

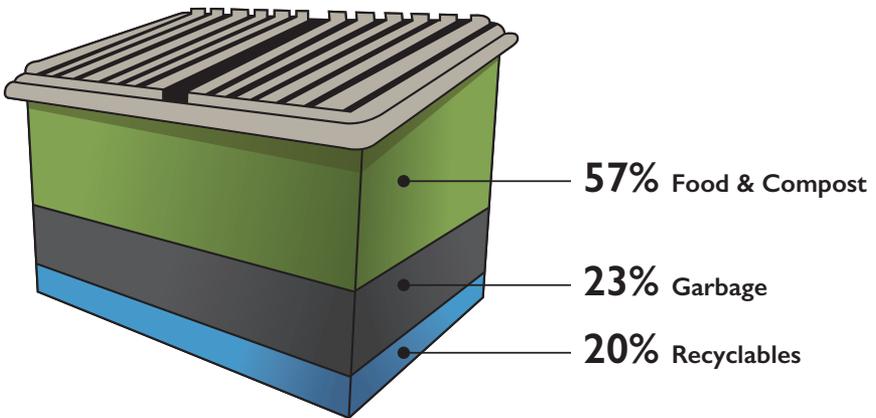
Moving Toward Zero Waste for Businesses and Organizations (non-residential)

The Town of Banff strives to be a model environmental community. Our goal is to send zero waste to landfill. By 2028, we will start by diverting 70% of all waste produced in town going to landfill.

Why move toward zero waste?

Nearly all of the waste coming from businesses and organizations is not garbage. Most is paper, cardboard and food – which can be recycled or composted instead of going to landfill.

- Less garbage going to landfill will reduce costs for businesses
- Less hauling garbage reduces air pollution in the national park and cuts greenhouse gas emissions
- Responsible businesses earn loyalty from visitors and residents wanting to help Banff protect the environment



Zero Waste Banff

Call 403.762.1132 or email zerowaste@banff.ca to set up a consultation for your business or organization.



Businesses Sort for Success

A critical first step is setting up systems so employees and clients can sort waste as soon as possible.

It costs you less to have the Town of Banff pick up a cardboard or food bin than a garbage bin. The more efficiently you divert your waste and schedule your pick-ups, the more money you'll save.

Provide receptacles for:

- **Cardboard** (it is illegal in Banff to include cardboard with other waste or recycling)
- **Food** (your disposal fees for this material will reduce by 40%)
- **Garbage** (for sending to landfill)
- **Other recycling** (you may want to separate paper, containers and refundable items)

You can sort and drop off other recyclable materials at the Waste Transfer Site, or hire a private hauler to collect it.

Town of Banff services:

- Collection services – call to set your schedule
- Zero Waste Education – workplace posters, bin signs, info sessions, program advice

Changes:

Yard & Garden material drop off rates have been reduced over 50% to \$40/tonne to encourage diversion of these materials.



PHOTO: BUSCH SYSTEMS

Food & Composting

Approximately 65% of Banff's waste going to landfill comes from non-residential waste. Almost 50% of that is food!

Separating food waste can save your business money. The Town of Banff offers a significant discount to businesses that separate their food waste for composting, by using a food waste bin. It is about 40% less expensive for rental and servicing of a food bin than the same size garbage bin. Food-soiled paper such as napkins and coffee filters should go with food scraps.



Use a certified compostable bag to collect food scraps and transport the food scraps to your larger collection bin. Plastic bags are NOT accepted, as they contaminate the compost.

Town of Banff Services:

- Food bins are available in two different sizes: 360 litres and 660 litres
- Pick-ups are available 3 times per week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays)

Recycling

Cardboard

The Town of Banff requires all non-residential organizations to separate cardboard from other recyclables and waste.

Refundables

Collect your plastic and glass beverage bottles, tetra paks and drink cans, and bring to the bottle depot for cash back.



Other Recycling

Sort and separate other recyclables by stream: glass, mixed recyclables, and paper. This will reduce the cost of your garbage collection. Drop off other recycling at the Waste Transfer Site (120 Hawk Avenue), or hire a private hauler to come collect it.

Fees apply for non-residential and out-of-town drop-offs.

Large items such as functioning furniture and appliances can be brought to the Re-use centre at the Waste Transfer Site.

Garbage for Landfill

Everything that cannot be recycled, refunded, reused or composted must go in the garbage stream. It is critical that garbage does not contaminate the recycle/compost streams.

Hazardous waste and fats/oil/grease waste is also collected and disposed separately to protect our environment, wildlife and our infrastructure.

Keep items like these in the garbage bin for landfill:

- plastic bags, plastic wrap, wax/butcher paper
- elastics, twist ties, fruit stickers, labels
- straws, candy wrapping, chip bags, foil wrappers
- so-called “flushables,” baby wipes
- ceramics, cookware, tableware
- plastic containers **without** recycle loop with numbers 1-7
- condiment packets
- single-serve coffee pods
- styrofoam



Clear Bags Required for Garbage

All non-residential organizations in Banff are required to use clear bags to dispose of garbage. Waste will not be accepted in black or coloured/opaque bags. Clear bags allow you to identify materials such as food, recyclable containers, paper and cardboard inadvertently placed in the garbage. These materials can be diverted from the garbage bin and reduce your costs.



Zero Waste Banff is here to help

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Thank you for helping Banff move toward zero waste.

