

Proposed Actions to Achieve 60% Residential Waste Diversion New (or Expanded) Recycling Programs and Initiatives – Ceramics

4. Ceramics

Summary:

- Provide a drop-off location for ceramics at no cost at the City's EnviroDepots in 2019
- Ban collection of toilets from curbside garbage collection in 2020

It is estimated that there is between 500 and 600 tonnes of ceramics in the garbage annually. Ceramics can be easily crushed and recycled as aggregate, which is how ceramics like ceramic tiles and toilets taken to local Construction, Renovation & Demolition (C, R&D) recycling companies are recycled.

Occasional (e.g., semi-annual) collection at the curb is not recommended because of the low quantities coupled with the likelihood that residents would be unwilling to hold onto ceramics (including toilets) for an extended period.

It is recommended that the City:

- Provide a drop-off location for ceramics at no cost at the City's EnviroDepots in 2019; and,
- Ban collection of toilets at the curb in 2020.

It is estimated the above measures will divert 100 to 150 tonnes of ceramics (predominately toilets) and cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year (excluding initial capital costs).