



# Solid Waste Management

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# Mission Statement

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Land Technicians (SALT) is a non-political entity that provides support to Saskatchewan First Nations Land Managers to help develop and enhance capacity on their traditional territories, while respecting local customs and traditions.



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# Solid Waste Team



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# Solid Waste on First Nations

Site Type	Count
Transfer Stations	38
Temporary Transfer Stations	5
Direct Haul	12
Dumpsites	15
Permitted Dumpsites	6
Engineered Landfills	4
Waiting for a Transfer Station	3



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# Waste Management Challenges in First Nation Communities

- Geographic isolation
- Lack of funding for waste infrastructure
- Limited access to landfills or recycling centers
- Regulatory gaps and enforcement challenges
- Environmental and health risks from unmanaged waste



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# SALT's Support for Sustainable Waste Solutions

- SALT works in direct partnership with First Nation communities to develop long-term, sustainable waste management systems
- Provides guidance, resources, and technical expertise for designing and implementing community-driven waste management facilities



## Success Stories: Sea-can Delivery

In 2024, we began delivering sea-cans to First Nation communities to improve waste management and support transfer stations with sustainable, cost-effective solutions.



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# First Nation Communities with SALT Sea-Cans

AHTAHKAKOOP

BIG RIVER

CARRY THE KETTLE

COWESSESS

DESCHAMBAULT

ENGLISH RIVER

FISHING LAKE

MISTAWASIS

MOSQUITO (MGBHLM)

MUSKEG LAKE

MUSKODAY

OCHAPOWACE

ONE ARROW

ONION LAKE

PATUANAK

PELICAN NARROWS

SWEETGRASS

THUNDERCHILD

ZAGIME ANISHNABECK



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# Waste Management Toolkit

In partnership with Recycle Saskatchewan, SALT created a Waste Management Toolkit to help:

- Explore waste diversion options
- Educate communities about best practices
- Access funding opportunities for local programs





## 3R VR Quest: Protectors of Our Land

- **Collaborative Project:** Developed by SALT in partnership with Melcher Studios
- **Interactive Learning:** Students embark on a two-phase VR experience focused on reduce, reuse, recycle
- **Cultural Revitalization:** Integrates Indigenous Ways of Knowing, including storytelling, drumming, singing, and language
- **Immersive Education:** Enhances environmental awareness while honoring cultural traditions



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# 3R VR Quest: Protectors of Our Land Characters



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# We are the Land Art Calendar Contest

- **Annual Event:** 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the contest, hosted by the Solid Waste Team
- **Youth Participation:** Inviting young artists from Saskatchewan's 74 First Nations
- **Creative Expression:** Encourages youth to showcase their environmental values through art
- **Connection to Mother Earth:** Inspires young environmental stewards to reflect on land protection and sustainability



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# The Future of Waste: Smarter, Greener, Cleaner

- **Grow Our Reach:** Expand services to meet rising community needs
- **Embrace the Future:** Introduce new waste technologies
- **Fuel the Mission:** Champion funding opportunities to scale our impact
- **Sea-can Project Spotlight:** Transform waste management with mobile storage and sorting hubs for smarter diversion



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# How to Get Involved

- Raise awareness about waste issues in your community
- Support environmental initiatives
- SALT Job Postings:
  - Solid Waste Community Navigator
  - For more information, visit our Career Page



# THANK YOU



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