

PROGRAMS & CERTIFICATIONS



Waste Management is your partner in managing waste responsibly while contributing to a cleaner, greener future. They offer tailored waste management plans, advanced technologies for waste processing, and help you commit to reducing environmental impact through recycling and sustainability practices.

Learn more at
www.wm.com/ca/en



BDC aims to help your facility more effectively manage its organic waste. By implementing their proven strategies and tools, you can reduce your environmental impact by diverting organic waste from landfills while also saving costs associated with waste disposal.

Learn more at
www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/sustainability



WASTE REDUCTION SOLUTIONS



Golf Canada champions and supports sustainable golf course stewardship to enhance conservation efforts and nurture the sport for future generations.



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MINIMIZE WASTE TO MAXIMIZE SUCCESS



WHY WASTE MANAGEMENT MATTERS

Sustainable waste management practices are crucial for safeguarding our planet's resources, minimizing pollution, and preserving ecosystems for future generations. By reducing waste, implementing recycling programs, and promoting composting, we can significantly decrease our environmental footprint and mitigate the impacts of waste on land, air, and water quality.

“64% of golf courses have higher ecological value compared to other land types.”

- Sustainability study commissioned by Golf Canada in partnership with the University of Waterloo (2023).

Implementing sustainable waste management practices at golf courses not only reduces their environmental footprint but also enhances the overall player experience and sentiment. Moreover, it contributes to cost savings for facilities by reducing waste disposal expenses and promoting efficient resource use. As a result, sustainable waste management isn't just a priority for golf; it's an essential component of responsible course management that benefits both the environment and the bottom line.

Every resource that goes to waste impacts your business's return on its investment. That's why it's essential to get a clear picture of how each resource is used, and how much waste is left behind, so you can get the full value from the area you care for. By minimizing the amount of waste your facility uses, you can better predict when resources need replacing, reduce maintenance costs, and solidify operational routines that contribute to a healthier planet.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- By minimizing how much organic waste your business sends to the landfill, you can **significantly reduce your carbon footprint** to achieve carbon neutrality.
- Properly managing waste, particularly by limiting hazardous materials, helps protect local wildlife and habitats from contamination
- Landfills are overflowing with over **2,000,000 tons** of discarded water bottles. By minimizing waste at your facility, you're doing your part to minimize the waste left for future generations.



ECONOMICAL BENEFITS

- Simple updates such as energy efficient hand dryers can **save up to 95% in energy costs**, compared to paper towels.
- Implementing environmentally responsible waste management practices may qualify the golf course for tax incentives, further reducing operational costs.
- By taking a more active role in monitoring and reducing the waste your facility produces, you can more **accurately predict costs** and the impact of making changes associated with sustainable practices.

TIPS TO HELP MANAGE A GREENER SPACE

Here are a few recommendations to make waste reduction a key part of your plan for sustainability.



Propose on-site mulching of deadfall and trees that need removing instead of hiring someone to take them to another location for processing.



Build water bottle refill stations around the course or at the clubhouse to encourage patrons to minimize their own waste.



Implement recyclable takeaway containers for patrons to avoid sending plastic waste to landfills.



Encourage on-site composting of kitchen scraps and yard waste to accumulate a nutrient-dense soil resource on site.



Start a leave-in-place policy for grass clippings and fallen leaves to provide a more natural habitat for local wildlife while saving costs on labour and removal fees.

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