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our Environment for
Future Generations

A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan

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Reducing Litter and Waste in Our
Communities: Discussion Paper



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Provides direction to municipalities, industry as well as the IC&I sector by setting reduction targets to reduce the amount of food & organic matter sent to landfill



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Included in focus

- Food waste
- Leaf & yard waste
- Paper (shredded, soiled, additional paper fibre)
- Compostable products & packaging
- Personal hygiene
- Pet food & wastes



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- Recognition of Food Recovery Hierarchy
- Keep food waste out of landfills
- Sector-Specific Waste Reduction & Resource Recovery Targets
 - Y2023 & 2025
 - 50 – 70% waste reduction & resource recovery of food & organic waste
- Provide clear rules for compostables
- Support competitive & sustainable end markets



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Focus

- Rescue of Surplus Food
- Recover Resources from Food & Organic Waste
- Compostable Products & Packaging
- Support Resource Recovery Infrastructure
- Fostering Timely Approvals
- Ensure Long-Term Facility Sustainability
- Promote Beneficial Uses



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Resource Recovery Policy Branch



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Info & Recos on

- Food & Organic Waste Policy Statement
 - Rescue & Safe Food Donation
 - Compostable Products & Packaging
 - Modernization of Organic Waste Permission
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End Markets



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Food & Organic Waste Policy Statement

- Identification of priority areas to support implementation
- What help is needed for municipalities, IC&I and infrastructure to meet targets
- Education & Outreach



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Rescue & Safe Food Donations

- Guidelines for the safe donation of surplus food
- Obstacles for rescue & safe donation



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Modernization of Organic Waste Permissions

- Identification of regulatory barriers
 - Where these exist – what hinders progress
- Modernize approvals while reducing costs and regulatory burden



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Compostable Products & Packaging

For path forward, determine:

- Technical limitations
- What support is needed to enable incorporation into infrastructure



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- Prevention & Reduction Best
- Existing Infrastructure at Capacity
- Recognize good done to-date (year-over-year progress versus a new baseline)
- Refinements & Improvements to Applications and Approvals
- Correct identification of Certified Compostables
- Capabilities of existing infrastructure to process Certified Compostables



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Need to Schedule Discussion on MARKETS

- Renewable Natural Gas
- Soil Health
- Review of compost products/digestate
- Promotion of use



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News Release

Changes to Biogas Rules for Farms to Increase Economic Opportunity in Ontario's Renewable Natural Gas Sector

November 18, 2019

Ontario to consult on ways to boost biogas sector revenues by up to 50 per cent in five years

Hamilton - The Government of Ontario will launch consultations to identify potential changes that would allow farmers to expand the emerging renewable natural gas market in Ontario and make the province a North American leader in the biogas sector. The consultations will focus on changes designed to reduce red tape and grow untapped economic opportunities for on-farm biogas operations.



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