

FAQs: Multifamily Waste Management

1. What are the upcoming changes to the Waste Management Bylaw, and when do they take effect?

The upcoming changes to the [Waste Management Bylaw 2012-63](#) will require multi-family properties to implement a food and yard waste service starting July 1, 2024¹. The bylaw mandates the separation of food and yard waste from general garbage to promote sustainability and reduce landfill waste.

Multi-families have been required to have recycling services since 2013.

2. Which properties are affected by this bylaw?

The bylaw applies to multi-family properties, including apartments, condominiums, townhouse complexes, co-ops, and similar residential structures that do not receive City waste services.

3. Why is the City implementing this bylaw?

The bylaw is designed to address environmental issues caused by food and yard waste in landfills, such as methane gas production and wasted landfill space. By separating food and yard waste, the City aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, extend the life of the landfill, and create nutrient-rich compost for gardening and agriculture.

4. How can multi-family properties comply with the new bylaw?

To comply with the bylaw, multi-family property owners should:

- **Contact Your Waste Hauler:** Discuss integrating food and yard waste services into existing waste management systems.
- **Establish a Food and Yard Waste Service Contract:** Work with your waste hauler to establish a contract and submit an updated waste plan to the City of Regina for approval.
- **Place Food and Yard Waste Containers:** Position designated containers or carts for food and yard waste in convenient locations on your property.

¹ City Council has a motion before them on May 8, 2024 to postpone implementation of the bylaw to July 1, 2025.

- **Notify Occupants:** Inform residents about the upcoming changes to their waste services and provide guidance on proper sorting practices.

5. Where can I find resources to implement a food and yard waste service?

The City of Regina will have a guide available to assist multi-family property owners in implementing a food and yard waste service on Regina.ca/multifamily

6. What if my current waste hauler does not provide food and yard waste services?

If your current waste hauler does not offer food and yard waste services, the City provides a list of haulers that do. Visit Regina.ca/multifamily to find an alternative waste hauler.

7. Are there alternative ways to manage food and yard waste without large bins?

Yes, if large food and yard waste carts are impractical, consider using countertop composters or other small-scale composting solutions. These can be especially useful for smaller multi-family properties or apartments without outdoor space. It is important to note that the byproduct of the countertop units must be composted, not landfilled.

8. How can I educate my building's occupants about the new waste services?

To engage your residents in the new food and yard waste service, consider:

- Holding "lobby talks" or workshops to explain the program.
- Sending email reminders, letters, or using social media to communicate the changes.
- Providing practical guidance on storing food waste in their units and offering discounted or recommended bins for convenience.

For additional guidance and resources, contact the City at wastediversionservices@regina.ca.