

## **WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?**

Approximately 1/3 of Edson's household waste has been found to be compostable. By diverting this from the landfill, Edson could reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 21 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per month.

Along with these important environmental aspects, contracting out the service has allowed us to free up staff for other areas and save money by eliminating the costs associated with repair and replacement of our garbage collection equipment.

Curbside pickup is also seen as an attractive and convenient service to residents.

## **Curbside Waste Collection Frequently Asked Questions**

### **WILL A NEW WASTE BIN BE PROVIDED TO ME?**

Yes. New bins have been delivered to all homes in the program. If you have been missed, please call Edson Public Works at 780-723-6461. The new pickup schedule starts September 3rd!

### **DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR THE NEW BIN?**

No. New carts are provided to all current Town of Edson residential waste collection customers free of charge.

### **WHAT IF MY BIN IS DAMAGED OR STOLEN?**

GFL Environmental is the administrator of this program. They can be contacted at 780-723-6849.

### **CAN I LABEL THE BIN SO I CAN IDENTIFY IT?**

You are allowed to write your address on the side of the bins to help identify it. Do NOT put your name on the bin as they are assigned to addresses and not customers.

### **WILL THERE BE AN ADDITIONAL COST FOR THIS SERVICE?**

There is an expected increase in waste collection fees of approximately \$4.50 for this new service. This will not be implemented until 2019.

### **WHAT TO DO ON COLLECTION DAY**

- Place the bin so the arrow on the lid points towards the street.
- Place your bin with at least 1 metre of space between the bin and other objects (parked cars, power poles, utility boxes).
- Leave 3 metres of space above the bins. If bins are placed under a tree or power line they cannot be collected safely.
- Bins must be set out for collection by 7:00 am and removed from the street by 11:00 pm.

### **IF I MOVE, DO I TAKE THE BIN WITH ME?**

Please do NOT take your bins with you. The bins are meant to remain at that particular address.

### **WILL MY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE CHANGE?**

Schedules will change. Please visit [www.edson.ca/curbside](http://www.edson.ca/curbside) for maps and schedules.

### **WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO PLACE MY BIN IN THE ALLEY?**

Pickup will be front curb ONLY, with the exception of residents along Highway 16, which will remain alley pickup for safety reasons.

### **DO I NEED TO USE BAGS IN THE BINS?**

Bags are entirely optional. However, they do help keep the bins more sanitary, reduce odors, and prevent any problems with sticking/freezing.

The exceptions are certain organics which MUST be placed in certified compostable bags or paper bags. These include:

- *pet waste (dog waste and cat litter)*
- *wood shavings or sawdust*
- *cold BBQ/fireplace ashes*

### **WHAT IS A CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAG?**

When buying compostable bags, look for a certified compostable logo on the box. It is important to ONLY use certified compostable bags in the organics bin as they break down into compost. Biodegradable bags are NOT accepted in organics as they are made with plastics that break down but do not decompose and contaminate the final compost.



Certified compostable bags can be purchased at most grocery or home hardware stores.