

Questionnaire Results: Solid Waste Management in the Workplace

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The ICI Questionnaire

Objective:

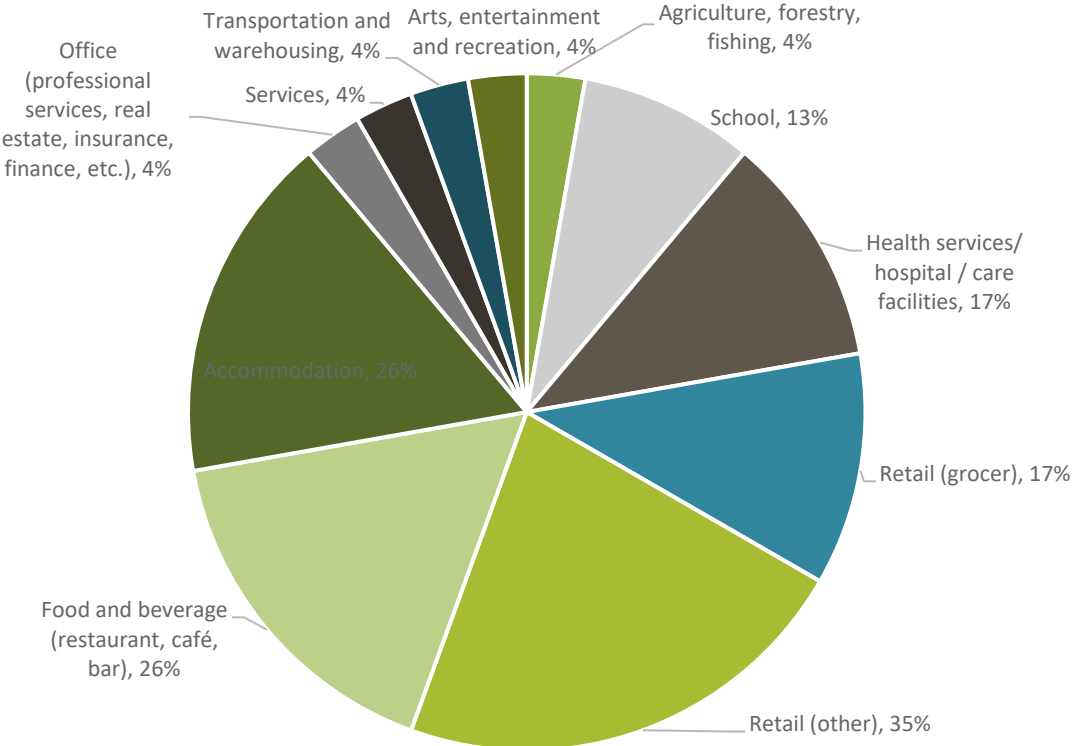
To gain insight into current waste management practices by the ICI sector, and associated challenges

- Garbage
- Recycling
- Food waste

Distributed to Chamber of Commerce members

Complete Responses: 23

Q1. Which Sectors Responded?



Q2: How do you current manage garbage generated at your business?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It gets collected through the municipal garbage collection service	56.52%	13
We directly contract a private collection service	39.13%	9
We haul our own garbage to the transfer station / landfill	8.70%	2
We take it home	4.35%	1
Other (please specify)	4.35%	1
Total Respondents: 23		

Q3: Do you have any of the following issues associated with garbage collection?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 8

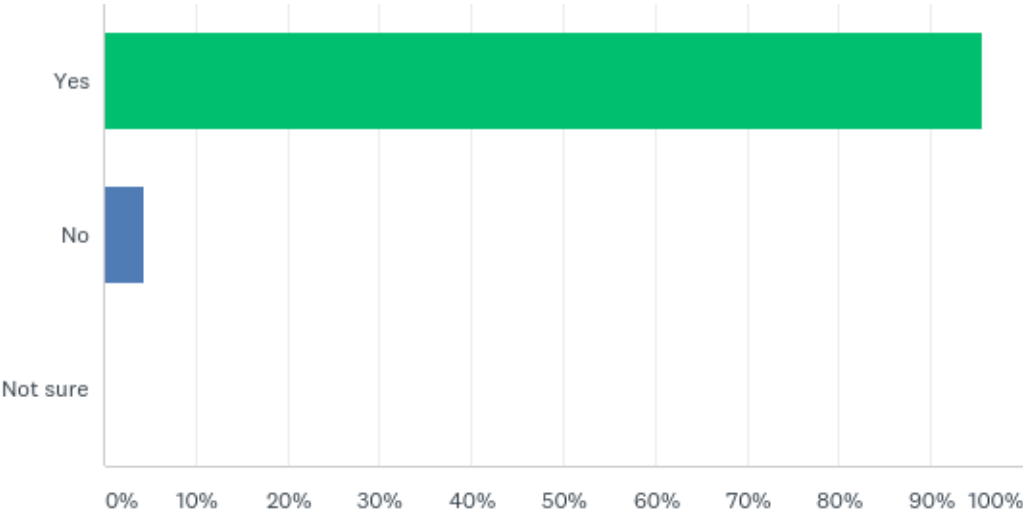
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bears getting into the garbage	20.00%	3
Other animals getting into the garbage	6.67%	1
Unauthorized use (other businesses or residents depositing their garbage in your garbage container)	53.33%	8
Other (please specify)	40.00%	6
Total Respondents: 15		

Other:

- 4/6 said “no problems”
- 1/6 said “dumpster divers
- 1/6 said “dumpster blocked by ferry traffic”

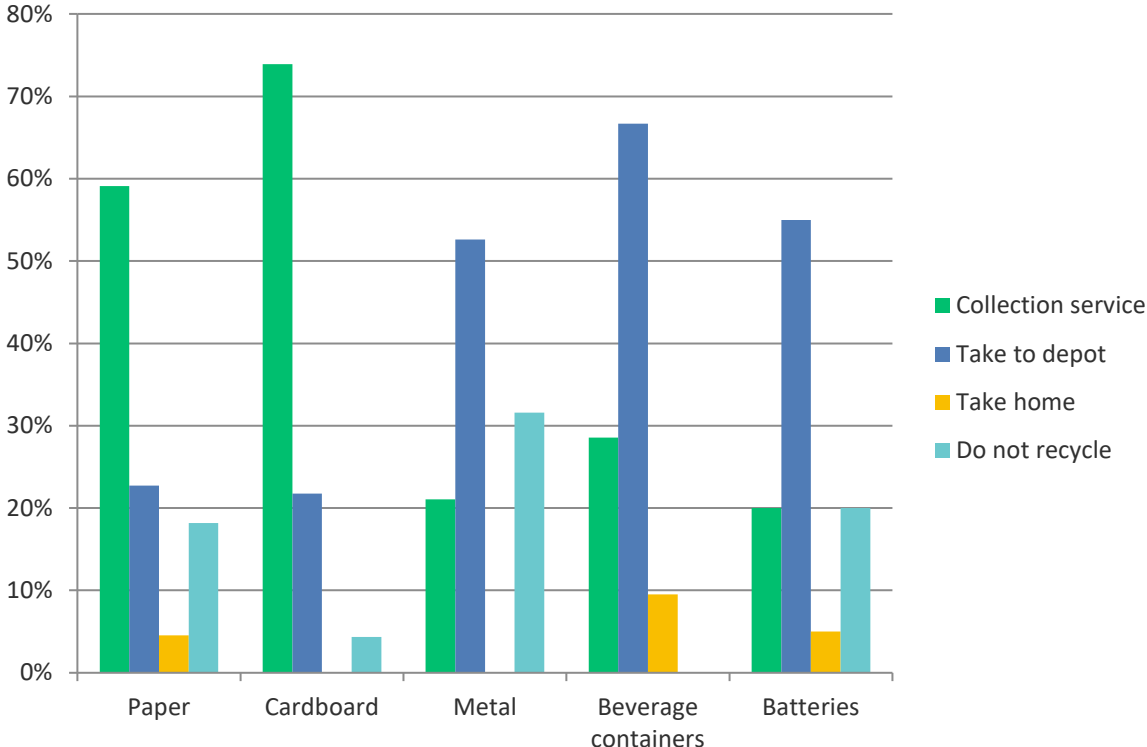
Q4: Does your business currently recycle waste?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



Q5: What materials are recycled and how they are managed?

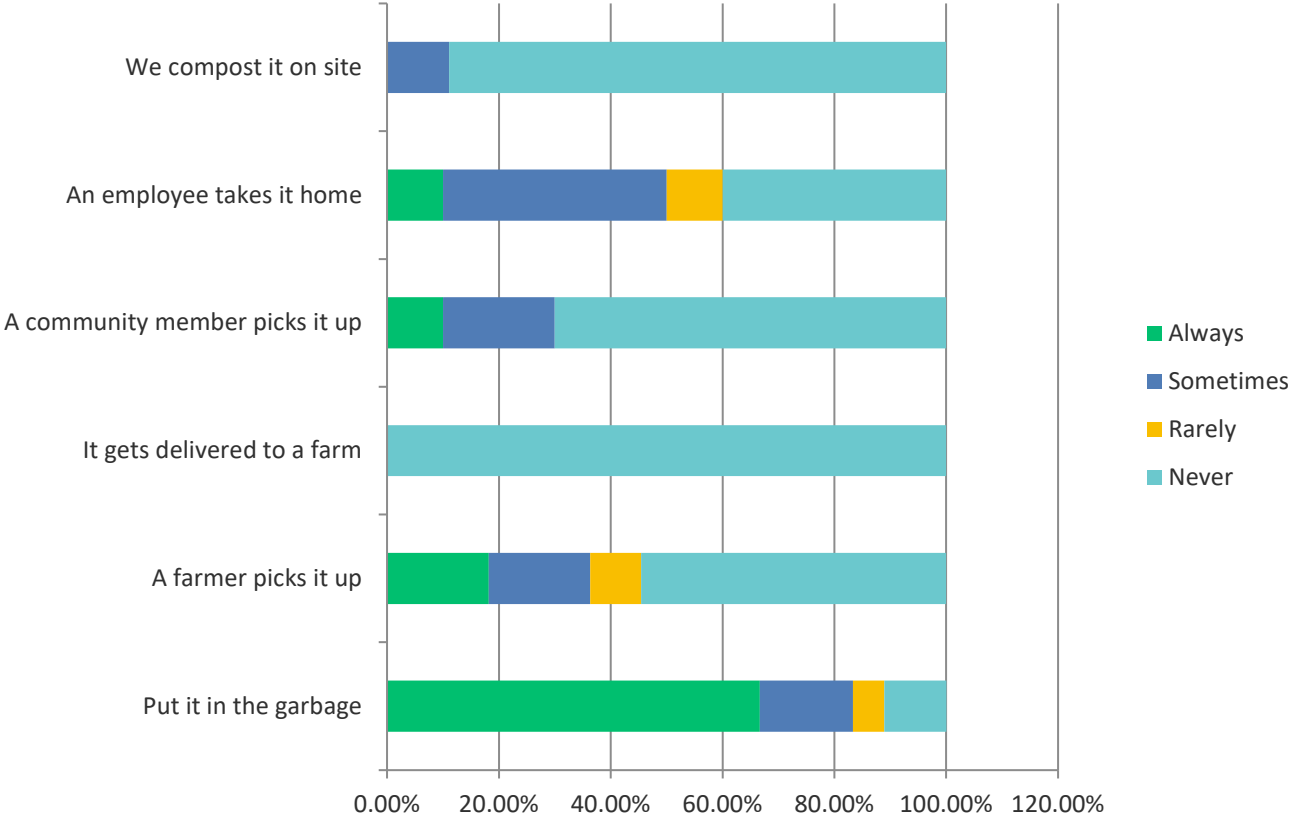
Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



Q6: Do you face any challenges when it comes to recycling at your business?

- Cannot use the residential recycling bins at depots (2 respondents)
- Enforcement with our campers and bear proofing
- Shrink wrap and single use plastics, plastic strapping, canola oil jugs
- Staff and students not recycling paper properly
- The wind here can scatter the materials while waiting for pickup
- The cost - the rules and regulations sorting - storing and bin rentals all are tough to keep up
- It would be great if more items could be picked up by the recycling service
- Storage

Q7: We would like to know more about how does your organization/business currently manages food waste.



Q8: Does your business generate compostable paper waste like paper towelling, soiled paper napkins, tissue paper and compostable food packaging?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	4.35%	1
A little (it is a very small amount of our garbage)	60.87%	14
A lot (it is a significant volume of our garbage)	26.09%	6
I don't know	8.70%	2
TOTAL		23

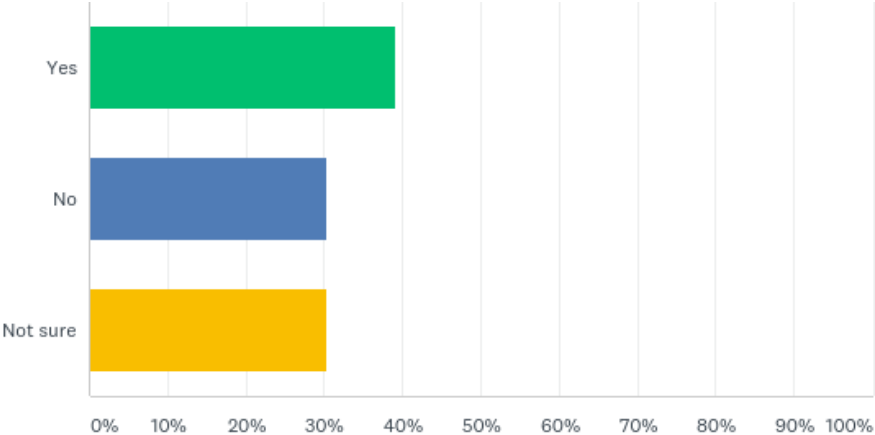
Q9: Has your business tried to reduce the amount of garbage it generates?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.87%	14
No	39.13%	9
Not sure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		23

Q10: Do you feel that you receive enough information on business-related waste management programs and services in your area?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



What's the best way to consult with the business sector?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On-line questionnaires (like this one)	95.45%	21
Attend a chamber of commerce meeting	4.55%	1
Set up a daytime meeting	9.09%	2
Set up an evening meeting	13.64%	3
Send a letter with a feedback form in it	27.27%	6
Call a cross-section of businesses to solicit feedback	18.18%	4
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 22		

Q16: Where is your organization/business located?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 1

