

# The Scoop on Waste Reduction

Nova Scotia has one of the best solid waste management systems in Canada. Our disposal rate is 47% lower than the national average! But there's still more to be done. Check out these surprising statistics about what's really in our province's landfills.



**HOW MUCH LANDFILL WASTE IS IN THE WRONG PLACE?**

**ORGANICS** 

26-27% IS COMPOSTABLE WASTE THAT ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS

**94%** HOUSEHOLDS HAVE ORGANICS COLLECTION



BACKYARD COMPOSTING AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE



**FIBRE/PAPER** 

10-12% IS RECYCLABLE PAPER THAT GETS THROWN AWAY

APPROX. **376 MILLION** DISPOSABLE CUPS ARE TOSSED INTO LANDFILLS



KEEP COFFEE **HOT** AND WASTE **LOW** WITH A *Travel Mug* 

**PLASTIC**

19-21% IS RECYCLABLE PLASTIC THAT SHOULD BE DIVERTED



**TEXTILES** 

10-16% IS CLOTHING THAT COULD BE DONATED

**INNOVATING TO DIVERT CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION WASTE**

25-30% OF NS SOLID WASTE IS C&D MATERIAL

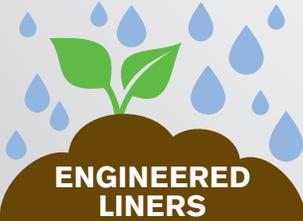
TURNING **SHINGLES** INTO **PAVED ROADS & WALLBOARD** TO **LIVESTOCK BEDDING**

**FUNDING IS AVAILABLE** FROM RRFB NOVA SCOTIA FOR R&D PROJECTS IN SOLID WASTE DIVERSION

**7 SECOND-GENERATION LANDFILLS** ACROSS NOVA SCOTIA MANAGE WASTE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

**PIPES COLLECT THE WATER** THAT RUNS THROUGH THE LANDFILL. THE WATER IS THEN **MONITORED, TESTED AND TREATED**

**ENGINEERED LINERS**



**380 KG/YEAR** CURRENT AVERAGE PER-PERSON DISPOSAL RATE

PROVINCIAL GOAL REDUCE TO **300 KG/PERSON** BY 2015

**CLEAR BAGS** LINKED TO BETTER DIVERSION OF ORGANICS AND RECYCLABLES

**85%** MUNICIPALITIES **CURRENTLY USE CLEAR BAGS** ON GARBAGE DAY

**9 RECYCLING FACILITIES** ACROSS THE PROVINCE PROCESSING MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS

THERE ARE **80 ENVIRO-DEPOT™** LOCATIONS PROVINCE-WIDE TO HELP **PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE**



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