$115/t
	← PERFORMANCE MONITORING →				
	← MRF OPERATIONAL →		← ORGANICS SOLUTION →		
ICI SCHEDULE:					
	Waste Diversion Assistance & Promotion →				
	Differential Tipping Fees →				
		Surcharges of PAPER & CARDBOARD +\$50/t July 1st, 2019	MANDATORY RECYCLING OF DESIGNATED MATERIALS	Surcharges on EPS PACKAGING +\$50/t	ORGANICS Surcharges +\$50/t
	2018 Surcharges Announced	2019 Add Polyatyrene Foam (EPS) Packaging to DM List Fiber Surcharge Details - January 2019	2020	2021 ★ Organics Surcharges Announced	2022 ★ Add Mattresses and Textiles to DM List
C&D SCHEDULE:					
	Education & Awareness Program →				
	Differential Tipping Fees →				
		Surcharges on all C&D DESIGNATED MATERIALS & PAPER and CARDBOARD - +\$50/t	MANDATORY RECYCLING OF DESIGNATED MATERIALS	Additional Materials and Incentives Pending 2021 Target Review and Consultation with Stakeholders ★	
	2018 Surcharges Announced		2020 Anticipated Consultation on targets setting beyond 2021		

LEGEND

- ★ As Required
- YEAR Milestone
- Voluntary Program
- Economic Program
- Regulatory Program

- Voluntary Programs:** focus on education and awareness & encourage engagement and participation in waste diversion programs
- Economic Programs:** provide a financial incentive to reduce waste as compared to the cost of disposal.
- Regulatory Programs:** incorporate strong incentives and require participation in diversion programs.

Materials Covered in 2020

The Business Waste Reduction Strategy will be implemented in phases. In 2020 the City will be focusing on three materials that are very easy to recycle but still represent almost a quarter of all garbage coming from businesses and organizations.

What are the required materials?

Cardboard

All clean unpainted cardboard. – this is 6% to 8% of garbage from ICI in Lethbridge in 2019

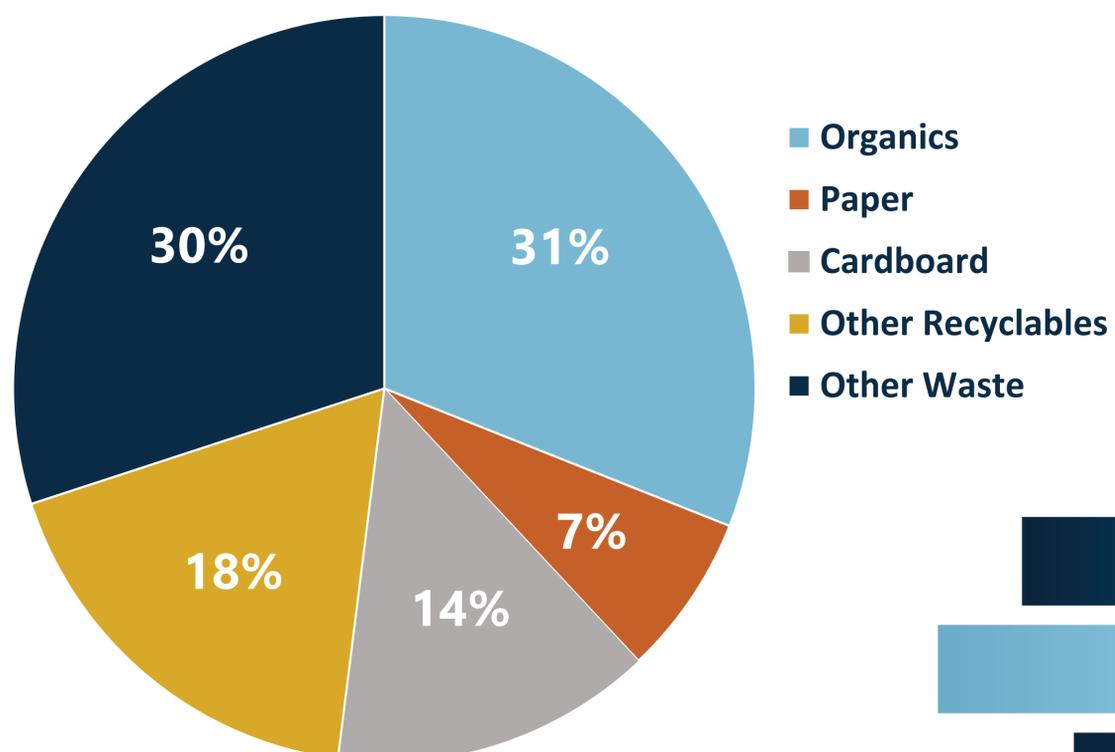
Paper

Almost any type of paper is recyclable as long as it is clean and dry. Between 8-12% of ICI garbage in 2019 was paper

Wood

Pallets, offcuts, unpainted.– 1 to 2% of ICI garbage is wood in 2019, but for some businesses it can be far more.

City of Lethbridge ICI Waste Characteristics



Getting Prepared

Infrastructure and service requirements

Most residents of Lethbridge are already recycling at home and have come to expect similar opportunities at work.

By taking control of the waste they generate, businesses and organizations have the potential to save money and make a positive impression on their customers.



Businesses and organization in Lethbridge will need to provide adequate access to recycling with receptacles and collection stations and provide collection point services from a recycling hauler.

What is adequate?

It is simple – recycling should be what we do everyday. If throwing everything in garbage is easier than recycling – your system is probably not good enough.

Having a spot for all your recyclable materials may not be enough if:

- Staff or students have too far to go.
- Putting recyclables into garbage remains easier
- You have not made your people aware this is important to your organization

Getting Prepared

Signs & Training

All businesses and organizations need to provide signage and training to staff and students to ensure your program works efficiently. Ongoing refresher training and onboarding of new staff is also crucial to creating a high functioning program.

The city will be working on resources, made available via our website, to assist with the creation of effective signage and training. This will include ready to use signs, guidelines, and support in developing your training program.



Programs without these resources will not function as well as desired, these programs may look like the photo above – with large amount of recyclable materials still reaching the garbage dumpster where they don't belong.

Requires safe disposal, not to be put with regular garbage	Mixed containers and/or other hard plastics	Mixed paper (Ex. mail, paper packaging and newsprint)	Organics	Cardboard	Glass	Garbage

Most businesses and cities are now using similar colour schemes. Consider painting the walls behind the bins to help people sort efficiently and ensure the bins are put back in the same order are tipping. RE-purpose old bins using large coloured stickers.

Signs should be Clean, Consistent and Colour coded for easy visual identification



Getting Prepared

Record Keeping & Reporting

We all want this program to be successful so we plan to include some requirements that will allow City staff to check to make sure every business and organization is doing their part to reduce garbage.

We want to require that you keep records on your hauler and how you've been training your staff, as well as a simple online form to report to us that your program is on track each year.

Our goal is to avoid enforcement whenever possible.

Businesses will be given time to work through solutions and find a way that meets everyone's needs.

Reporting to the City is expected to be much easier for businesses and save city resources versus alternatives like randomized inspections.

Reporting online allows us to focus our efforts on helping businesses who need it, and it creates an easy guided pathway to meeting the program requirements.

Compliance Reporting Form

This form is for demonstrating compliance with Boulder's Universal Zero Waste Ordinance. Please be prepared to attach pictures of the waste collection areas within your business.

When the application is approved, a Proof of Compliance certificate will be issued for your records. Please keep this document onsite as you may be required to produce it to prove compliance and avoid fines.

The city is committed to supporting businesses in achieving compliance and offers numerous video and print resources at www.ZeroWasteBoulderResources.com.

If you have additional questions or need assistance completing this form, email zerowaste@bouldercolorado.gov or call 303-441-1931.

See the [Universal Zero Waste Ordinance web page](#) for links to the code language and City Manager's Rules that include details of implementation and how to comply with the ordinance.

Thank you for reporting!

Contact Name*

First Name Last Name

Business Name*

Email Address*

The City of Boulder has permission to email me about ordinance news and updates or new program offerings.

Phone Number*

Alternate Phone Number

Business Address*

Address Line 1 Address Line 2 City State ZIP Code

Mailing Address (if different)

Address Line 1 Address Line 2 City State ZIP Code

Business Type (select only one)*

Restaurant, Cafe or Deli

Grocery Store or Food Market

Retail Store

Office

Other:

Reason for completing this application:*

Required Annual Self-Reporting

Service Levels

Unless otherwise specified by your lease agreement, your property owner/manager is required to provide adequate waste disposal services (trash, recycling and compost) for your business. Please select your waste hauler for each service:

Trash Hauler*

I don't have this service

