

2024 BUDGET

Solid Waste Services



Our role

Net budget \$1,136,500

Solid Waste Services supplies residential refuse and organics recycling (kitchen scraps and yard trimmings) collection, maintenance for bus shelters and litter bins on transit routes and supplies two services, yard and garden waste drop off and leaf collection program, which support the municipal burning ban and diversion of yard and garden waste from Hartland Landfill. The section regularly liaises with outside organizations such as the Capital Regional District (CRD) and Ministry of Environment on solid waste issues such as recycling, food waste, composting, circular economy and other zero waste initiatives.

Services we provide

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE AND ORGANICS RECYCLING COLLECTION

Revenues \$8,882,700

Expenses \$8,022,200

Net revenue \$860,500

Residential refuse and organics recycling program collecting general refuse and source-separated organic waste on a biweekly basis from over 32,000 households. Approximately 10,000 tonnes of refuse are collected annually and disposed of at the CRD Hartland Landfill. Approximately 10,500 tonnes of organic waste are collected annually and sent for composting.

STREET SWEEPING

Net cost \$656,500

The street sweeping program promotes a safe and clean driving surface, improves cycling on designated bicycle network routes and removes and improves storm water quality by

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reducing the amount of sediments entering the storm drains. Saanich operates two large sweepers, and one narrow sweeper providing critical sweeping capacity, 7-days per week.

YARD AND GARDEN WASTE DROP OFF

Net cost \$484,600

A yard and garden waste drop off transfer station is operated at the Saanich Operations Centre. Saanich residents can drop off garden waste year-round. The drop-off station extends daily hours of operations during the spring and into the fall to accommodate increased drop off volumes. Contract haulers deliver the garden waste to a contract processor for composting. Annually, 7,500 tonnes are dropped-off and beneficially recycled.

BUS SHELTER AND LITTER BIN MAINTENANCE

Net cost \$348,500

Refuse is collected from 315 public realm litter bins located at bus stops and strategic locations throughout the municipality. 139 bus shelters are cleaned and maintained. Bus shelters and litter bin pickup frequencies are scheduled based on bus ridership, and proximity to schools and commercial centres.

DECEASED ANIMAL DISPOSAL

Net cost \$78,800

Each year, approximately 300 deceased animals are removed from Saanich's municipal roads and property and disposed of as controlled waste at Hartland Landfill. Residents are responsible for deceased animals located on private property.

UNWANTED ITEMS

Net cost \$52,800

Also referred to as Roadside Dumping, improper disposal of unwanted items is unsightly, and increases health and environmental risks. Solid Waste Services responds to approximately 700 Calls for Service complaints about abandoned unwanted items every year.

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LEAF COLLECTION

Revenues \$15,000

Expenses \$390,800

Net cost \$375,800

The Curbside Leaf Collection Program operates annually in the fall offering residents two dates for collection of leaves. Residents are asked to rake leaves adjacent to the road on collection dates. Four specialized vacuum trucks each with a crew of three collects the leaves. Annually approximately 2,500 tonnes of leaves are collected. The leaves are used to support a variety of work including Garry Oak restoration projects, top dressing for municipal gardens and allotment garden use. Approximately 300 truck loads are distributed to local farms and made available to Saanich residents to pickup at PKOLS, Playfair, and Hyacinth Parks