



NOTICE

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR ORGANIC WASTE PRODUCERS

In terms of the City's [Integrated Waste Management By-law](#), the Director of Waste Services can instruct any waste generator to submit an integrated waste management plan (IWMP) for approval by the City, within a stipulated time. The plan should cover how the waste generator intends to reduce, manage, or eliminate designated waste types.

As part of the [Provincial Waste Management Plan](#), Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) has set targets for organic waste diversion for the Western Cape. The policy called for a 50% diversion of organic waste from landfill by 2022 and a ban on organic waste to landfill by 2027.

Businesses that generate organic waste such as restaurants, hotels and food processing companies must submit IWMPs that reflect how they plan to reduce organic waste sent to landfill by 50% immediately, and 100% by 2027. This is in line with the directive from the Western Cape Government that all organic waste generators are required to meet these targets.

In order to raise awareness of this new requirement, Urban Waste Management is conducting ongoing awareness-raising campaigns and encouraging businesses to become compliant. Our By-law Enforcement Unit supports this effort by issuing compliance notices and fines to those who do not meet stipulated deadlines.

ORGANIC WASTE OPTIONS

These efforts are also helping to stimulate the organic waste beneficiation sector in Cape Town. Cape Town has a very robust private organic waste processing sector offering many alternatives to landfilling. Contact the following non-profit organisations who have a list of all their members offering the different processing solutions:

- [ORASA \(Organic Recycling Association of South Africa\)](#)
- [SABIA \(Southern African Biogas Industry Association\)](#)
- [SAMIRO \(South African Mass Insect Rearing Association\)](#)

WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW?

The current fine for failure to submit an IWMP is R2 000.

In addition, companies could be fined R2 500 for failure to:

- separate waste with the intention of minimising waste; or
- comply with a notice and directions issued by the waste management officer or duly authorised official.

More than one fine could apply depending on the situation.

Section 10 (7) of the [Integrated Waste Management By-law](#) states that if an integrated waste management plan is rejected or **not submitted at all**, the waste management officer shall give directives as to what waste management measures must be taken by the waste generator and should the waste generator fail to take such measures within the time frame specified by the waste management officer, **the City may implement such measures and the waste generator will be liable for the cost thereof.** '(7)(A) The waste management officer may, by written notice, require the generators of waste listed in subsection(10) to appoint a waste management control officer who will –

(a) take reasonable steps to ensure that the waste generator-

(i) implement the integrated waste management plan; and

(ii) comply with the directives given by the waste management officer; and

(b) report to the waste management officer non-compliance with any applicable waste management plans or directives.'

(8) The Director may by written notice require any person to provide such information as he or she requires when preparing the City's integrated waste management plan.

(9) Should a person fail to provide the information referred to in subsection (8), the Director may appoint an auditor to obtain such information at the **cost of waste generator.**