

### Survey Response Update.

More than 435 of you responded to the food waste participants' survey. Thank you very much for taking the time to go online, or return your hand completed copies to us. That is a response rate of more than 20% - we really appreciate the thought you put into your comments.

We now have the fun task of making sense of all the numbers and grouping the comments into general themes. That will take a few weeks, but we hope to have preliminary results to the Regional Board and Council members by June.

Lots of you asked questions about compostable bags, the finished compost, materials accepted in the green bin, garbage service, and so on. As we go through the survey comments we will note those questions and prepare answers or updates for the next newsletter.

Thanks again.

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### Food Waste numbers.

In terms of the amount of food waste collected, here are the weights compiled to March 31, 2008.

Collection route	Total food waste collected	Average food waste per household per week	*Average garbage per household per week	*Average recycling per household per week	Average overall diversion from landfill
Chartwell	25,190 kg	2.96 kg	3.05 kg	3.87 kg	68%
Nanaimo	38,636 kg	3.43 kg	2.96 kg	4.62 kg	73%
Cedar	34,740 kg	2.96 kg	4.46 kg	3.21 kg	54%
Totals/Averages	98,566 kg	3.12 kg/week	3.49 kg/week	3.90 kg/week	65%

\*Although these materials are now both collected bi-weekly, we have calculated them as a weekly amount, so that you can compare them with the food waste numbers.

**Congratulations...** almost 100 tonnes of material did not end up at the landfill!