

# BUSINESS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Know your waste

"The true cost of wasted materials is about ten times the cost of disposal."

Restaurant Name:

**Business Address** 

Applicant Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

## Solid Waste Management Plan

Do you understand what waste your business will generate? If you're a food service provider or retail business ask yourself,

## What is it going to cost me to manage the waste my business generates?

See the links below to access a Solutions Guide that will help you in determining where your business could create waste? Is it around a point of Sale area or in the service and kitchen areas?

Go to www.whistler.ca/wastereduction

- What do you need to buy to support your business?
- Will you produce a lot of waste that will go to the landfill?
- Are you planning to use single use items or packaging products that may not be recyclable or compostable?

## Think about it.

You're going to pay to buy a product from either on online or local distributor. Regardless, you're going to pay to have that product shipped to your business and you may even pay to store the product until it is sold. If it doesn't get sold then what, will it just get thrown away as landfill waste?

## What a waste!

Ask yourself. How can I reduce the amounts I'm planning to buy for my business?

• Come up with some ideas to reduce the amount of waste your business will generate. Different decisions when buying supplies can keep waste out of the landfill.

Tell us how will you plan this out? Ask yourself, is the waste I generate all necessary? Do I know what I'm buying? How can I find out whether a more sustainable product is available to me to purchase?

Tell us where will your waste be collected and stored until it can be disposed of? Do you have enough waste collection and storage space for all the appropriate waste stream bins? Who do you need to speak with if you don't have enough space?

Tell us how you'll collect and dispose of your wastes to prevent waste stream contamination? Contamination can cost you! For example, Organics are heavy and if mixed in with the Landfill Waste you'll be paying a higher tipping fee disposal cost than if the Organics were disposed of separately from other wastes.

Tell us how are you planning to train your staff to collect and properly separate the material until it can be removed for disposal? Where are you able to post information to clearly inform your staff on where they should be properly recycle or dispose of waste to minimize contamination? Who will monitor the collection and storage areas to ensure contamination is kept to a minimal? Refer to the Solutions Guide to learn more about understanding what your options are. <a href="http://www.whistler.ca/wastereduction">www.whistler.ca/wastereduction</a>

Tell us how will you track the amount of waste you dispose - by weight by volume or by cost? Talk to your waste hauler or if you drive the material for disposal yourself, look at the truck scale report you receive from the Transfer Station. Compare disposal information from year to year and see how you're doing. See if you can make adjustments to produce less waste each year reducing your cost of disposal.

Reference material found at <u>www.whistler.ca/wastereduction</u>

Please send your completed Solid Waste Management Plan application to zerowastewhistler@whistler.ca