

Waste Management in the City of Toronto

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Customer Service & Waste Diversion
Implementation

Solid Waste Management Services

City of Toronto

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Agenda

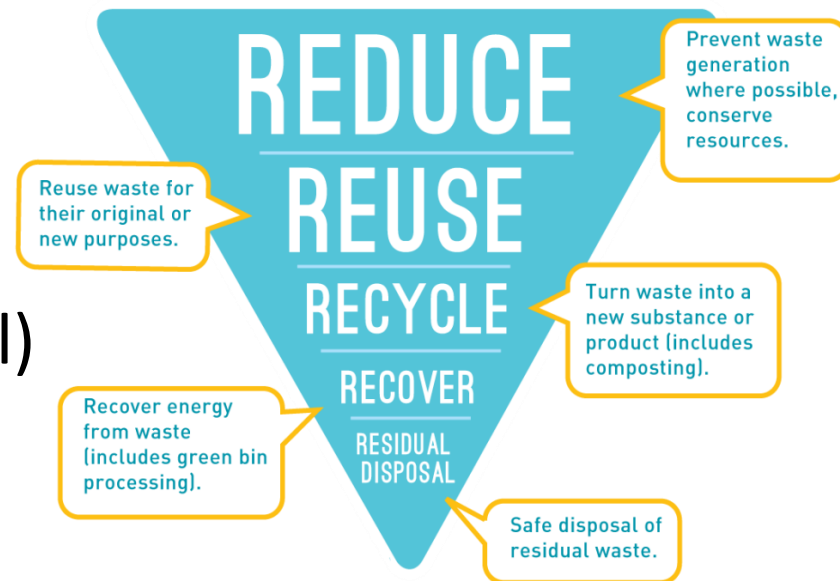
- Long-Term Waste Management Strategy
- Community Reduce & Reuse Programs
- Love Food Hate Waste Campaign
- Call to action: Reducing Single-Use & Takeaway Items
- 3Rs Ambassador Program

Long-Term Waste Management Strategy



Purpose of the Waste Strategy

- Limited landfill capacity
- Guide decision making for the next 30 to 50 years
- Incorporate all waste generators (not only residential)
- Develop sustainable utility



Waste Strategy

Approved by
City Council
in July 2016

16
Recommendations
adopted

3Rs Policy &
Program Focus,
includes
enhanced P&E
and enforcement

Zero Waste Goal
70% Diversion by 2026
70% Diversion of
waste collected from
commercial
customers

Mixed Waste
Processing w/
Organics Processing
Testing in first 5 years
Business case in 2021

Waste Strategy

Focus on reducing, reusing and recycling/composting waste to promote resource conservation and reduced environmental impacts.



**Food waste
Reduction
Strategy**



**Textile
Collection
and Re-Use
Strategy**



**Mobile
Drop-Off
Service**



**Sharing
Library**



**Swaps and
Exchange
Events**

Community Reduce & Reuse Programs



Community Reduce & Reuse Programs

- Part of the **Long Term Waste Management Strategy** and **Tower Renewal Program** implementation
- Based primarily in **Neighbourhood Improvement Areas** and include multi-residential buildings and community hubs
- Delivered in collaboration with various **local agencies and non-profits**
- toronto.ca/reduce-reuse

Bicycle Repair Hubs



Bicycle Repair Hubs – Participation and Diversion



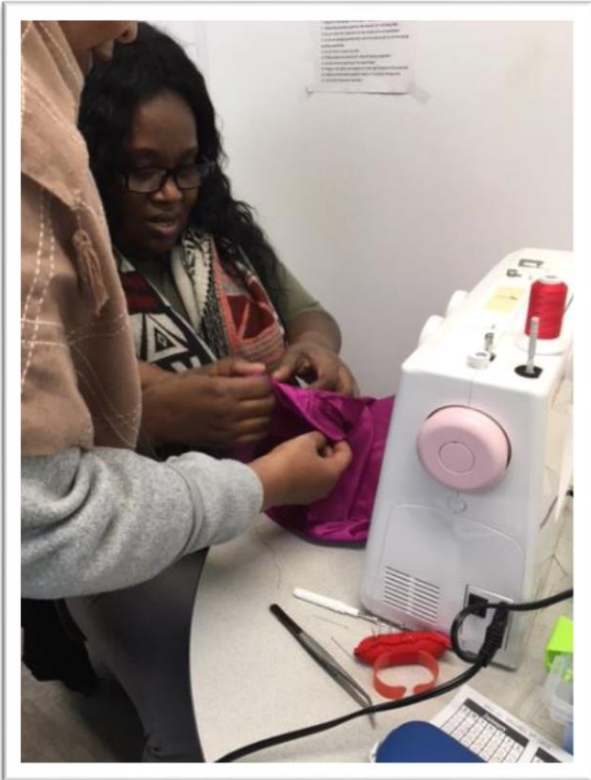
Community Composting



Community Composting Training

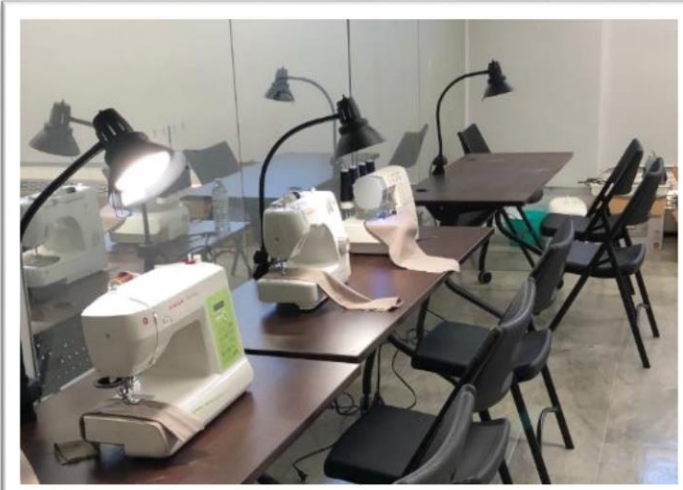


Sewing Repair Hubs



Sewing Repair Hubs – Workshops and Classes

- Basic Sewing Skills
- Advanced Sewing Skills
- Alterations and Repair Café
- Drop-In Sessions
- Sewing Machine Repair



Urban Harvest



Sharing and Reuse Spaces



Events Calendar on toronto.ca/reduce-reuse

Events Calendar

Print 

Many items that can be reused are thrown out every day. To help foster a culture of waste reduction, sharing, repairing and reusing, the City is working with local agencies and non-profit organizations to deliver Community Reduce & Reuse Programs.

11 events

List View

Map View

Search All Events



Canning & Preservation Workshop

5 dates from Feb 1, 2019 - Aug 31, 2019

Free

Learn about getting the most out of your fruits and vegetables with food preservation techniques.

 **Free** Food/Culinary



DIY Drop-In Bike Repair

Every Tuesday, Saturday from Feb 1, 2019 - Aug 31, 2019

Free

Learn to fix and maintain your bike with the help of our friendly staff and volunteers.

 **Free** Cycling



Sewing Classes

Every Monday, Thursday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from Feb 1, 2019 - Aug 31, 2019

Free

Learn basic sewing skills as well as sewing machine and tool basics.

 **Free** Seminars/Workshops



Sewing Classes

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from Feb 7, 2019 - Aug 31, 2019

Free

Mar 2019

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Today

This Weekend

Date Range

Venue

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Categories

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Themes

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Free Festivals and Events



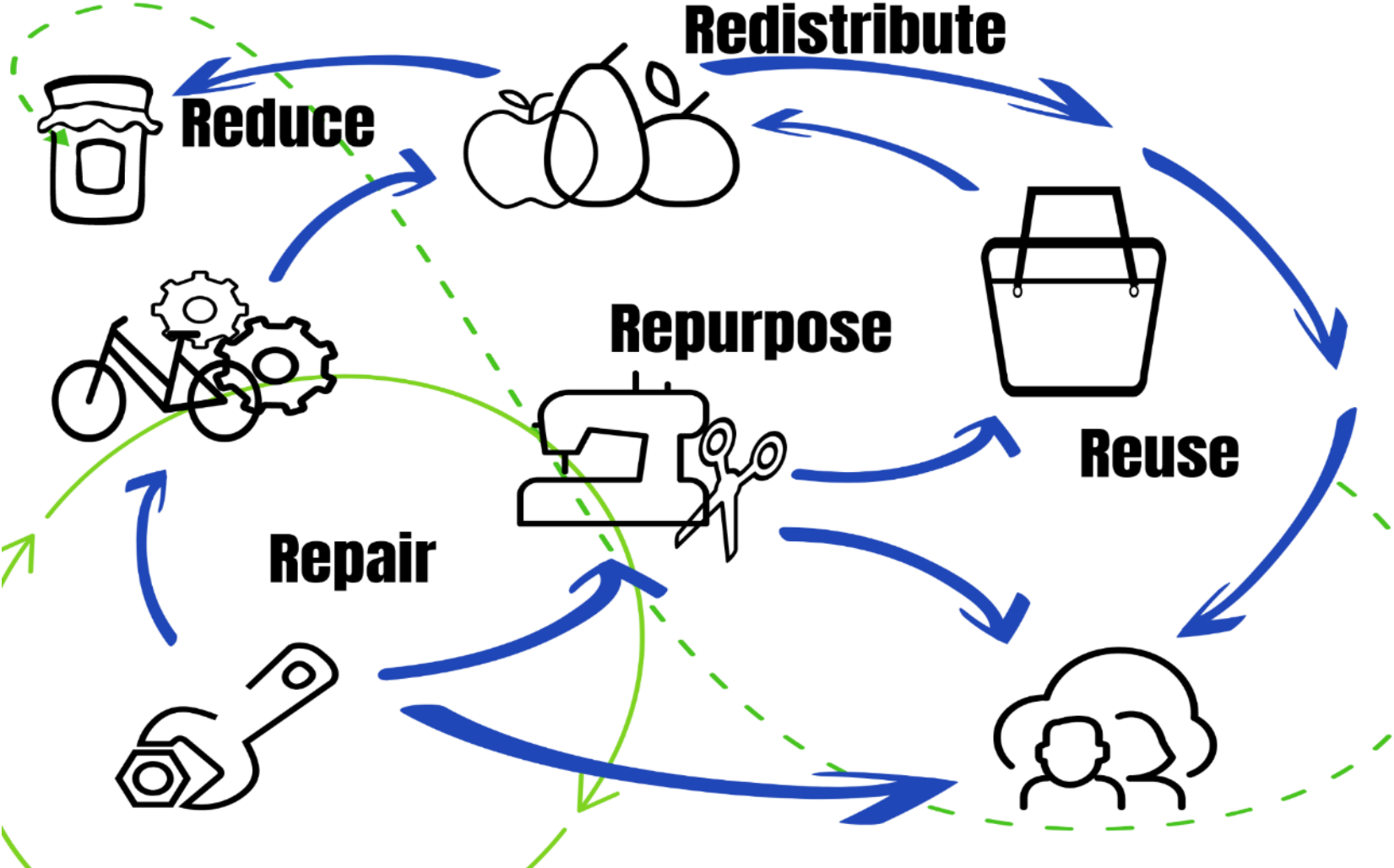
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Synergies Between Programs

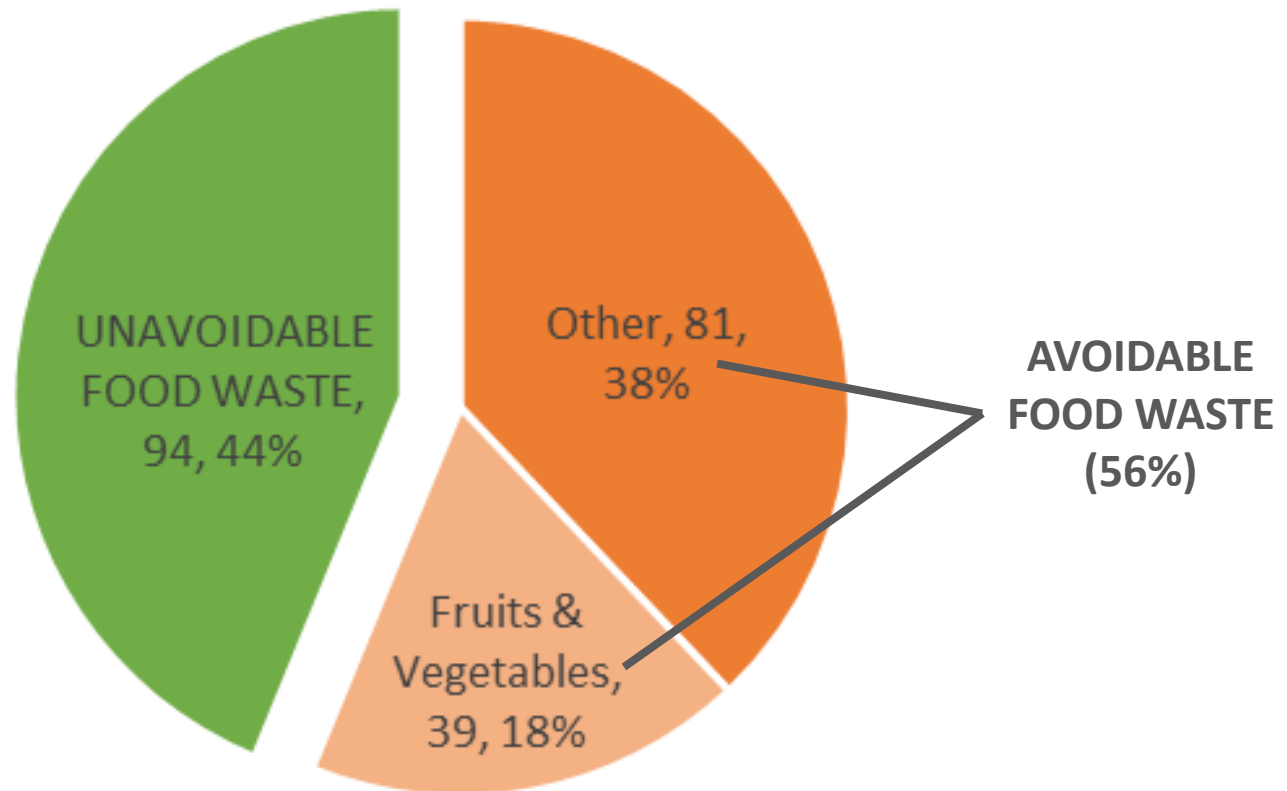


Food Waste Reduction



Food Waste in Toronto

Residential Food Waste in Toronto (kg/hhld/yr)



Love Food Hate Waste Campaign

- 3-year (2018-2021) partnership with National Zero Waste Council, other government organizations and retailers
- To enable consumers to learn and practice ways to reduce avoidable food waste



Love Food Hate Waste Campaign

WHAT YOU CAN DO

By storing our food so it stays fresh, using up our leftovers and planning our meals better, together we can make a big difference.



PLAN IT OUT

Make a meal plan and shop smart, so you buy just what you need.



USE IT UP

Use more of the food you buy.



KEEP IT FRESH

Store food properly so it stays fresh longer.

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Reducing Single-Use and Take-away Items- Consultation

- The City is seeking feedback on approaches and timelines to reduce specific single-use and takeaway items in Toronto.
- **A single-use or takeaway item**
Any product designed for a single use after which it is disposed of in the garbage, Blue Bin (recycling) or Green Bin (organics). Typically, these products are not designed for durability or reuse. Examples include coffee cups and takeout containers.
- This is Phase 2 of the consultation process.

Reducing Single-Use and Take-away Items- Consultation

3 Ways to have your say

1. Public Event – City Hall – September 2019

Recorded webcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JP6yoDvVJRQ&list=PLp11YxteHNp25DJbbfEeuY59Z3gPP0tdg&index=2&t=0s>

2. Survey: www.toronto.ca/single-use

Online survey open starting on September 25, 2019 – ends Nov 4, 2019

Reducing Single-Use and Take-away Items- Consultation

3. Telephone/Web Town Hall

- Thursday, October 10 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. OR Thursday, October 24 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Registration needed: <https://vekeo.com/toronto/>
- The same information will be presented on both dates.
- A Telephone Town Hall is similar to a large conference call with the option to view a short presentation through live streaming. Participants are called directly and answer their phones to connect to the session or they can call 1-877-229-8493 ID Code: 117564 on the day of the session.
- To view the Town Hall online, participants will need to register using the link provided above.

3Rs Ambassador Program

How do I become a volunteer?

- Obtain approval from your facility manager to begin the 3Rs Ambassador Volunteer program
- Fill out an online volunteer application form
- Complete a 15-minute interview
- Sign up for a 3-hour training session

The City will:

- Train you in effective communication
- Provide free literature, posters, stickers and promotional items
- Provide assistance with your campaigns, and to deal with any questions about the program