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CITY OF NELSON PRE-TREATED ORGANICS PROGRAM

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The City of Nelson has implemented Canada's first residential Pre-treated Organics Program – distributing more than 2000 FoodCycler appliances to households. The goals of this program are to manage household food scraps, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and foster local use of organic resources. The City recently had an independent evaluation completed of the social, environmental, and technical aspects of the program – in comparison with curbside green cart organics collection.

This webinar presents results from this evaluation and an overview of Nelson's experience with this organics management approach, as well as next steps for the program in 2025.

Thursday, March 13, 2025 - 1 pm

(Eastern Time)

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Mary Tress (pronouns she/her) holds a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences from the University of Guelph, in agricultural sciences and geography, as well as a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems and Food Security from Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She began working with the Pre-treated Organics Program in 2023 as a Program Assistant, and has since taken on coordinating the program for the City of Nelson. Mary is an avid gardener, composter, and seed-saver, and has previously enjoyed collecting seeds for a small landfill bio-cover revegetation project. She gratefully acknowledges that Nelson resides within the unceded traditional territories of the Sinixt, the Syilx, and the Ktunaxa peoples.



Shannon Ripley is trained as a soil scientist (M.Sc.) and environmental scientist (B.Sc.) and is a Professional Agrologist. Shannon has 18 years of experience planning, implementing and evaluating composting and waste diversion programs and policies in collaboration with municipal and territorial governments, Indigenous governments, non-profit organizations, businesses and farmers. Shannon has worked with communities in BC, the Northwest Territories and Alberta. She grew up and currently lives in southern Alberta, and has also loved time living in Yellowknife, Latin America and various communities across Canada.

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