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# Multi-residential Organics Collection

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# Provincial Action on Organic Waste

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Released under the *Resource, Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*, the Ontario Government's *Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement and Action Plan* set targets for multi-residential buildings to **reduce and divert 50% of food waste by 2025.**



# Current Service

The City of Vaughan collects waste materials from 89 multi-residential buildings.

- Recycling collection is serviced through carts or front-end bins.
- Garbage collection is serviced through front-end bins for all buildings.





## **Harmonizing Service Levels**

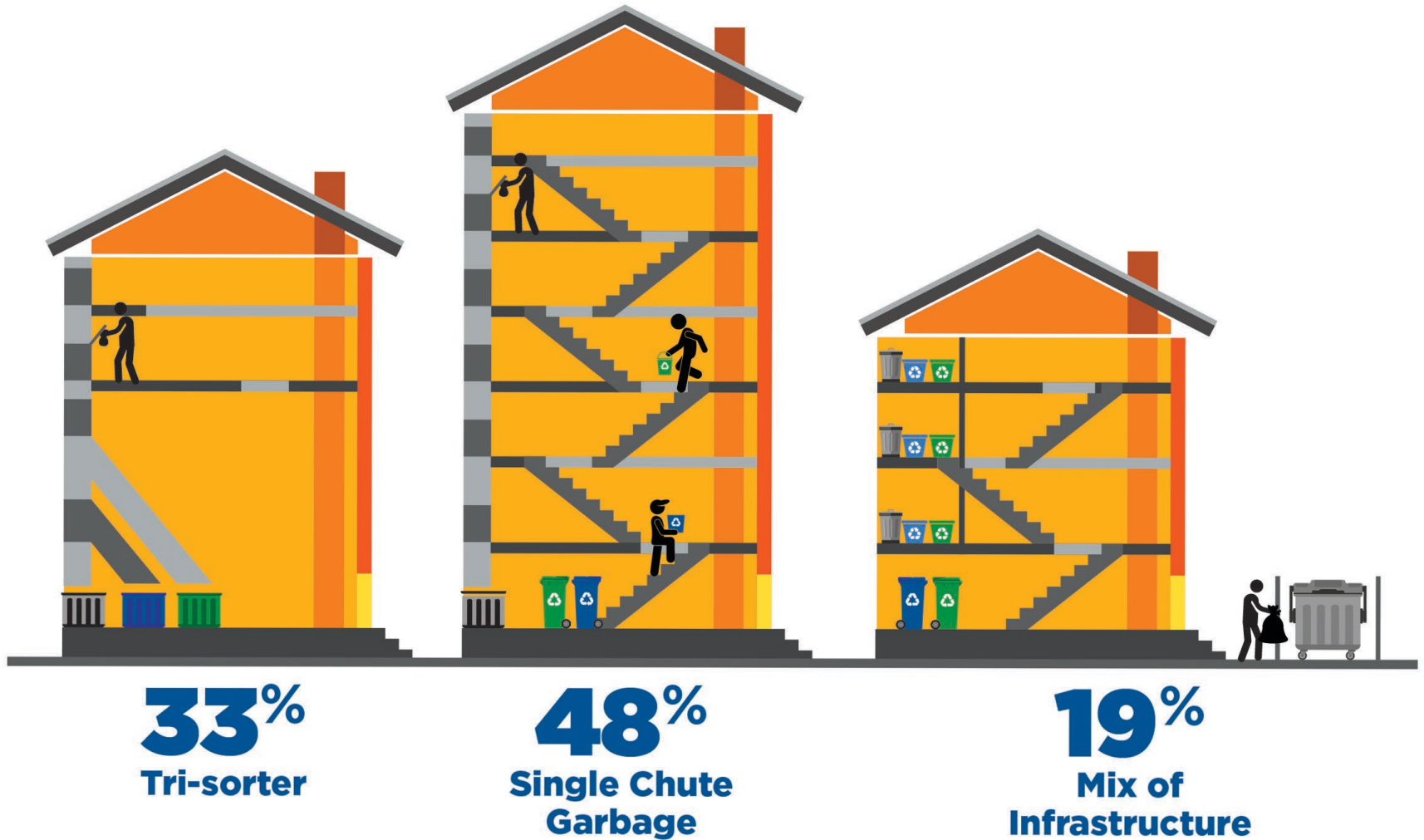
An organics collection program within the multi-residential sector addresses residents' expectations to participate in an integrated waste management system equal to that of residents in single family homes.



# Proposed Organics Collection Program

To reduce waste, capture organic resources and meet our environmental sustainability goals, staff recommend a weekly organics program, with service method tailored to each building's individual requirements.

# Multi-Residential Organics Infrastructure in Vaughan





# Organics Ready Infrastructure

The first phase of the program in 2021 would focus on locations that have an existing private organics program, or have new, three-stream waste infrastructure in the building.



# Site-specific Solutions

The remaining buildings without purpose-built organics infrastructure will be assessed on a case by case basis in 2021/2022.

Approximately half of the buildings will require cart collection, with the remaining locations requiring mainly front-end service.



# Program Implementation

Environmental Services staff will focus on supporting the multi-residential Property Managers and condominium boards as they prepare for this change.

Что складывать в **ЗЕЛЕНЬЙ КОНТЕЙНЕР?**

Prodotti alimentari

What goes in the **GREEN BIN?**

食物

紙製品

其他產品

哪些物品不能放入綠桶?

垃圾

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## Program Implementation

It is recommended that the City provide the initial front-end bins and carts for collection, and the in-home units for organic storage to reduce barriers to participation.

# Building on Current Services

By using the same staff, trucks and routes, collection for cart service can be funded under the current contract terms.



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For those buildings requiring front-end collection services, staff will work with our contractor to negotiate a change to the contract.





# Projected Program Investment

Based on 2021 proposed expenditures, projected costs for the program represent a 1.6% addition to the solid waste budget.

# Program Proposal

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- Provide weekly green bin organics collection service in the multi-residential sector
- Build on the City's commitment to environmental sustainability and waste reduction achievements
- Harmonize service levels for all citizens and fulfill the new provincial policy directive on organics management



# Program Proposal

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- That participation be mandatory, and initiated in phases, over a period of two years
- That garbage collection frequency be offered *weekly* within two years of program launch in a building
- That the City provide the initial complement of bins, carts and the in-home units for organics storage





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