

Waste Reduction Week Challenge for Mayor and Council

Welcome to Waste Reduction Week! Our challenge for you is to collect your waste, curbside recycling, drop off recycling, and organic waste for the duration of Waste Reduction Week. By doing this, we can determine your personal **Diversion Rate**, and **Waste Per Person**.

The District of Squamish goals are for **80% Diversion** from landfill and reduce to **300 kg Per Person per Year** of landfill waste, both by 2030.

Use the table below to track your waste and recycling during **Waste Reduction Week (October 19 – 25)**. Use a personal scale to weigh the material. If the amount is too small to weigh on its own, estimate compared to something with a known weight (like packaged food). At the end of the week, think about your experience and answer the questions about waste reduction. Please send your filled out table, and question responses to zerowaste@squamish.ca

	Material	Weight	Notes
1	Garbage / Landfill		
2	Curbside Recycling		
3	Drop Off Recycling		
4	Curbside Organics		
5	Other (Donations, etc)		

Calculations

Sum of Rows 2,3,4,5 / Sum of All Rows X 100 = Diversion %

(Row 1 X 52) / People in the household = Estimated Annual Waste Generation

If the scale you are using is in pounds, divide the weight by 2.205 to get the kilogram equivalent.

**Your waste
diversion rate is:**

Notes

Why is my Annual Waste Generation lower than the District of Squamish average?

The District of Squamish average includes waste from the ICI (Industrial, Commercial and Institutional) sectors. To achieve our goal of 300kg per person by 2030, it is important to get everyone living, working and playing in Squamish to reduce and divert.

Drop Off Recycling is anything you took to a recycling depot or transfer station – Beverage Containers to the Return-It Depot, Lightbulbs to one of the collection locations, Soft Plastics to the Recycling Depot on Queens Way, or Wood Waste to the Transfer Station at the Landfill.

Other can be used for material Donated to a local Reuse or Second Hand Store, given to a neighbour, or up-cycled into something different; anything that otherwise would have ended up in the landfill.

Questions for Discussion

What did you have to put in your garbage that you would have liked to divert?

Were you able to find any opportunities to **Reduce** or **Reuse** materials instead of recycling or landfilling them?

What did you find confusing or challenging about the Recycling system?

What advice would you give to Squamish residents looking to reduce their waste to landfill?

If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Jeff Wint Sustainability Coordinator
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Squamish Zero Waste Resources

[Squamish Waste Diversion Page](#)

This is the homepage for Waste Diversion in Squamish. It includes the Waste Wizard which will tell you what to do with hard to recycle items.

[What Goes Where](#)

A printable resource for residents that includes signs, a guide for Drop Off Depots, and other recycling Information.

Download the mobile Squamish Curbside Collection App for [iOS](#) or [Android](#)

This app includes a mobile version of the Waste Wizard, as well as reminders to put your bin out.

[Reducing Food Waste](#)

Tips to reduce food waste, as part of the Love Food Hate Waste campaign.

[Waste Reduction Week Canada](#)

Waste Reduction Week in Canada website, including information on the Theme Days and different events being run across the country.