

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?



Diversion is the law — recyclables and compostable materials are banned from landfill disposal

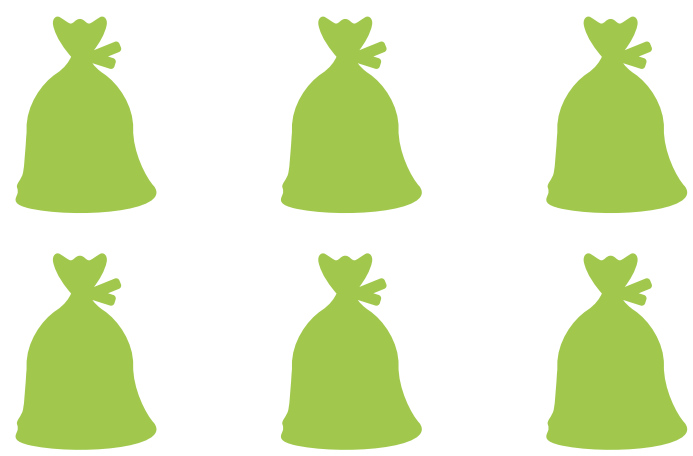


Landfills produce greenhouse gas and landfill space is precious



The most effective way to divert material is to **source separate** — before it ever reaches the landfill

WHAT SERVICES DO WE ALREADY HAVE?



6 bag limit for single unit household

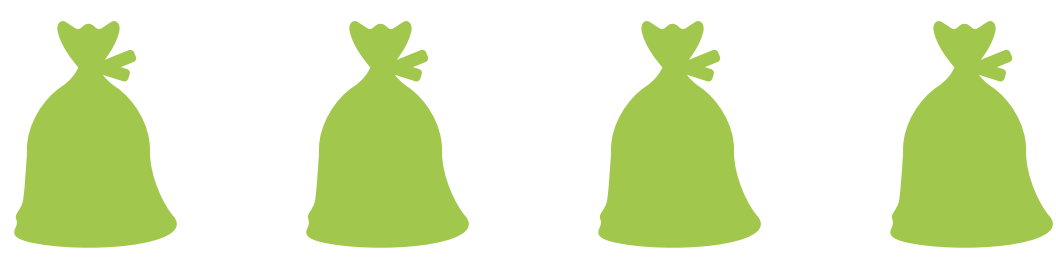


Full access to curbside recycling/
green cart



Education & compliance inspections by HRM staff

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS?



Most households place **under 4 bags** of garbage

Households that place more than 4 bags are **not** recycling/composting effectively



**INCREASING
DIVERSION**

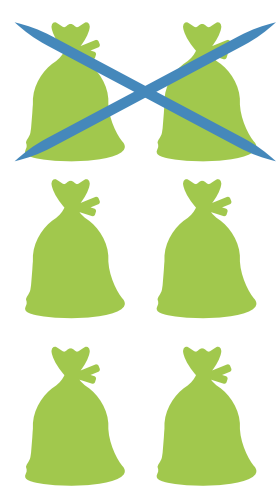
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RECYCLE**

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OUR OPTIONS:



OPTION 1: REDUCE BAG LIMITS FROM 6 TO 4

BENEFITS

- ▶ Encourage those who are not participating in recycling/green cart programs to start or increase their participation

IMPLICATIONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Would require education to the public and curbside enforcement



OPTION 2: USE CLEAR BAGS FOR GARBAGE

BENEFITS

- ▶ Encourage those who are not participating in recycling/green cart programs to start or increase their participation

IMPLICATIONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Would require education to the public and curbside enforcement
- ▶ Consideration of a “privacy bag” option



OPTION 3: INCREASE INSPECTIONS AT CURB

AND



OPTION 4: INCREASE EDUCATION AT HIGH RISE APARTMENTS AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

BENEFITS

- ▶ More direct feedback to residents to improve separation success at source

IMPLICATIONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Requires additional staff



OPTION 5: INCREASE INSPECTIONS AND REJECTIONS OF MATERIAL WHEN IT ARRIVES AT THE LANDFILL

BENEFITS

- ▶ More direct feedback to generators of waste

IMPLICATIONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Requires additional staff



OPTION 6: EXPAND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM WITH NEW DEPOT(S)

BENEFITS

- ▶ Provides residents with greater access and options for disposal of household hazardous waste items

IMPLICATIONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Location/siting
- ▶ Construction and operating costs

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