



Frequently Asked Questions for Pender Harbour and Egmont (Area A) RE: Landfill Disposal Regulations

1. What are the Landfill Disposal Regulations?

Food waste, food soiled paper and paper will no longer be allowed to be disposed of in the garbage or brought to the landfill. These materials will need to be composted or recycled.

2. When do these regulations begin?

Enforcement of the regulations begins October 1, whereby all garbage coming to the Sechelt Landfill or Pender Harbour Transfer Station will be expected to be compliant with the regulations.

3. Who do the regulations apply to?

All individuals, businesses, institutions will be required to comply with these regulations in every municipality and electoral area on the Sunshine Coast.

4. I don't have anywhere to take my food waste, what am I supposed to do?

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is working on establishing a drop off location in the Pender Harbour area, most likely at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station. Until that option is in place, residents and businesses can bring food waste to Salish Soils, compost at home or inquire with waste collection services in their area. As soon as a drop off option is in place the area will be notified.

5. I'm concerned about composting in my area and interactions with wildlife. Do I have to compost at home?

No you don't have to compost at home, but if it's something you're interested in, there are certain practices that are safer when dealing with wildlife, including worm composting indoors or installing electric fencing around your garden. Visit wildsafebc.com/learn/wildsafe-yard/ for resources and tips.

6. How will it be enforced?

Enforcement will occur at the point of disposal. We are anticipating that this outreach period allows individuals and businesses time to develop systems to comply. It is likely that if waste collectors find regulated materials in the loads they are trying to collect from individual residents, businesses or institutions, waste may not be collected.

7. Will there be extra costs involved with disposing of food waste?

It is unknown at this time if or how much it will cost to drop off food waste at the Transfer Station. Once a food waste drop off option is in place the SCRCD will be able to provide more details.

8. What if I have a little bit of food waste or paper in my load?

The landfill disposal regulation has a 5% threshold. As long as the load has less than 5% food waste/food soiled paper and paper, it will be permitted.



9. Why is there a disposal regulation?

The landfill disposal regulation is in support of the region's [Organic Waste Diversion Strategy](#), adopted in 2018, and a key step in achieving the overall goal of diverting 65% to 69% of the region's waste from the landfill.

10. Will clear bags be mandatory?

The SCRD has not yet made a decision on clear bags and will be looking for input on clear bags later this year. If there is a change, plenty of advanced notice will be provided.

11. Where can I get more info?

The SCRD website has updated information regarding the landfill disposal regulation. Visit www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste and follow the links for info about "Area A".



Pender Harbour & Egmont New Disposal Regulations



Not All Waste is Garbage!

Paper and food waste can no longer go in the garbage as of October 1, 2022.

Compost food scraps and food soiled paper.

Table scraps, vegetable peels, napkins and tea bags can all be made into compost!



Recycle paper.

These can be made into new paper products!





Pender Harbour & Egmont New Disposal Regulations



Paper and food waste can no longer go in the garbage as of October 1, 2022.



What does this mean in Area A?

The following cannot be mixed in the garbage:

- ▶ **Food waste:** all cooked and uncooked food from food preparation or uneaten plate scrapings.
- ▶ **Food soiled paper:** e.g. paper napkins, paper towels.
- ▶ **Paper:** e.g. printed paper and paper boxes that we use for packaging.

How will this work?



Paper

Residents can continue to bring paper to a local recycling depot. Information about what is accepted can be found at www.scrd.ca/recycling-depots.

Food waste and food soiled paper

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is working to secure a food waste drop off option within the Pender Harbour area by October 1. Updates will be provided once a drop off option is available. Until this options is available you can compost at home following wildlife best practices or bring your food waste to Salish Soils.



How do I get started?

The most effective way is to reduce your waste! Check out our resources at www.scrd.ca/reduce-tips and www.scrd.ca/reduce-food-waste.

Why do we need these regulations?

Keeping these items out of the garbage will help extend the life of our landfill. Recycling and composting is an important step in reducing our emissions and impact on the earth.



The Sechelt Landfill will reach capacity by 2025.

Learn more at www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste