



## **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/](https://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 SCRDR 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 SCRDR website has updated information regarding the landfill disposal regulation. Visit [www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste](http://www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste) and follow the links for info about "Area A".