

2009 Residential Diversion Rates

A total of 363,891 tonnes of residential waste was diverted from landfill during 2009 through such programs as the Blue Bin, Green Bin, leaf/yardwaste and Christmas trees, backyard composting, Community Environment Days, household hazardous waste depots, grass cycling, large appliance/scrap metal pick up and electronics pick-up.

Blue Bin and Green Bin tonnages are down approximately 11% compared to 2008 due primarily to the 39-day labour disruption (11% of the collection year) in 2009. If there had been continuous collection service, not interrupted by the labour disruption; it is estimated that the overall diversion rate would be 46%.

The City's combined diversion rate factors in the diversion tonnage achieved by both single-family homes and multi-unit residential buildings (those with more than nine units.) In 2009, residents living in single-family homes had a diversion rate of 60% and those living in multi-unit residential buildings achieved a rate of 16%.

New diversion programs continue to be implemented across the City. These efforts will improve diversion and reduce dependence on landfill, move us closer to the goal of 70% waste diversion, and preserve the long term capacity of the Green Lane Landfill.