

Policy Direction

The City Plan

The City Plan describes how Edmonton will become a future city that has the benefits Edmontonians enjoy today combined with new opportunities for the future. It includes the following policies focused on food waste and food insecurity:

- 2.2.2 Ensure affordable housing and local food options to support social equity and meet the needs of all Edmontonians.
- 5.3.1.2 Establish partnerships within the region to advocate for and support the development of a sustainable food system.
- 5.3.1.6 Partner and strategize to reduce waste from the food system.
- 6.1.1.3 Partner with community, business and not for profit organizations to broaden Edmonton's collective community leadership and capacity.

***fresh*: Edmonton's Food and Urban Agriculture Strategy**

fresh: Edmonton's Food and Urban Agriculture Strategy (*fresh*) was developed in consultation with Edmontonians, interested groups, businesses and organizations. It was approved by City Council in November 2012. It is a high level strategy that continues to guide Edmonton towards the vision of "a resilient food and agriculture system that contributes to the local economy and the overall cultural, financial, social and environmental sustainability of the city."

Two of the five goals that serve as a foundation for *fresh* relate to food waste and food insecurity:

- A healthier, more food secure community; and
- Less energy, emissions and waste.

The Future of Waste: Edmonton 25-year Comprehensive Waste Management Strategy

The 25-year strategy sets the City of Edmonton on a path of ambitious, transformational change, based on a Zero Waste framework. The strategy seeks to transform the waste system, and places new focus on efforts to reduce waste, while also affirming the City's commitment to a 90 per cent diversion rate across all sectors.