



Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Regional Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Update



What is a Regional Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (SWRMP)?

It's the blueprint for how Solid Waste will be managed in the Region for the next 10 years.

It is about reducing, reusing and recycling waste, as well as identifying resources of value and moving them out of the waste-stream.

Public Consultation is Key

The new draft plan was developed over the past 2 years with input from technical experts, a region-wide community advisory committee, staff and elected leaders.

Now, we need you! Help us by giving your feedback to ensure the plan addresses your needs.

What is the Plan?

Highlights of the Proposed New Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan:

- Improve uptake of existing recycling and composting services; i.e. do better with what we already have in place
- Collaborate between member municipalities, First Nations and the SLRD for better communications and program implementation
- Encourage waste reduction; i.e not creating waste in the first place
- Improve and streamline recycling and waste minimization at events.
- Develop a committee to assess the options for the southern corridor of the SLRD for when the Squamish landfill is full (around 2028)

What Do You Think?

Your input is important to the finalized SWRMP and will guide decisions about new programs and services. Fill in the questionnaire on the other side and be entered to win a **\$50 gift certificate!**

Key Considerations for Squamish and Area D

- Establishing long-term capacity for garbage disposal in the region is a key consideration of the plan as Whistler currently sends its waste to a privately-owned landfill in Washington State and the Squamish landfill is nearing capacity. In the short-term, the Squamish landfill may expand vertically, with relevant approvals, which would gain an additional 13-14 years of capacity; or consider export of garbage out of the SLRD to an engineered landfill until a regional option has been identified
- Launch a region-wide campaign to reduce food waste
- Develop a region-wide strategy to tackle illegal dumping
- Increase awareness of take-back opportunities for products and packaging covered by stewardship programs

What Can be Accomplished under the Plan?

We can reduce the waste we send to landfill by one-third simply by recycling and composting better! Our goal is to reduce waste in the region to 347 kg per person per year by implementing the strategies in the proposed plan.

