












## ON THE ROAD TO ZERO WASTE RECOGNITION

ON THE ROAD TO ZERO WASTE recognition status acknowledges that a facility has the core structures in place that will enable it to work towards Zero Waste and ZERO WASTE CERTIFICATION. By meeting the recognition criteria facilities are able to demonstrate their acknowledgement of the challenge, and their commitment towards addressing it on-site.

This form of recognition is designed to open the door to all facilities seeking to work in the direction of Zero Waste. It does not indicate the achievement of any form of ZERO WASTE CERTIFICATION.

### RECOGNITION CRITERIA

-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 1. DEFINITION & HIERARCHY**  
Publicly reference the Zero Waste Definition & Zero Waste Hierarchy on-site and online.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 2. ZERO WASTE FACILITY ASSESSMENT & COMPOSITION STUDY**  
Undergo a Zero Waste Facility Assessment and Composition Study.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 3. INITIAL TRACKING**  
Continuously track all facility discards with a minimum of 3 months worth of data.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 4. SOURCE SEPARATION OF MATERIAL STREAMS**  
Ensure the separation at source and separate collection of all facility discards.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 5. RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS, TOXIC & SPECIALTY DISCARDS**  
Ensure the safe use, storage and collection of any hazardous, toxic and specialty facility discards, in complete compliance with federal, provincial and regional/municipal laws.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 6. DOCUMENTATION**  
Provide formal documentation from current facility service providers certifying the presence of material collection agreements, including the current cost of material collection.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 7. ZERO WASTE DESIGNATION**  
Assign the designation “Zero Waste Coordinator” to an individual working within the facility, to be added to this individual’s job title. This individual is required to complete Zero Waste Canada’s *Intro To Zero Waste & Zero Waste Fundamentals* education and training programs.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 8. ZERO WASTE PLAN**  
Submit the facility’s expected timeline and strategy for achieving ZERO WASTE CERTIFICATION.
-  **RECOGNITION CRITERIA 9. ZERO WASTE CANADA APPLICATION**  
Submit a formal application to Zero Waste Canada with evidence of having achieved each recognition criteria, alongside the facility’s corresponding initial application fee.