

How To Divert Food Waste For Businesses & Organizations

STEP 1



Register for food collection service

Where do I begin?

Contact Operations at 403.762.1240. Request to receive 'Food Waste collection'.

Choose your bin size

The Town offers bins that are 360 litres and 660 litres to put in your garbage enclosure. The cost of the bin is included in cost of collection.

Determine collection frequency

Food bin pick-ups are available three times per week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

STEP 2



Set up the system

Find the right bins for your kitchen

Consider your space constraints when buying bins. Slim bins work well for small spaces.

Buy liners for the bin

Compostable bags make it easier to divert food waste. ONLY BPI-certified compostable bags are allowed in Banff's compost program.



Add signage to the bin

Add labels to the bins to promote proper sorting and avoid contamination (plastic especially). Download free standardized signage at banff.ca/recycling.

Find the right locations for the bins

Place compost bins right next to garbage bins at each station. Prep cooks and line cooks should have compost bins in arms reach. It's also useful for each kitchen to have a central compost bin that servers and dishwashers can scrape scraps into.

STEP 3



Empower Staff

Introduce the program

Ensure that your staff understand what goes in the food bin, and why the program is important. Consider what communication channels will be most effective in reaching your staff.

Ideas include: staff communications board, team meetings, newsletters, on-boarding processes

Follow up

Conduct little spot checks on food and garbage bins to make sure that each bin is properly used. Correct issues before they become a habit.

Reward staff initiative

Consider using a few dollars of money saved by diverting waste to buy small gift for staff members who champion the program.



Zero Waste Banff is ready to help

Call 403.762.1132 or email zerowaste@banff.ca for a free consultation for your business or organization.

Questions? banff.ca/recycling

Thank you for helping Banff move toward zero waste.



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