

Highlights of the 2011 Tonnage Datacall Organic Waste Diversion

- 117 municipalities reported operating residential organic waste collection programs in 2011. 48 of the 117 programs also collected household organics such as food waste and non-recyclable or soiled paper waste.
- 99 of the 117 municipalities reported tonnes collected. A total of 880,126 tonnes of residential organic waste were collected in 2011. This represents a 3.3% increase over the 2010 collection of 852,102 tonnes.

	2010			2011			% Change Year over Year Totals
	Curbside (tonnes)	Depot (tonnes)	Total (tonnes)	Curbside (tonnes)	Depot (tonnes)	Total (tonnes)	
Yard Waste	304,071	87,751	391,822	306,186	98,306	404,493	3.2%
Leaves	35,929	10,421	46,350	39,797	11,084	50,881	9.8%
Christmas Trees	2,398	494	2,892	2,513	420	2,933	1.4%
Bulk Yard Waste	1,282	13,225	14,507	1,651	12,151	13,802	-4.9%
Household Organics	395,976	555	396,531	407,467	550	408,017	2.9%
Totals	739,656	112,446	852,102	757,615	122,511	880,126	3.3%

- The following number of households had access to curbside collection and/or depot collection of residential organics.

Means of Collection	2010 Households	2011 Households	Absolute Change Year over Year	% Change Year over Year
Curbside Yard Waste	3,143,972	3,216,763	72,791	2.3%
Depot Yard Waste (No Curbside Available)	316,366	260,717	-55,649	-17.6%
Curbside Organics	2,576,894	3,030,354	453,460	17.6%
Depot Organics (No Curbside Available)	57,469	62,094	4,625	8.0%

Note: Residents receiving curbside collection also have access to depot collection where depot is available.

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- Collection rates for residential organic waste in 2011 were 253 kilograms per serviced household, up from 246 kilograms per serviced household in 2010.
- The organic waste was composted in 41 windrow, 18 static pile, 9 aerobic in-vessel and 1 anaerobic composting sites.
- Programs reporting distribution of finished compost indicated, on average, 39% was sold, 29% was given away and 26% was used by the municipality.
- 41 municipal programs, representing 2.2 million households, have banned collection of grass clippings. 41 programs, representing 2.9 million households, actively promote grass recycling to their residents.
- In 2011, municipalities assisted in the distribution of 6,952 new backyard composters. These new composters are estimated to divert 695.2 tonnes annually.
- The cumulative number of backyard composters distributed by municipalities in Ontario as of December 31, 2011 was 1,388,446. These composters are estimated to divert 138,844.6 tonnes annually.