



Reducing Food Waste in Metro Vancouver

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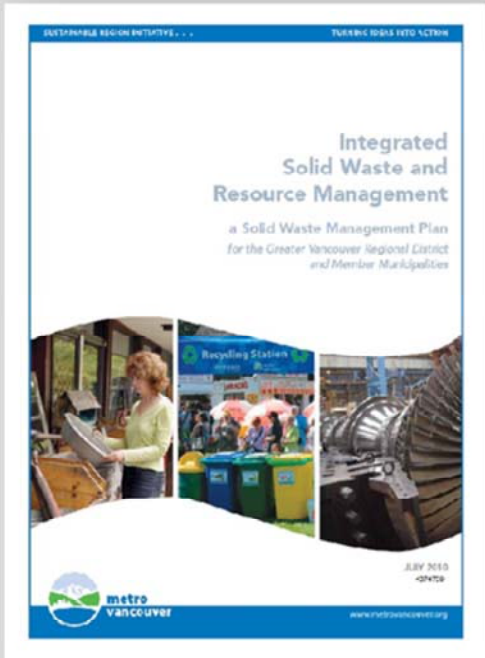
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Solid Waste Plan



Goals:

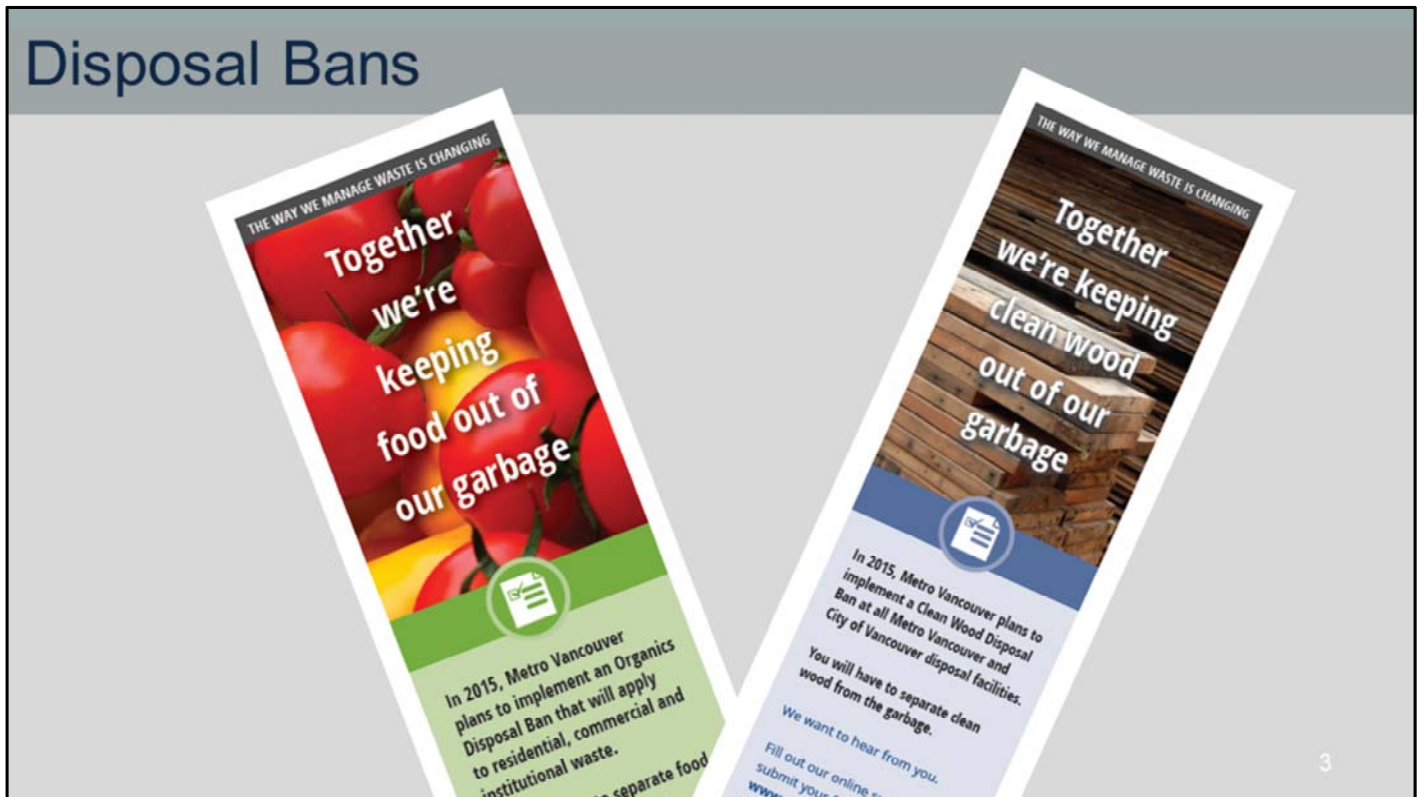
- 80% diversion by 2020
- 10% per capita waste reduction

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Metro Vancouver's solid waste plan has goals to divert at least 80% of the waste we produce by 2020

AND to reduce the amount of waste we produce in the first place by 10%

Disposal Bans

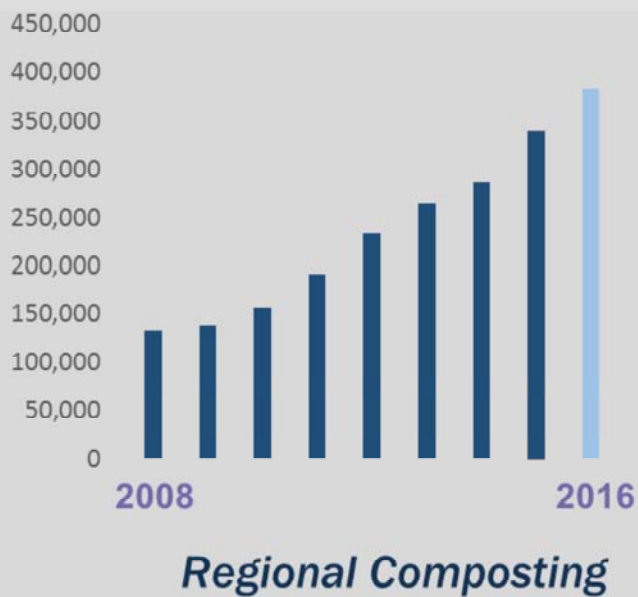


New disposal bans on organics (and clean wood) were the single biggest tools Metro has used to get organics out of the garbage...



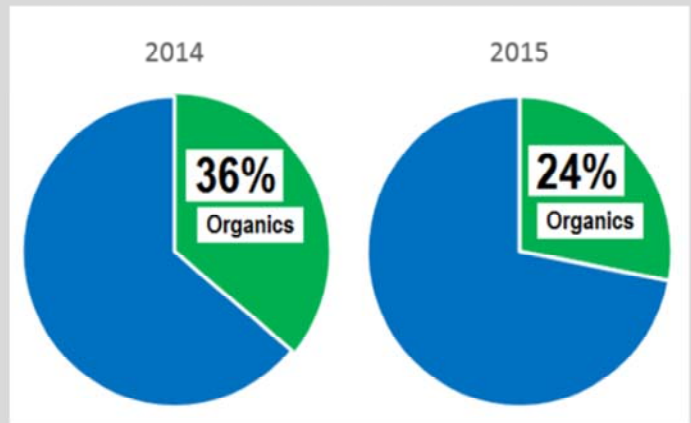
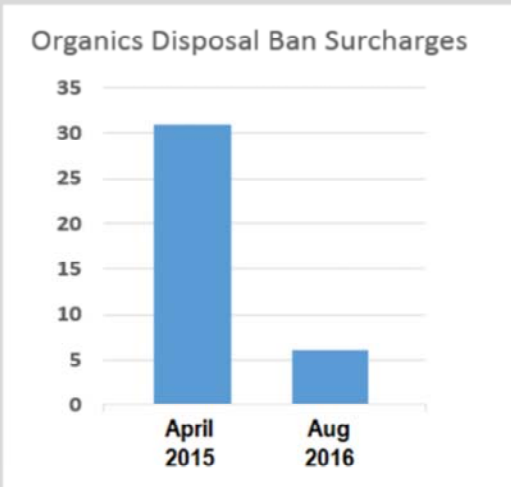
... these used to be typical of loads we'd see with large amounts of food disposed

More Organics in Composting



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...and correspondingly INCREASED the amount of organics being sent to composting.

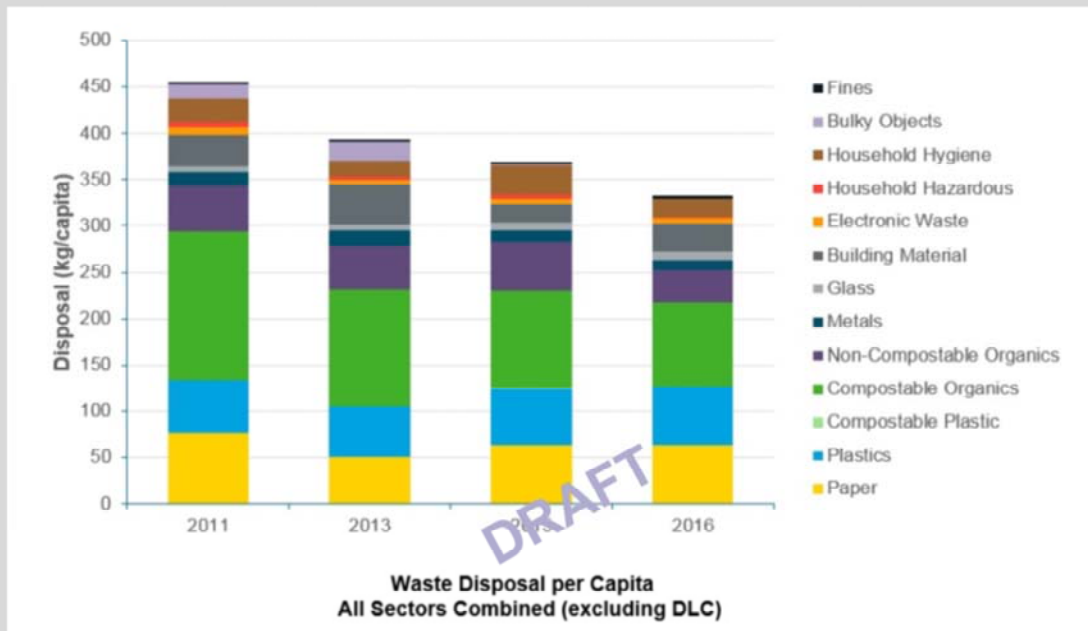


Less Organics in Garbage

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Organics disposal ban has significantly REDUCED the amount of organics in the garbage...

Less Garbage Disposed per Person



...and correspondingly INCREASED the amount of organics being sent to composting.

Communications Resources

- Composting
 - Food Isn't Garbage



- Waste reduction
 - NZWC food waste reduction strategy
 - LoveFoodHateWaste.ca



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But while we've had good success in getting food waste out of the garbage and into composting, we also are putting much effort into producing less food waste in the first place ... much more challenging (talk about why) ... you've heard about the National Zero Waste Council strategy... next you'll hear about the MV Love Food Hate Waste program...