

## Toronto's residential waste - current facts:

The City of Toronto generates 920,000 tonnes of residential waste yearly - that breaks down to one tonne per household.



Currently, we divert, recycle and compost 223,000 tonnes yearly and dispose of 697,000 tonnes of municipal waste.

It costs the City \$90 per year per household to manage this waste.



Currently, we're landfilling 76% and recycling or composting 24%.

Did you know that 40% Of our waste stream is made up of organic materials?



Moving these organics out of the landfill will really help us reduce garbage.

Your City Council has set aggressive diversion targets:

- 30% by 2003;
- 60% by 2006; and
- 80% by 2009.

Additionally, the Task Force has set a goal of 100% diversion by 2010. This is the challenge - we must slash trash!

**We already recycle 24%.**

**Let's figure out how to divert the rest by 2010.**

## Keys to success:

We're all a part of the solution, including homeowners, tenants, companies, apartment owners and all levels of government.

Your support and participation is key -- so is finding the required financial resources. To move forward, we must choose the best strategies and fund new initiatives.

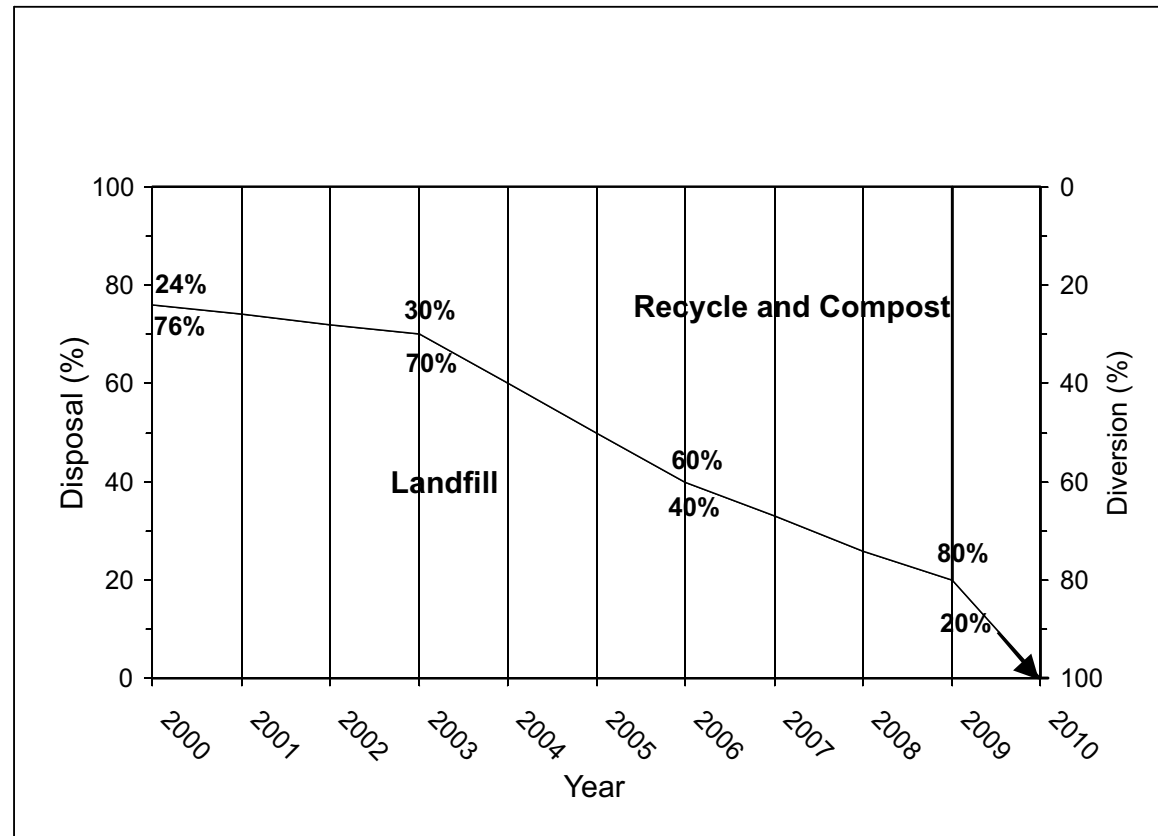
## Some options for government:

Public participation in waste diversion is essential. Just like you, governments must also do more!

### City of Toronto:

- Expand/enhance existing programs
- Test new collection processes and diversion technologies
- Build new organics processing facilities within Toronto's boundaries
- Implement new waste diversion policies

## Let's take up the challenge!



### Government of Ontario:

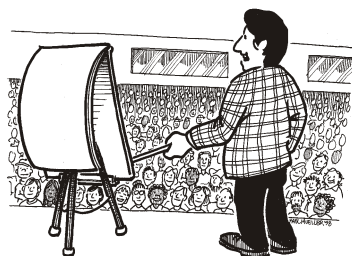
- Legislate corporate funding for municipal recycling/HHW programs
- Adopt Federal standards for Grade A and B compost
- Require mandatory recycling/composting for consumer product packaging
- Require deposit-return programs

### Government of Canada:

- Provide funding for feasibility studies and capital funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Program

Your opportunity...  
What do you think?

- What are the best strategies to maximize public participation in waste diversion?
- What can we learn from other cities about diversion best practices?



- What are the most cost-effective approaches to the diversion of City waste?
- What pilot project diversion tests are necessary?

- What are you prepared to do to help the City meet its diversion targets?

Give us your input:

The Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 wants to hear from you so it can incorporate your views and recommend a plan for the future.

We need your input! Participate in the public meetings and think tank. A report from the Task Force will be considered by the City's Works Committee and Council in the summer of 2001.

Attend an Open House,  
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Additional Resources available on our web site:  
[www.city.toronto.on.ca/taskforce2010](http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/taskforce2010)

- Task Force News Release, January 29, 2001
- "Taking care of our own waste" Planning Document, January 29, 2001
- Task Force 2010 Newsletter, February 2001

Have your say in the 'made in Toronto' solution.

We need to take care of our own waste.  
Let's find the best solutions now!



Finding a 'made in Toronto' solution

The mandate of Task Force 2010, comprised of all Toronto City Councillors, is to develop a 'made in Toronto' solution for waste diversion. The plan is being developed through a City-wide consultation process that welcomes your input. This brochure provides you with key background information so that you can contribute your ideas and suggestions to reduce Toronto's garbage.