

**OPTIONS FOR MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS
FOR ORGANICS DIVERSION AND COLLECTION**
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1. CRD to seek additional regulatory power that requires property to have separate containers for solid waste including recycling and organics.

As an example, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has been granted additional power, by bylaw, which requires owners or occupiers of a property to have separate containers for different types of solid waste and recyclable materials. The CRD could seek to obtain similar regulatory power that the Province has already granted the RDN, which would require owners or occupiers of property to do the same. A bylaw similar to the RDN's would make it mandatory for multi-family and industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) owners (who do not receive municipal collection services) to provide separate containers for garbage, recyclables and organics.

2. CRD to seek additional regulatory power that requires owners or occupiers of property to use an organics collection service.

An organic collection service could be provided by the CRD, another local government or by a private service provider. However, some consideration needs to be given to properties where collection services are not available, and for owners who dispose of organics by other acceptable means, such as on-site composting or delivery to a licensed composting facility.

Currently, curbside organics collection falls under municipal purview, and is only being offered by 6 of the 13 municipalities to single family residents. For this reason, the CRD could consider providing curbside collection services in areas where such services are not available (i.e., the remaining 7 municipalities, electoral areas and amongst all multi-family and ICI sectors in the region). The CRD could also consider providing these services to a larger portion of the region including within municipal areas.

3. Hauler Incentive Program and Changes to Tipping Fees

The RDN, for instance, has a licensing program for commercial haulers with the objective of incentivizing increased diversion by offering lower tipping fees to enable haulers to provide lower rates to residents, and by imposing a disposal levy. The disposal levy serves as a disincentive to commercial haulers who are required to pay for material that is disposed of at the landfill. Similarly, the CRD as of January 2024, increased general refuse tipping fees from \$110/tonne to \$150/tonne. This change in tipping fees will support diversion efforts in the waste management industry and will better align with general refuse tipping fees in other on-island regional districts. During this time, the CRD implemented the Waste Stream Collector Incentive Program. This program allows Hartland account customers to receive a rebate on general refuse if they voluntarily self-report waste collection data and promote multi-stream collection. This program, however, is voluntary in nature and does not mandate haulers to participate.