ACORN WASTE SERVICE

Food Waste Collection

PRESENTATION BY ACORN WASTE SERVICE

History of Acorn Waste food waste program

2017 Started as an organics collection program.

2018 High levels of contamination of non-food products caused a change to a food waste program.

2019 Dispenser units with certified compostable bags were added for owners to use.

2021 We collected 138 metric tonnes of food waste.

2022 We collected 160 metric tonnes of food waste.

2023 We collected 192 metric tonnes of food waste.

Benefits to managing food waste

- Diverts waste from landfill
- Helps to fight climate change
- Produces compost that can be used on local farms to improve soil health
- Cuts waste disposal costs
- Recovery of resources

What is considered Food Waste?

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Facts and Stats

- Acorn Waste collected almost 200 MT in 2023.
- Our goal for 2024 is to collect 250 MT. Can you help us get there?

7 Steps to a Successful food waste program.

EcoSafe MultiRes® Food Scraps Collection Program - YouTube

1. Place a plastic container (or kitchen bin) on your counter or under your kitchen sink. Use the liner provided (never plastic grocery bags!)
2. Place the items listed on your fridge poster in the bag in the container: fruits, vegetables, peelings, breads, dairy, eggshells, cooked and raw meat, fish, bones, leftover food, expired food (packages removed).
3. Any excess moisture in the container can be absorbed with paper towels.
4. Knot the liner when full, then carry it **in the container** to the recycling room on the first floor and empty into the special food waste tote.
5. Pick up a new liner from the green dispenser.
6. Return the container to your kitchen, rinse if needed, and insert the fresh liner.
7. Any odours can be reduced by "spritzing" the container with vinegar and water, and dry well.

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What we can offer:

- All carts are washed after each weekly pick-up.
- Large liners are inserted into the carts upon site drop off.
- Our trucks are set up for daily to weekly cart swaps and door-to-door pick ups.
- Acorn will provide a tailored food waste collection program for your specific needs. This includes mid to high rise condominiums and small to large unit sites.

“Our incentive is to keep reducing the amount of food waste being sent to local landfill and to partner with our customers to assist with our goal.”