

About Richmond's Business Recycling Resources Program



Richmond is taking steps to help businesses increase recycling and manage their waste.

The City of Richmond has developed the Business Recycling Resources Program to provide businesses with free support and information so they can recycle more effectively and reduce waste going to the landfill. Overall, the program aims to:

- Increase the commercial recycling rate;
- Build a greater understanding of the requirements and steps to create an effective Recycling & Waste Reduction Plan; and
- Provide resources for businesses to seek alternative solutions to reduce waste and increase overall waste diversion.

WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING PROCESS

1 Complete waste audit

2 Assess business waste

3 Create a Recycling & Waste Reduction Plan

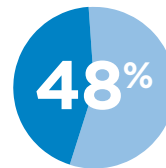
Free coaching, support and resources at each step



Why is Richmond focusing on business recycling?

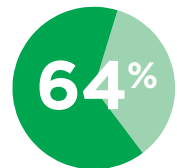
According to Metro Vancouver's 2021 Biennial Report: Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan, the regional commercial recycling rate of 48% is behind the overall regional recycling rate of 64%. In comparison, Richmond residents with curbside collection recycle close to 80% of their household waste.

The City developed the Business Recycling Resources Program after completing a Commercial Recycling Services Review that studied the current state of commercial recycling in Richmond and how best to support businesses in increasing their recycling.



BUSINESS
recycling rate
(regional)

compared to



RESIDENTIAL
recycling rate
(regional)



Why should you register your business?

The Business Resources Recycling Program provides businesses with support to implement sustainable waste management practices, customized coaching and resources to:

- Gain a better understanding of the waste they generate;
- Help keep business premises organized and tidy with tools to assess recycling and garbage collection areas;
- Assess current waste hauler services to determine the best fit to meet the needs of the business;
- Minimize contamination of recycling with training and tools to educate staff about best practices for recycling correctly; and
- Potentially be featured by the City as an example of a business that has completed steps towards improving recycling and waste reduction.



Resources and a directory of links in this document:
richmond.ca/BusinessRecycling



Please note that the tools and resources in the Business Recycling Resources Program should be used with, not in place of, all applicable building codes, City standards and other relevant legislation.

Program Offerings



BUSINESS RECYCLING TOOLKIT

In addition to one-on-one coaching and assistance, Richmond businesses have access to an online toolkit that provides tips, checklists and information to help support increased recycling and waste diversion.

The toolkit includes:

- An overview of bylaws, bans and other regulatory requirements that affect business waste management;
- A Recycling & Waste Reduction Plan development guide;
- Waste audit tools and guide;
- Tips and guidance for selecting a waste hauler, including considerations for contract fees and negotiable services;
- Tips on how to reduce waste, including alternatives to single-use items and emerging options to rethink, reuse and refill to reduce waste; and
- Helpful links for a range of industries.



CUSTOMIZED COACHING

Richmond staff with expertise in recycling and waste management practices will visit businesses on request to provide:

- Assistance with completing a waste audit and how to best set up the business for success for increased recycling and waste reduction;
- Advice and guidance to develop a Recycling & Waste Reduction Plan;
- Tips on how to recycle correctly; and
- Guidance to ensure staff know how to recycle correctly.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The program offers free training workshops focused on business waste management and the services available in Richmond.

For a listing of available workshops, please visit richmond.ca/BusinessRecycling.

REGISTER TODAY

Access resources, training and customized coaching, learn how to develop a Recycling & Waste Reduction Plan and more.

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