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City pilots organics collection bins

The City is piloting a program to reduce waste going to the landfill. Two organics collection bins have been set up to trial diverting waste from the landfill. Organics diversion through composting can reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by over 90% compared to sending the same waste to the landfill.

This project is funded through the Climate Action Revolving Fund. This fund was developed by the City to fund projects that reduce GHG emissions generated by City operations. The project hopes to reduce up to 138 tonnes of GHGs in a year.

The organics collection bins are located at City Hall, in the parking lot next to the Community Services Building, and behind the Schubert Centre.

“Schubert Centre is an ideal location to try out waste diversion,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “The combination of housing density and the Centre’s catering and meal services could potentially provide a viable organic waste diversion pilot.”

Anyone can deposit their organic materials in the bins. Acceptable materials include food scraps, paper and leaves and garden trimmings. A detailed list can be found on the City website.

The bins are maintained by Spa Hills Compost and are emptied weekly.

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See the attached information sheet about organics recycling.

Organics Bins

Thank you for participating in organics composting. The following are guidelines and not meant to be an exhaustive list.

For more information or for residential pick up, check out the Spa Hills Compost website at: <https://spahillscompost.ca/>

What can be composted?

Food scraps – including meat, raw or cooked, and fish and chicken bones

Paper and paperboard – including:

- Paper bags, newspapers, magazines, flyers, wax paper wrap, paper towel
- Paper boxes, milk cartons, take out cups, cereal and pizza boxes, food wrappers, egg cartons, drink trays, paper towel rolls
- Bamboo ware, wooden chopsticks

Leaves and Garden Trimmings

- Leaves, trimmings, sticks, grass clippings, flowers, bulbs, seeds, weeds



What can't be composted?

Metal of any kind including:

- cans, containers, lids, aluminum foil, foil inserts

Plastic of any kind including:

- containers, lids, cutlery, plant pots, ketchup or plastic packets, plastic box inserts, wrapping, ties

Glass of any kind including:

- bottles, jars

Styrofoam

Pet waste

