

City of Saskatoon

COMPOSTING: The 40% Solution

Organics Initiatives & Challenges

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Organics Initiatives & Challenges

- Compost Depots
- Leaves & Grass Collection Program
- Christmas Tree Drop-offs
- Backyard Composter Sales
- Sale of Compost to Residents
- Future Programs?





Compost Depots - Overview

- Two depots
 - East side - McOrmond Road
 - West side - Highway 7 & 11th Street
- Open daily from mid-April to early November
- Free for residents
- Permit system for commercial haulers





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McOrmond Compost Depot





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Compost Depots

■ Acceptable material types

- Leaves
- Grass
- Branches, logs, stumps, wood chips (non-Elm)
- Sod
- Garden waste





Compost Depot - Operations

- Customer service & elm/waste screening
- Windrow turning w/loader
- Monitoring
- Grinding
- Screening
- Finished product





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Customer Service & Screening



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Windrow Composting





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Monitoring



Grinding



Grinding





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Screening





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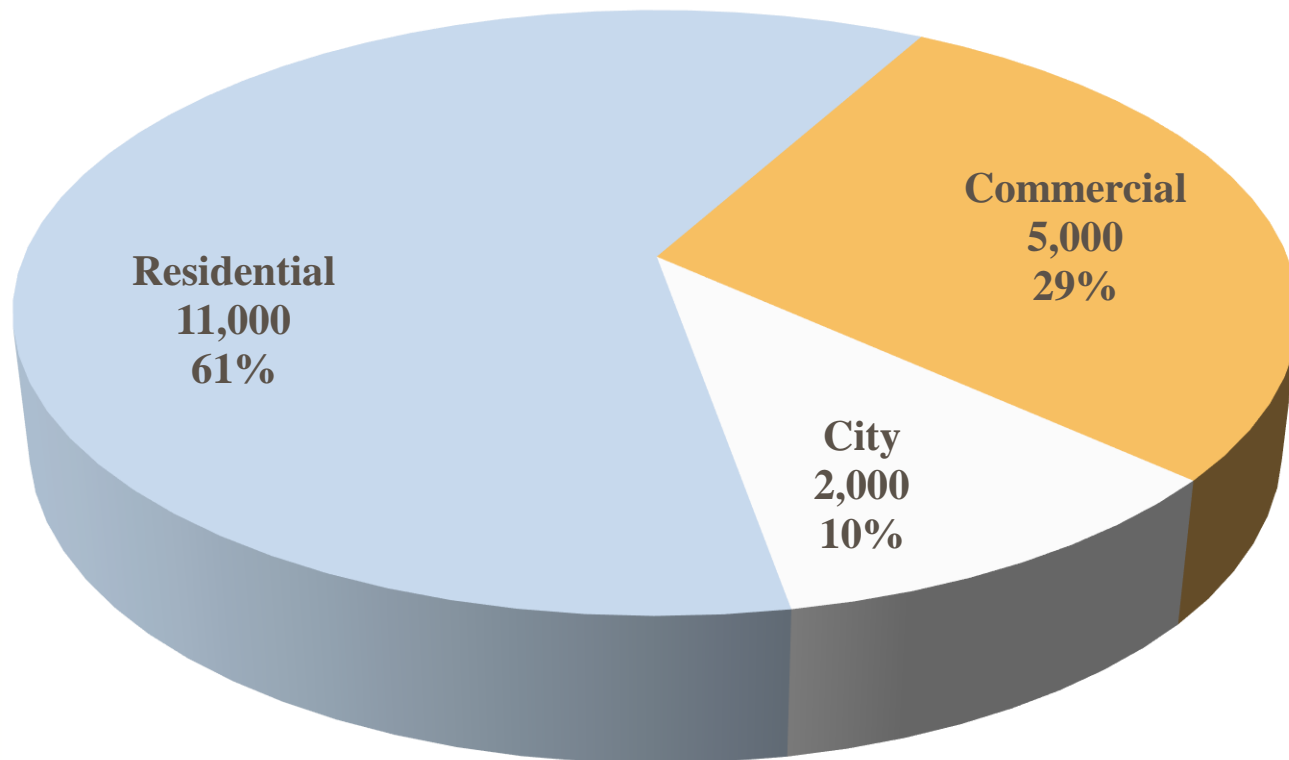
Finished Compost & Mulch

- Used by City of Saskatoon Parks Branch
 - New park & sports field development
 - Nurseries, landscaping, boulevards
 - Erosion control
- Donations to community gardens & schools





2012 Tonnages



Total Tonnes = 18,000

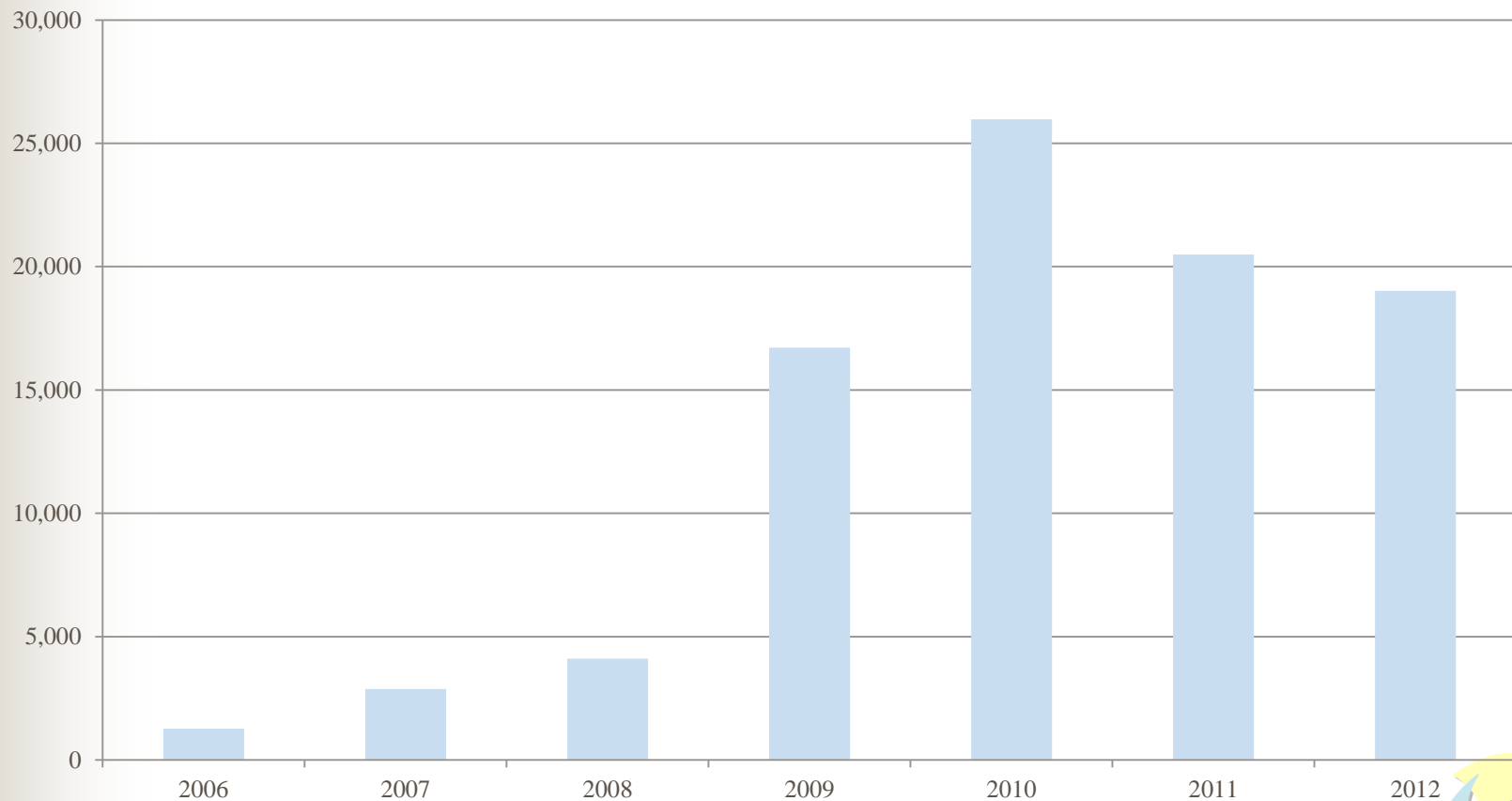




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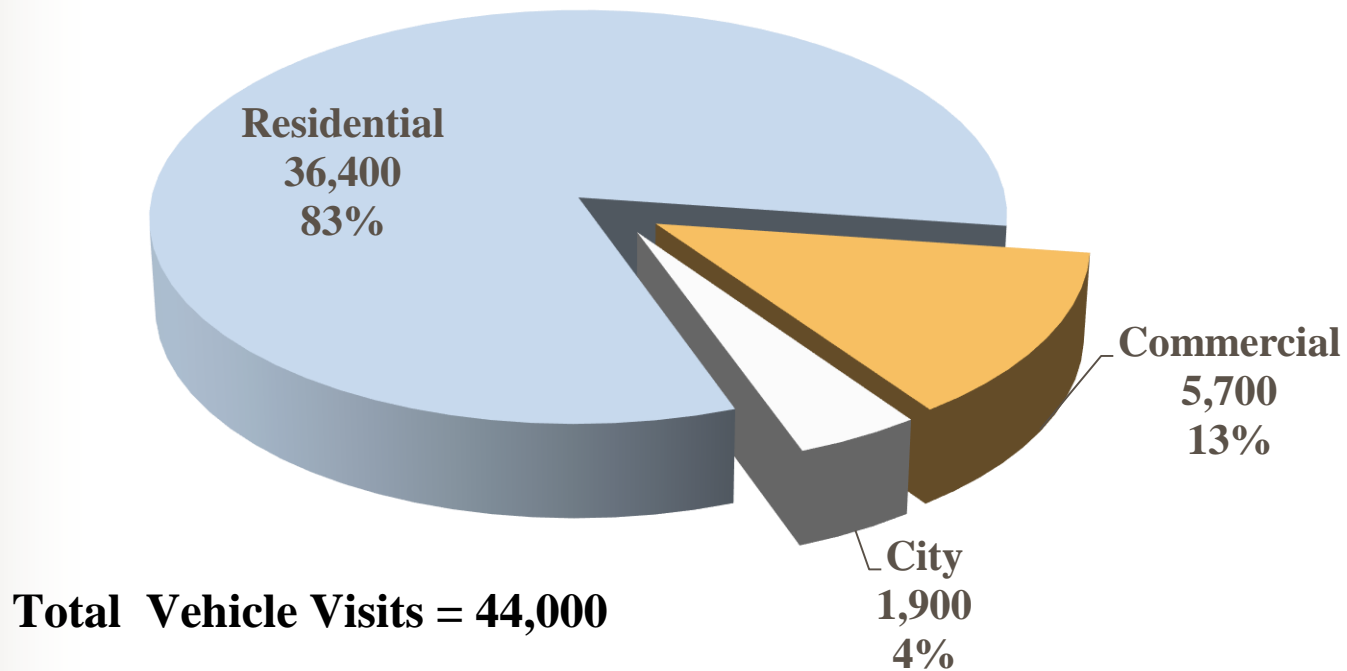
Historical Tonnages



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Vehicle Visits 2012





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Compost Depot Challenges





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Challenges – Site Safety



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Challenges- Caught Red Handed



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The Good, The Bad and The Ugly



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Ongoing Programs



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Leaves & Grass Collection Program

- Increasing to 6000 subscriptions
- 370 litre green bin
- Bi-weekly pickup
- \$55/season



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Leaves & Grass Collection





Christmas Tree Recycling

- 7 drop-off locations
- Average 6000 trees/year





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Backyard Composter Rebates



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Sale of Compost Pilot Program





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Media Coverage — Public Awareness



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Future Programs?

- Expanded compost sales to residents and commercial users
- Future compost depot location(s) and technology
- Wood waste diversion program
- City-wide organics collection program





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