

# Capital Regional District

## Meeting Minutes

### Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Friday, October 10, 2025

CRD Boardroom  
625 Fisgard Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

PRESENT: B. Desjardins (Chair), M. Hauzer, M. Kurschner, M. McCullough (EP), D. Monsour, J. Oakley (EP), C. Remington, J. Shaw, A. Sibley (EP), J. Smith (EP)

STAFF: V. Landa (Recorder), R. Smith, A. Gilmour Ford, A. Chambers, D. Moghaddam (EP), N. Salter (EP), M. Tromp Hoover

REGRETS: R. Anderson, F. Baker, M. Coburn, E. Klimke, E. Latta, R. Pirie, D. Thran, S. Young Jr.

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the October 10, 2025 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.  
**Could not be approved due to lack of Quorum.**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the June 6, 2025, Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.  
**Deferred to the December 5, 2025 meeting due to lack of quorum.**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

- Melanie Tromp Hoover has joined the CRD from the City of Victoria as Manager, Policy & Planning. As you know, Melanie was previously a City of Victoria representative on this committee, and we are working on filling her vacancy.
- Allison has accepted another position within the CRD, this will be her last meeting with SWAC. Valerie Landa has joined the team in Allison's previous role.
- Staff will be advertising for a number of vacancies on the committee and will forward to the announcement to the group.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were none.

## 6. Committee Business

### a. Staff Reports (for information)

R. Smith and M. Tromp Hoover provided verbal updates on the four staff reports listed/linked below.  
Staff Reports (for information)

- [Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 3881 Amendment and Adoption of Bylaw Nos. 4685 and 4675](#) (July 9, 2025, CRD Board). R. Smith spoke to this staff report.
- [Brendan McShane, VP Operations, Western Canada, Recycle BC and SK Recycles; Re: Expanding Collection Opportunities](#) Presentation (July 16, 2025, ESC). R. Smith presented, and staff undertook to provide a link to the committee members of the Recycle BC presentation from July 16, 2025.
- [Motion with Notice](#) – letter to schools (September 10, 2025, CRD Board). M. Tromp Hoover presented.
- [Hartland Public Drop-Off Expanded Hours Pilot Results](#) (October 8, 2025, CRD Board). M. Tromp Hoover provided an update on the expanded hours at Hartland Landfill.

### b. Summer and Current Project Highlights

A. Gilmour Ford presented a summary of the 2025 Community Outreach Program, as well as the 2025 Multi-Family Dwelling Sign Project Highlights and media campaigns. The presentation is attached as Appendix A.

### c. Actual and Projected Monthly Refuse Tonnes at Hartland Landfill (standing item)

The tonnage graphs are posted via this link: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/data/hartland-landfill-tonnage>

## 7. New Business

There was no new business.

## 8. Next Meeting

The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting will be December 5, 2025.

## 9. Closing Comments

- B. Desjardins led roundtable discussion on highlights and/or comments regarding the Coast Waste Management Association Conference (CWMA), from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee members who attended.
- At the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference, it was noted the Province was not moving forward with adding mattresses to the Extended Producer Program.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 13:32

# Environmental Resource Management 2025 Education and Outreach Overview

**CANS, BOTTLES  
& PLASTICS**

**What goes where?**  
Waste sorting guide for apartments and condos

**Mixed Containers** \* PLEASE REUSE CONTAINERS / NO COMPOSTABLES

**Organics** \* NO COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC / NOAT WASTE / NO COMPOSTABLE

**Garbage**

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October 10, 2025

# Agenda

1. Events and Outreach Booths
2. Multi-Family Dwelling Sign Project
3. Media Campaigns
  - Household Hazardous Waste
  - Love Food Hate Waste



# Events and Outreach

From January through August 2025, staff completed several education and outreach initiatives across the region.

Staff used a combination of static displays and community event attendance to promote solid waste initiatives.

Event booth focus areas for 2025 were:

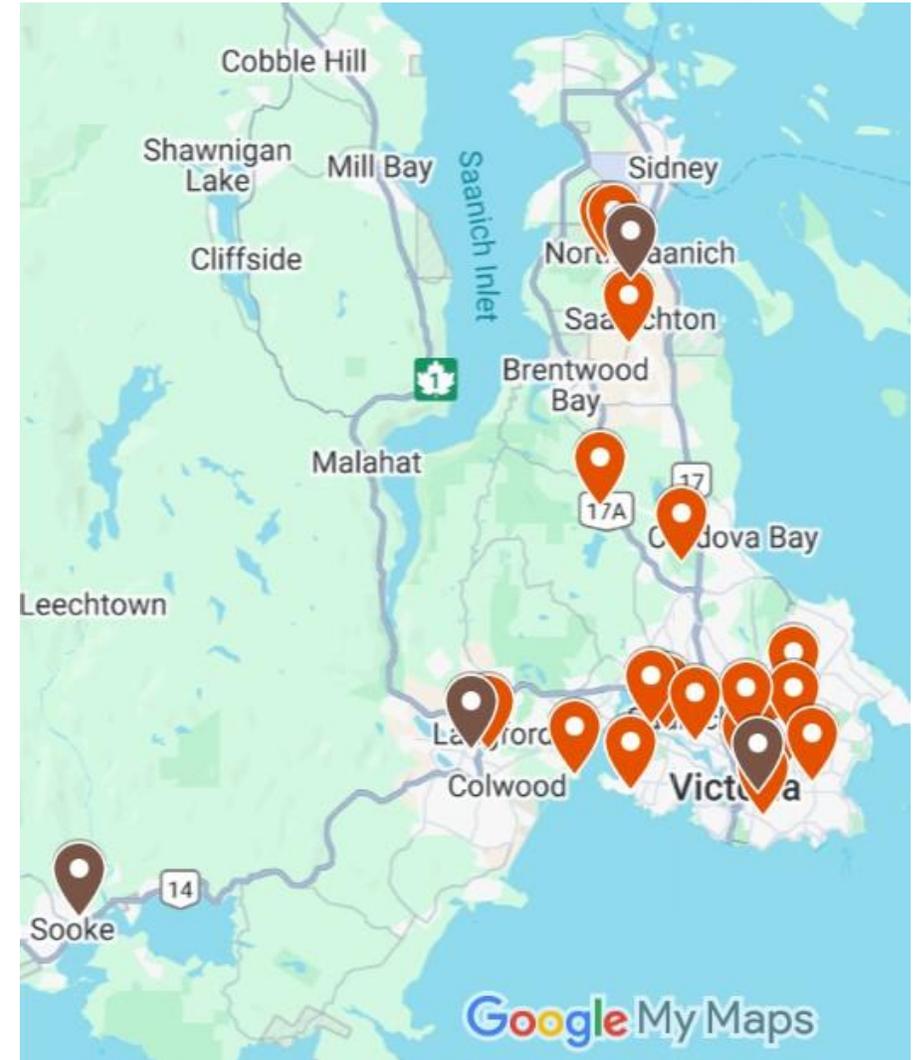
- What Goes Where
- Love Food Hate Waste



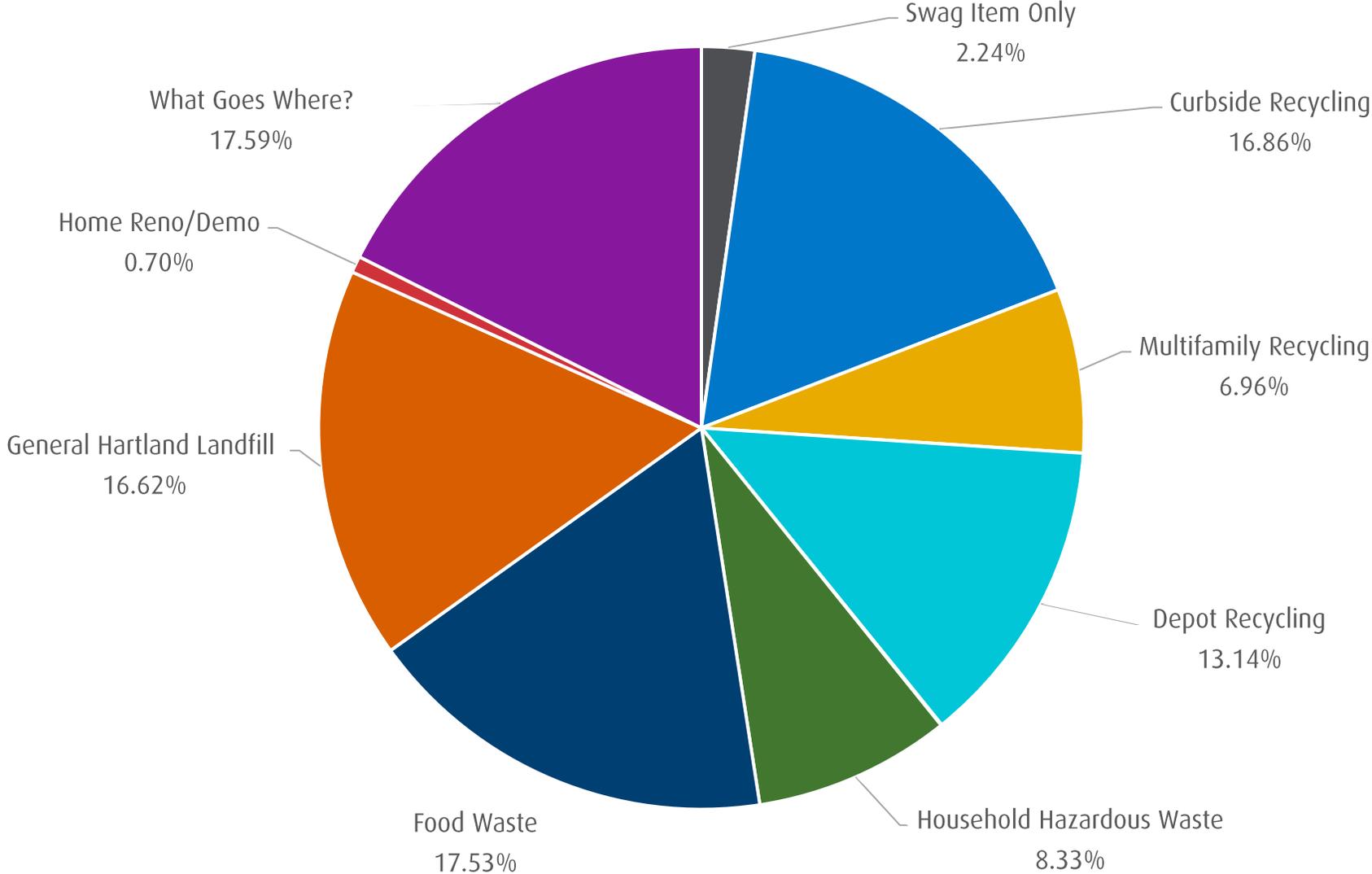
# Community Event Locations

Municipality	# of Events	Interactions
Victoria	4	630
Saanich	6	1,104
Colwood	2	153
Sidney	1	366
Central Saanich	1	104
North Saanich	2	29
Esquimalt	1	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2,428</b>

+ 4 static displays at 4 recreation centers (brown pins)



# Resident Areas of Interest





# 2025 Multi-Family Dwelling Sign

For a third season, 2 staff were hired to recruit and work with multi-family building property managers to add signage to waste sorting areas used by building residents.

# 2025 Project Overview

- Provided waste sorting area signs and education resources to:
  - 52 buildings
  - 2,797 units
- Contacted buildings from 2023 and 2024 project years to check status of signs; 7 buildings requested replacement signs
- Focused on waste audit score and contamination analysis



# Handouts and Resources

**What goes where?**  
Waste sorting guide for apartments and condos



**Mixed Containers** • PLASTIC RINSABLE CONTAINERS AND COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS



Aluminum cans and lids | Plastic bottles and caps | Paper cups and lids | Plastic containers | Aerosol spray cans and lids | Ice cream tubs and cartons | Spray-wound cans

**Paper** • NO COFFEE CUPS AND CARTONS | **Cardboard** • FLATTENED



Cereal boxes | Paper cartons, milk, paper milk | Newspapers, mail, magazines | Other product boxes | Corrugated cardboard

*Note: Do not put in containers when recycling.*

**Organics** • NO COMPOSTIBLE PLASTICS (NO PET WASTE) AND COFFEE CUPS AND CARTONS



Dining plates | Dried flowers | Rolled paper towels | Uncoated food waste | Kitchen scraps | Coffee filters | Wooden cutlery

**Garbage**

**Depot/Other**

Find out what to do with your tin foil, furniture, coffee cups, electronics and more!



- Rubbish bags
- Bulky products
- Compostable plastics
- Fluorescent tubes
- Used motor oils
- Pet waste
- Tires and tires tubes
- Broken dishes
- Cartridges

Properly sorting your waste will help reduce the region's waste by 13 and extend the life of the Hazelton Landfill to 2000 and beyond.



Got unwanted or broken stuff?  
Need help figuring out

## What goes Where?



Try our \*NEW\* tool at

[crd.ca/whatgoeswhere](http://crd.ca/whatgoeswhere)

Find out what to do with your tin foil, furniture, coffee cups, electronics and more!




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## Move In Guide:

### Welcome to the Building!

Moving into a new building can generate more waste than normal. When the waste isn't disposed of properly it can clutter shared spaces and create extra costs to properties and tenants.

Here are four tips to help you dispose of waste responsibly and make your move in process easier:



#### 1. Become familiar with the building's waste disposal area.

When first moving in, allow yourself some time to look at the waste area. Look at where waste is sorted and which materials are collected (e.g., paper, mixed containers, organics, glass, garbage, etc.).



#### 2. Don't throw out cardboard boxes, reuse them!

Offer your moving boxes to someone else, who might be getting ready to move, or post on online marketplaces.



#### 3. Have a plan for getting rid of bulky items in advance.

Buildings often have limited space to manage waste and do not have systems to manage large bulky items. Replacing old furniture with new things to fit your space? Come up with a plan on how to get rid of bulky items before bringing more into your home.

- Do not abandon items near dumpsters or in other communal areas.
- Purchase items from companies that also take away old items.
- If you need to borrow or rent a vehicle to transport items, consider planning out a day where you take all the bulky items at once.
- Alternatively contact a junk hauling company to pick up items for you.



#### 4. Ask questions if you aren't sure.

If you have questions about getting rid of items or are uncertain about what your building recycles, reach out to your building manager. They are there to answer questions and would be happy to help you participate effectively in proper waste management practices.



Responsible disposing of your unwanted items helps protect the environment and prolongs the life of Hazelton landfill to 2000 and beyond.



# Waste Audit Scores



Initial Visit

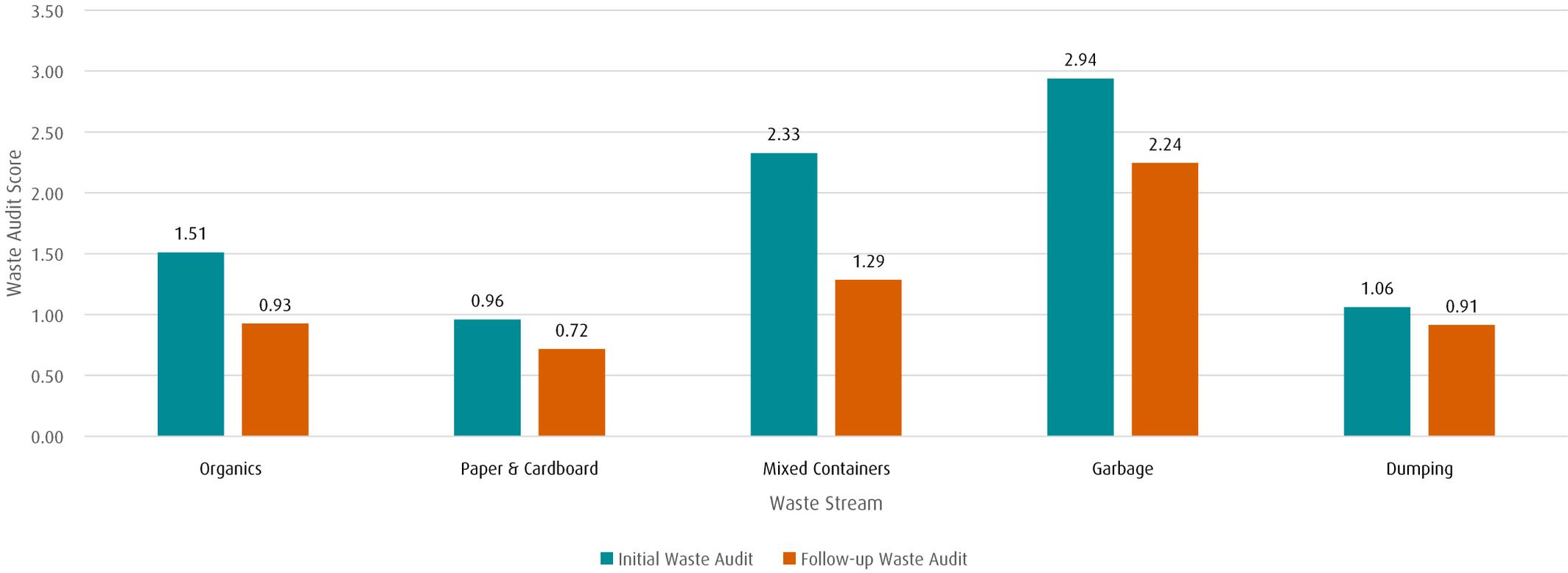


Follow-Up Visit

- 0 - No Contamination**  
No contaminating materials
- 1 - Low Contamination**  
1-2 contaminating materials (or 10-15%)
- 2 - Some Contamination**  
3-4 contaminating materials (or 15-20%)
- 3 - Moderate Contamination**  
5-6 contaminating materials (or 20-25%)
- 4 - High Contamination**  
7-8 contaminating materials (or 25-30%)
- 5 - Extreme Contamination**  
9+ contaminating materials (or 30+%)

# Average Waste Audit Scores

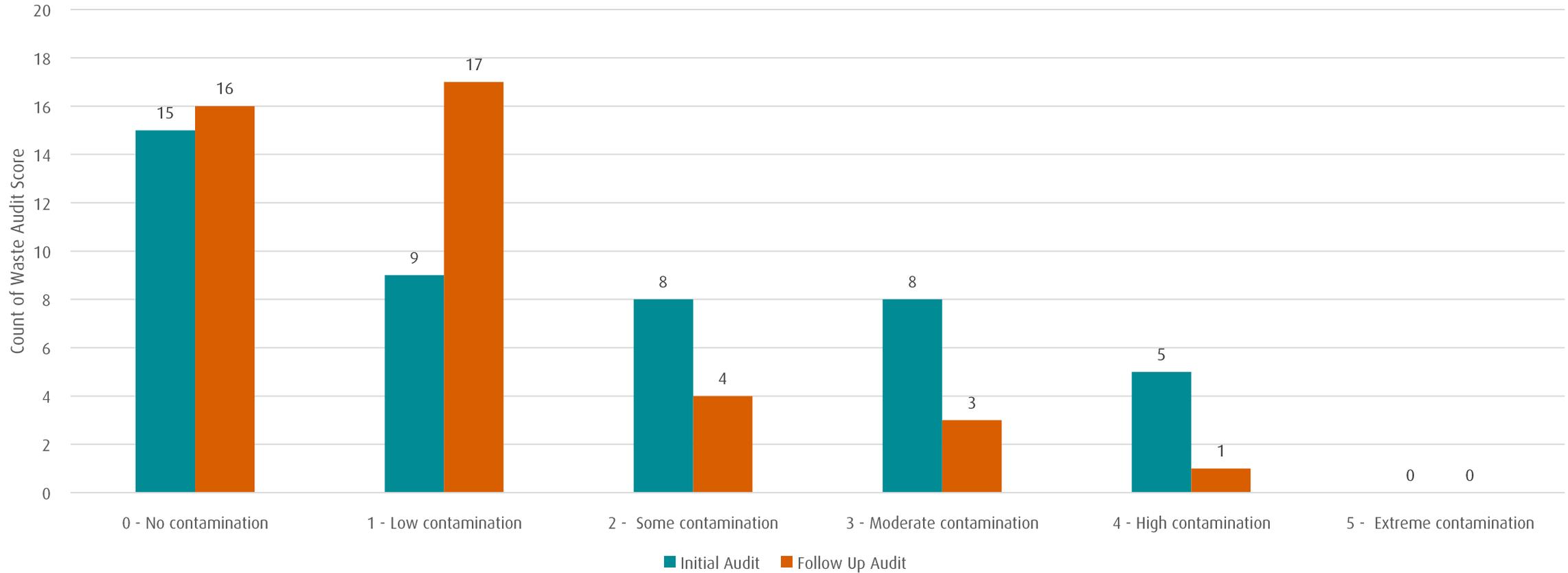
Initial vs Follow-up Waste Audit Score



# Organics – Audit Score Change



Organics Visual Waste Audit Results





# Media Campaigns

Two recent media campaigns brought awareness to:

- Safe disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW)
- Understanding best before dates with Love Food Hate Waste (LFHW).



Campaigns used a combination of online ads, social media, news articles, and video ads.

# Household Hazardous Waste

Campaign sought to inform residents about safe disposal practices for common HHW items including:

- Lithium-ion batteries
- Propane canisters
- Pool chemicals

Key Messages:

- Items can cause landfill fires if disposed of in garbage
- Drop-off for free at Hartland Landfill
- Use the CRD's What Goes Where tool to search for other drop-off locations near you



# Love Food Hate Waste

Campaign sought to inform residents about the meaning behind best before dates including:

1. Encouraging people to “spend more time with your food”
2. Creating awareness on what best before dates mean
  - Not about food safety
  - Refer to freshness, taste and nutritional value
3. Provide tips on managing food and best before dates such as:
  - Use your senses
  - Eat foods that spoil more quickly first (e.g., dairy)
  - Keep perishables (and your fridge temp) below 4°C





# Thank you

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