COMPOST FOR A REGENERATIVE PLANET
“Compost for a Regenerative Planet” Advocacy Group

The CCC, EcoSafe, Composters and the CMA
Federal, Provincial and Local governments will lay the foundation for the Waste Management Industry that will drive Recyclers of Organics and non-organics for decades.
CANADIAN REALITY

Governments are laying the industry’s foundation with rules that will be entrenched for decades

THE CHALLENGE

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DECISION TIME
Our options are clear... wait and adjust to the new regulatory environment...
Or... join with the CCC, EcoSafe and the “Compost for a Regenerative Planet” advocacy group to build a new Canadian model based on best practices and success in Canada, the USA and EU.
OUR MISSION
Evaluate and Implement Proven Solutions from North American and the EU

01 Legislation and Governance
02 Composter Gate Keeping
03 Protect the Composter Profit Model
01 - LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE

- Ban... Organic to Landfill
- Ban... Single Use Throwaway Plastics
- Restrict the use of Compostable Plastics to the Food Chain Only
- 2017 ~ King County WA
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Only Compostable Bags can be Tinted Green or Brown

Green and Brown Plastic Bags* (such as produce)

NEW: Effective July 1, 2017, retail stores and services prohibited from providing customers with plastic bags (such as produce bags) that are tinted green or brown.

NEW: Allows stores to provide approved compostable bags for in-store use (such as produce), and they must be colored green or brown.

NEW: Bags may not be labeled “biodegradable,” “degradable,” or similar confusing terms.

*Requirement is effective July 1, 2017
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- 2019 ~ WA State passed the Compostable Labelling Legislation
- California Assembly Bill AB 1972 prohibits a person from selling a plastic bag that is labeled as "compostable," "biodegradable," "degradable," unless it meets the ASTM Standard_Specification D6400-04 for Compostable Plastics.
Empowering Composters

• They are the Gatekeepers ~ they set and control the rules for their facility
• Tolerance for Contamination
• Authority to Reject
• The “Yes & No” items for Residential, Commercial, Institutions & Events
Regulate to Protect the Composter Profit Model

- Explore Regulatory RFP models that reward Compost Quality over Volume
- National Standard for Compost to be Free of Plastic & Micro-plastic by 2025
- 80% Reduction in use of Chemical Fertilizers, Herbicides and pesticides in Canada by 2030
A Collaboration to Leverage the Critical Role of Composters in our Fight to Save Our Planet

Are we up to the Challenge? Do we have your Support? It’s your Decision!
GIBSONS CURBSIDE PROGRAM

A Collaborative Effort
- Town of Gibsons
- Composter
- Hauler
- ReCollect ~ Online Customer Support

An EcoSafe Turn-key Solution
CURBSIDE PROGRAM

Launched April 1st, 2018
✓ Weekly organics pickup
✓ First 6 weeks ~ full audit

2019 Updated - 6-Month period ~ April 1st - September
STANDARDS

- ZERO tolerance for visible contamination
- Source separated organic only
- Manual tipping / curbside inspection
- Yard waste ~ drop-off depots
- Gibsons Goal ~ ZERO organics to landfill
FOCUS ON RESIDENTS

- Eliminate THE Yuck Factor and concern for odor and insects
- Provide 2, right-sized bins
  - 2 Gallon Kitchen Caddy
  - 6 Gallon EcoCaddy
- Resident communications
  - Pre-launch outreach campaign
  - 4-page handout
  - Graphical "yes" and "no" items
  
Immediate contamination feedback

"Start where we want to finish"
DIVERSION RESULTS

81% diversion after 6-weeks roll-out

94% diversion, 4.71lbs per household

Average of only 1 call per 1,000 pick-ups
CONTAMINATION RESULTS

- <1% contamination
- 100% clean bins
- Contaminated, 0.50%
- Uncontaminated, 99.50%
COST ANALYSIS

Capital Cost
• $20 per household

Total Startup Cost
• $91 per household

Weekly Collection
• $1.45 per household / week
IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE

• Prioritize the issues of the waste generator
• Start where you want to finish
• ZERO tolerance for “Visible” contamination
• Give immediate feedback at the point of collection
THE PILES TELL THE STORY

- Near ZERO visible pre-screen contamination
- Source Separated Organics
- Manual tipping
- Inspection at the point of Collection
- Immediate Feedback
Making a meaningful difference for the environment through strong profitable partnerships that drive social change, using our innovative zero waste solutions and industry leading products.
THANK YOU