

Commercial Source Separation and Recycling of Waste

Province/Municipality	Regulation in Place	Name of Regulation	Who is covered	Overview	Source Separation	Materials Needed Source Separation	Responsible for Hauling	Signage	Education or Training	Auditing and/or Reporting	Target	More Details
Alberta	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
City of Calgary	Municipal Regulation	City of Calgary Recycling Bylaw for Commercial Waste	Restaurants Retail Establishments	-Containers for source separation must be provided -Must contract waste hauling -Reporting and audit voluntary at this time -Enforcement and Conditions: Commercial loads that contain 10%+ recyclables or 20%+ organics are subject to increased Designated Material rates. -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	-Newspaper -Catalogues and magazines -Mixed paper -Shredded paper -Telephone books -Boxboard and corrugated cardboard -Glass jars and bottles -Food cans and foil -Refundable beverage containers -Plastics containers #1-#7 -Juice and soup boxes -Clear plastic film -Metal -Wood -All food and yard waste		Yes	Yes			https://www.calgary.ca/for-business/operations/waste-recycling-bylaw.html Additional Tools and Audit/Reporting Guidelines: https://www.calgary.ca/for-business/operations/waste-diversion-tools.html
City of Lethbridge	Municipal Regulation	City of Lethbridge Waste Diversion Strategy	Restaurants Retail Establishments	-Containers for source separation must be provided -Must contract waste hauling -Training and/or education required -Reporting required -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	-Paper and cardboard -Organic materials (food and yard waste, solid paper products) -Recyclable wood -Concrete -Brick and masonry block -Asphalt shingles and pavement -Scrap metals Drywall	Yes		Yes	Yes - Annually by January 31	Yes - 45% ICI waste diversion by 2030	Annual Reporting: Visit the City of Lethbridge Re-TRAC connect (lethbridge.ca/retrac) to complete your business profile and follow prompts to complete your waste report. Waste reports must identify the waste hauler, attach photos of containers with correct signage and provide a summary of how the staff were trained on use of recycling and organic containers. https://theyzine.com/flip-book/0e8bee359.html#page/1
British Columbia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Metro Vancouver Regional District	Regional District Regulation	Integrated Solid Waste and Resources Management Plan	Restaurants Retail Establishments	Covers all local municipalities found within the Regional District -Containers for source separation must be provided -Must contract waste hauling (varies by municipality) -Enforcement and Conditions: Metro Vancouver will conduct periodic waste composition audits of landfill loads and can issue fines based on contamination levels. -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Beverage containers (except mil products) -Containers made out of glass, metal, recyclable plastic or composite materials -Corrugated cardboard -Recyclable paper -Yard trimmings -Food waste -Clean wood -Expanded polystyrene -Product items covered under stewardship programs	Yes				Yes - ICI diversion target of 70%	https://metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/Documents/integrated-solid-waste-resource-management-plan.pdf Banned materials https://metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/Documents/disposal-ban-program-manual.pdf
Capital Regional District	Regional District Regulation	Capital Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan	Restaurants Retail Establishments	Covers all local municipalities found within the Regional District -Landfill ban on recycling and organics -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Clean wood -Corrugated cardboard -Kitchen scraps (food waste and soiled paper products) -Mixed paper (paper fibres) -Newspapers -Scrap metal -Yard and garden waste -Product items covered under stewardship programs					Yes - a target on per capita waste disposal set at 250 kg/capita	https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/rethink-waste Banned Items: https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/hartland-landfill-facility
Central Okanagan Regional District	Regional District Regulation	Regional District of Central Okanagan Business Waste	Restaurants Retail Establishments	Covers all local municipalities found within the Regional District -Landfill ban on recyclables -Must contract waste hauling -Enforcement and Conditions: Central Okanagan will conduct periodic waste composition audits of landfill loads and apply surcharges to loads found with recyclable items. -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Scrap metal -Asphalt shingles -Cardboard and boxboard -Other recyclables (paper, plastic, tin) -Large appliances -Refundable beverage containers -Product items covered under stewardship programs	Yes					https://www.rdco.com/en/living-here/business-waste.aspx?_mid_39915#Materials-banned-from-garbage-disposal-mandatory-recyclables- Banned materials: https://www.rdco.com/en/living-here/resources/Waste-Reduction/Documents/Disposal-Guide-2023.pdf
Fraser Valley Regional District	Regional District Regulation	Fraser Valley By-Law 1495, 2018	Restaurants Retail Establishments	Covers all local municipalities found within the Regional District -Containers for source separation must be provided -Signage required -Enforcement and Conditions: subject to inspections for compliance -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Organic materials (food waste, food soiled paper, plant waste, single-use wooden food utensils) -Recyclable materials (paper packaging, paper containers, plastic containers, metal items, printed paper, film plastic, glass) -Product items covered under stewardship programs		Yes			Yes - 90% waste diversion target for 2025	https://www.fvrd.ca/EN/main/services/garbage.html By-Law: https://www.fvrd.ca/assets/Government/Documents/Bylaws/Other/Bylaw%20No.%201495,%202018%20Regional%20Solid%20Waste%20Removal%20Regulations.PDF
Fraser-Fort George Regional District	Regional District Regulation	Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, Amendment 3187	Restaurants Retail Establishments	Covers all local municipalities found within the Regional District -Landfill ban on recyclables (cardboard) -Enforcement and Conditions: municipal solid waste loads contaminated with >5% cardboard is subject to fines -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Cardboard -Product items covered under stewardship programs					Yes - a target on per capita waste disposal set at 570 kg/capita	https://www.sortsmart.ca/commercial/commercial-cardboard-diversion-program/
Nanaimo Regional District	Regional District Regulation	By-Law No. 1812 To Establish Mandatory Waste Source Separation of Municipal Solid Waste	Restaurants Retail Establishments	Covers all local municipalities found within the Regional District -Landfill ban on recycling and organics -Enforcement and Conditions: municipal solid waste loads recyclables (>15%) are subject to fines and organics loads contaminated with non-organic waste (>20%) will be subject to fines. -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Recyclable materials (materials managed through existing recycling programs and for which a commercial market exists -Organic waste (food scraps and food soiled paper) -Product items covered under stewardship programs					Yes - 90% waste diversion target for 2029	https://www.rdn.bc.ca/sites/default/files/2019-04/bylaw_1784_-_tipping_fee_and_solid_waste_disposal_regulation.pdf Banned Items: https://www.rdn.bc.ca/solid-waste-banned-items
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Regional District Regulation	Mandatory Recyclable Materials Bylaw 2743	Restaurants Retail Establishments	Covers all local municipalities found within the Regional District -Landfill ban on recyclables -Enforcement and Conditions: municipal solid waste loads contaminated with >10% recyclables are subject to fines -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Cardboard -Product items covered under stewardship programs					Yes - a target on per capita waste disposal set at 500 kg/capita for 2028	https://www.tnrd.ca/expansion-of-disposal-ban-to-help-divert-materials-from-landfill/
Manitoba	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Brunswick	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Moncton Area	Voluntary	Commercial Sorting	Voluntary	Voluntary sorting with disposal cost incentives for ICI waste with organics and recyclables sorted.	Yes	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	https://www.eco360.ca/commercial#
Newfoundland / Labrador	Provincial Regulation	Newfoundland and Labrador Regulation 59/03	Restaurants Retail Establishments	-Containers for source separation must be provided. -Must contract waste haulers. -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements, and reporting.	Yes	Landfill ban on: -Beverage containers -Cardboard (by municipality) -Mandatory Organics program expected in 2025 -Product items covered under stewardship programs	Yes				Yes - to divert 50% of waste from landfills	https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/env-protection-waste-guidancedocs-gd-ppd-068-management-of-municipal-and-ici-wastes.pdf Banned items: https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GD-PPD-022.4-Landfill-Bans-Special-Wastes-and-Diversion-Programs-1.pdf

Nova Scotia	Provincial Regulation	Materials Banned from Disposal Sites	Restaurants Retail Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Containers for source separation must be provided. -Hauling requirements vary by municipality -Enforcement and Conditions: Waste loads subject to inspections by by-law officers at any time. Non-compliance subject to tickets. -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements, and reporting. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Landfill ban on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Redeemed beverage containers -Corrugated cardboard -Newsprint -Leaf and yard waste -Steel/tin food containers -Glass food containers -#2 HDPE non-hazardous containers -Low density polyethylene bags and packaging -Compostable organic material (food waste, yard waste, soiled and non-recyclable paper) -Product items covered under stewardship programs 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - a target on per capita waste disposal set at 300 kg/capita for 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulations: https://novascotia.ca/nse/waste/regulations.asp Banned products: https://novascotia.ca/nse/waste/banned.asp Target: https://novascotia.ca/circular-economy-and-waste-engagement/ 	
Ontario	Provincial Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> O. Reg. 103/94: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Separation Programs O. Reg. 102/94: Waste Audits and Waste Reduction Work Plans 	Restaurants Retail Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Containers for source separation must be provided -Reporting required -Annual waste audit requirements -Signage required -Must contract waste hauling -Enforcement and Conditions: Exclusions for retail and restaurants if located in a municipality with under 5,000 population. Exclusions for retail with an individual floor space under 10,000m2, unless located in a retail shopping complex meeting the size limits. Additional exclusions for restaurants related to financial performance (not exceeding \$3,000,000 in gross sales in any of the previous 2 years) -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aluminum food and beverage cans -Cardboard (corrugated) -Fine paper -Glass bottles and jars for food and beverages -Newsprint -Steel food or beverage cans -Polyethylene terephthalate bottles for food or beverages -Product items covered under stewardship programs 	Yes	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - Annual Waste audits (see more details) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - 50% diversion by 2030 80% diversion by 2050 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source Separation requirements: https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/940103 Audit requirements: A waste audit must be complete, the owner shall prepare a written report upon audit completion. A waste reduction plan based on the audit must be completed and updated annually (the plan must be posted to employees). **A person who is obligated to conduct a waste audit and prepare a report of more than one retail shopping establishment, retail shopping complex, building or restaurant may conduct a single audit and prepare a single report for two or more of them if it is reasonable to expect that separate audits would have similar findings.** Retail Establishments (>10,000 m2) and retail shopping complexes (>10,000 m2) and Restaurants: In every year following the waste audit 1)Must update the audit and prepare an updated written report. 2)Prepare an updated written report Audit and reporting link: https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/940102 Targets: https://www.ontario.ca/page/strategy-waste-free-ontario-building-circular-economy 	
PEI	Provincial Regulation	Waste Watch	Restaurants, Retail Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Containers for source separation must be provided -Training and/or education required -Signage required -Must contract waste hauling -Enforcement and Conditions: Surcharges will apply for mixed waste with high levels of contamination. -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Recyclables (see sorting guide) -Compost (see sorting guide) -Product items covered under stewardship programs 		Yes	Yes			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://wmc.pe.ca/commercial/ Sorting Guide: https://wmc.pe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/FINAL-Sorting-Guide_Special-Disposals-Sept15-2021-SMALL.pdf 	
Quebec	STARTING IN 2025	Q-2, r. 46.01 - Regulation Respecting a System of Selective Collection of Certain Residual Materials	Restaurants Retail Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation to come into effect in 2025. See link for more information. 									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cr/Q-2,%20r.%2046.01
Gatineau	N/A	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses must contract a waste hauler. See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting. 				Yes					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting 2024-25 the city will offer commercial recycling and organic pickup.
Sherbrooke	N/A	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pilot Project -See link for additional information 									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.sherbrooke.ca/fr/services-aux-entreprises/programmes-pour-les-industries-commerces-et-institutions-ici/projet-pilote-de-collecte-des-matieres-organiques-dans-les-industries-commerces-et-institutions-ici
Saskatchewan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Regina	STARTING IN 2026												<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.regina.ca/home-property/recycling-garbage/industrial-commercial-and-institutional-waste-program/
Saskatoon	Municipal Regulation	Bylaw 9844 - The Waste Bylaw	Restaurants, Retail Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Containers for source separation must be provided -Must contract waste hauling -Signage required -Training and/or education required -See link for additional information on any enforcement, exclusions or requirements and reporting. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Recyclables (aluminum and tin cans, aluminum foil and pie plates, boxboard, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, fine paper and magazines, recyclable plastic containers #1-#7, all provincially legislated beverage containers) -Organics (yard and garden waste, food scraps, food soiled products) -Cooking grease 	Yes	Yes	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - 2050 diversion targets: Organics 90% Plastics 95% Paper 90% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-clerk/bylaws/9844.pdf 	

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