

# "Compost for a Regenerative Planet" Advocacy Group

The CCC, EcoSafe, Composters and the CMA





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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





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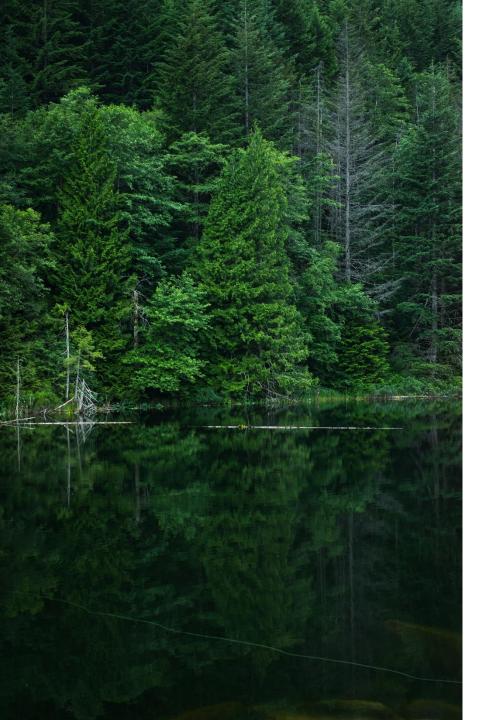
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### **DECISION TIME**

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** 

Legislation and Governance

Composter Gate Keeping

Protect the Composter Profit Model



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### 01 - LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE

### Only Compostable Bags can be Tinted Green or Brown

Green and Brown Plastic Bags\* (such as produce)



\*Requirement is effective July 1, 2017

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 instore use (such as produce), and they must be colored green or brown.

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





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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.



### 02 - COMPOSTER GATE KEEPER

### **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



### 03 - COMPOSTING PROFIT MODEL

### 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** 





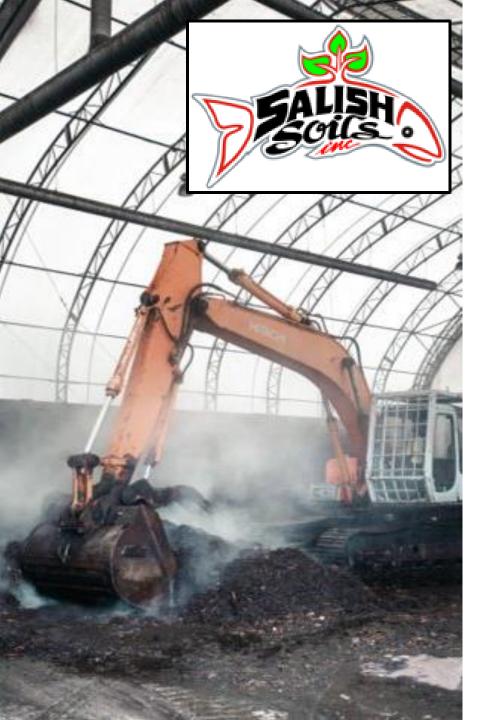
### **CURBSIDE PROGRAM**

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**

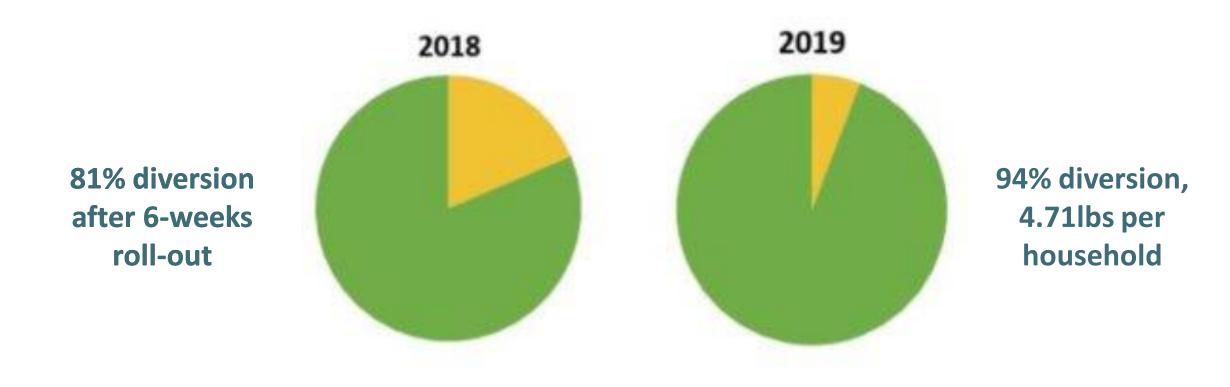
- Eliminate THE Yuck Factor and concern for odor and insects
- Provide 2, right-sized bins
  - 2 Gallon Kitchen Caddy
  - 6 Gallon EcoCaddy
- Resident communications
  - Pre-launch outreach campaign
  - 4-page handout
  - Graphical "yes" and "no" items

**Immediate contamination feedback** 

"Start where we want to finish"



### **DIVERSION RESULTS**



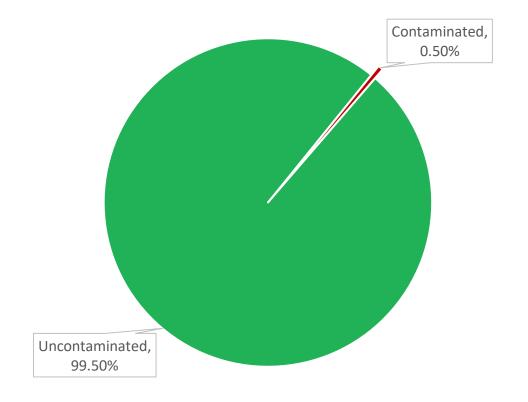
Estimated household organics diverted

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



### **CONTAMINATION RESULTS**

< 1% contamination



100% clean bins





### **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 prescreen 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.

