



Residential Building Owner/Manager Food Waste Diversion Survey - Reporting back

The Residential Building Owner/Manager Food Waste Diversion Survey received only a small number of responses. The information received from the survey has been summarized below.

- About 60% of respondents do not support the mandatory implementation of food waste diversion at Apartment and Condominium Buildings in the City of Kingston
- All respondents had on site staff responsible for waste management at the properties that they own.
- Common concerns noted with potential mandatory implementation of food waste diversion programs include;
 - o Fear of odours
 - o Attracting pests and rodents
 - o Sorting concerns based on experience with recycling
 - o Missed or rejected bins leading to increased waste and management time
- Buildings that have already implemented the City of Kingston's food waste diversion program note times between 1 and 3 hours per week to maintain the program. Buildings that have yet to implement a food waste diversion program expect significantly more time to manage the program of 3+ hours.
- Most responses indicated that they do not expect the green bin program to reduce wastes at their sites.
 - o Concerns that contaminated bins and smells would force them to place this material in the garbage anyway due to non-collection.
- The large majority of respondents have experienced issues with pests, mostly rats, mice and raccoons, in the past. This is consistent across buildings with and without green bins.