

Physical Infrastructure



Transforming Trash: Smarter Waste Stewardship in Public Buildings



The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement has been reshaping how waste is handled in government facilities, helping support Saskatchewan's broader commitment to environmental resilience. At the Ministry of Environment's Lloyd Place office in Regina, a steady shift in daily habits has led to real change. Waste diversion climbed from 25 per cent in 2013 to 65 per cent in 2024, showing what can happen when simple practices take hold. Composting, hand dryers in washrooms and single-stream recycling have turned what was once thrown away into material that can be reused or repurposed.

The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement also supports the provincewide [Solid Waste Management Strategy](#) by working with ministries across government to meet shared waste-reduction goals. These partnerships help ensure that the progress seen in individual buildings contributes to a stronger system overall.

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Why It Matters

Reducing landfill waste and improving waste diversion helps government facilities operate more efficiently and responsibly while supporting provincial goals for solid waste management. The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement's waste management efforts, ranging from responsible practices in government buildings to stronger diversion programs and updated operational standards, demonstrate clear leadership that helps set consistent expectations for better waste management across communities and sectors.

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