We are locally owned

Specializing in
Residential, Commercial, Municipal

- Waste Removal
- Recycling
- Composting

Call 250-245-9887
¼ of waste going to landfill could be recycled or composted

Yes, you read right. About ¼ of what the average Nanaimo Household sends to landfill is not actually garbage.

This is equivalent to 1,000 tonnes of garbage going to the dump every year that could have been recycled or composted instead. The cost of land filling this non-garbage is $125,000 annually! But it’s not just a financial cost; if this waste were to be recycled or composted not only would we prolong the life of the regions landfill but we would also reduce green house gas emissions by 800t Co2e (equivalent to taking about 170 cars off the road every year).

What’s really important is that you can start making a difference now. Choose to become "King of your Can" and "Queen of Green" in your household. A small change in your home will make a big difference across the City!
The RDN said they wanted to divert 75% of the waste going to the landfill in 2011 they have reached 70%. By Recycling we can sustain the planet longer and create usable resources.
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

In order to serve you better we want to bring you up-to-date on our plan for disposing of garbage and recycling material over the next 10 years. We have been very successful in planning and guiding our region to achieve some of the highest waste diversion and lowest per person disposal rates in the world.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

- BC average: 520 KG per person per year to landfill

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

- 68% waste reduction: 347 KG per person per year to landfill (2014)

**WHERE WE ARE GOING**

- 90% waste reduction: 109 KG per person per year to landfill (2027)

**BUILDING ON SUCCESS**

The target for the next plan is 90% waste diversion with an unprecedented per capita disposal rate of 109 kg/person/year.
As you may well already know, the City of Nanaimo has been requesting that all residential location start to use The Green Bin Program. We have designed a program for our Strata clients. By participating you will reduce the amount of waste going to our landfill and help improve our environment. Participating is as easy as following the simple steps in this guide. Your efforts will help achieve the city goal of diverting 75 percent of waste from the landfill, and leading the way in BC and Canada.

Moving Beyond Composting

The program goes beyond what can be composted at home by accepting cooked food, meat, fish, bones, and food soiled paper and paper packaging such as waxed fast food cups and milk cartons. Instead of going to the landfill, compostable household organic material is converted into value-added resources - compost, nutrient-enriched soil and eventually renewable fuels.

Getting Started

Today you received your kitchen catcher, 2 compostable liner bags to try, and this pamphlet on what is compostable and what is not.

Approved compostable bags designed to breakdown in composting facility are sold at most major grocery and hardware stores and other retailers throughout Nanaimo and Victoria. Bags must have one of the following symbols on them.

- Bags plastic, biodegradable or degradable are not accepted.
- Bags that say biodegradable are not accepted.
- Bags that say compostable are not accepted.

Helpful hints in Odour reducing...

- Wash kitchen catcher often.
- Keep meat, fish, poultry or bones in freezer in compostable bag until the day you know the Larger totes will be picked up.
- Line bottom of kitchen catcher with paper towel so any condensation that happens is absorbed.

Thank you for participating!

Using your kitchen catcher and the green totes will help the environment. Instead of going to the landfill, your food and kitchen waste is turned into value-added products - compost and nutrient-enriched soil. That extends the life of the region's only landfill and reduces green house gas emissions and will ultimately save money.

If you have any question please contact us At:

Email: info@haarsmawasteinnovations.com
Phone: 250-245-9887
Fax: 1-888-508-4751
The low down on your green bin...

- If you chose to line your can make sure you use a certified compostable bag. Look for the certified compostable logo (picture). (Do not use biodegradable bags these are still plastic and do not fully breakdown).

- Do not include any prohibited items like yard waste, diapers, animal carcasses or pet waste.

- Make sure your can does not weigh more than 50 lbs
Or line bin with newspaper.
Watch
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfEX85V9n8w
Most all food is compostable all shell fish, all proteins, and light weight waxed cardboard. What is not is heavy cardboard.
Dog Do-DO is not Compostable
Cat Hair
People Hair
Dog hair
Is not compostable

Help The Planet
New Recycling program for BC. MMBC which has changed its name to Recycle BC.
You have one of these in your Package also. It is the do’s and don’ts of Recycling BC.
Items that do not go in the recycling.
Some areole cans
### NOT ACCEPTED

- Plastic bags used to cover newspapers/flyers
- Rubber bands
- Hardcover or paperback books
- Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Non-paper gift wrap, e.g., foil, ribbons, bows
- Musical cards with batteries

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<td>Containers for paint, motor oil, vehicle lubricants, pesticides or anti-freeze products</td>
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<td>Aerosol cans with any contents remaining</td>
<td>Coat hangers, pots, pans, baking trays, appliances, hardware, or other scrap metal</td>
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Find your nearest depot location at [www.RecyclingInBC.ca](http://www.RecyclingInBC.ca)

### NOT ACCEPTED

- Crinkly cellophane wrap, e.g., for tea, floral arrangements
- Kitchen stretch wrap
- Soft packaging for perishable foods, e.g., meat, poultry, fish, cheese, etc.
- Zipper-lock bags

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- Packing chips, peanuts, foam noodles
- Blue or pink foam board insulation
- Squeaky or flexible foam

Do not put in Recycling dumpster.
Recycling for Multi family Dwellings is different from commercial recycling
Here’s what NOT to recycle

Any grocery, retail or trash plastic bag
Bread bags
Dry cleaning bags
Fruit and vegetable bags (fresh/frozen)
Garden product bags (soil/mulch)
Newspaper bags

Outer wrap from paper towel, napkin and diaper packages
Outer wrap from cases of soda, juice and snacks
Zipper or stand-up pouches, bubble or cling wrap
Crinkle bags for cereal, pasta or snack bags
Outer wrap from meat or cheese products
These products are to be taken to the correct recycling depot.
As strata managers I know it seems complicated and difficult to get your residents on board but most people want to help sustain the planet
If you have any question please call the office in Nanaimo or Victoria. The staff is very knowledgeable in all areas of waste removal.

Or if you just want us to give you a Quote.