



## Big Bin Events

The Big Bin Clean Up Event is planned for August 17 and 18, 2013 at St. Francis Xavier High School, 9200-163 Street. A large item pick-up will be available for those who require assistance in disposing of unwanted items.

## Jasper Place Large Item Pick Up

A Jasper Place Area "Large Item Clean Up" is in the works this year. The focus will be to assist residents who need a helping hand, like seniors and people with disabilities, by offering removal of big, bulky items.

For more information please contact Paul St. Arnaud at (780) 944-5417.

### Jasper Place Revitalization



## Spring into Action! Help Clean Up

Bylaw Enforcement Officers with the City of Edmonton's Community Standards Branch are busy helping to tidy up the Jasper Place Revitalization area this spring. And you can help too!

"Our focus is clearing out the worst places in the neighbourhood where we are seeing continuous disregard for the upkeep of yards, storage areas and the alleyways," said Jason Bates, Community Liaison Officer for the area.



Under the City of Edmonton's Community Standards Bylaw it is unlawful to show "serious disregard for general maintenance and upkeep" of land owned or occupied. **The bylaw gives examples of what materials should not be accumulated in excess on owned or occupied land such as: building materials, appliances, household goods, tires, vehicle parts, damaged, dismantled or derelict vehicles or motor vehicles, boxes, unkempt grass or weeds higher than 10 centimetres and so on.** For more examples, visit [edmonton.ca/bylaws](http://edmonton.ca/bylaws).

### The good news is that you can help tidy up the area too!

**Capital City Clean Up** is the City of Edmonton's year-round litter and graffiti management program. Each year thousands of Edmonton residents Adopt a Block to keep their community litter-free during the warm weather months. Why not adopt your block?

**The Graffiti Management Program** helps organize the removal of graffiti from public and private property and offers fund-raising opportunities for non-profit organizations. Remove graffiti from your own property and record and report any you see around the neighbourhood.

**The City's Reuse & Recycle Directory** will provide you with a list of charities, businesses and City services that can reuse, recycle or dispose of your unwanted stuff. Getting rid of unwanted household items is a great way to prevent them from piling up in your yard!

For more information on City of Edmonton services, call 311 or visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)

## Prevent a Litter! Spread the News about Fixing Critters



Pets bring a community to life and are an important part of many Edmonton families. Pet ownership is regulated under the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw. The City's Animal Care & Control Centre, located at 13550 - 163 Street, works with pet owners to help ensure pets are a positive addition to the community.

Spaying or neutering your pet helps to prevent unwanted litter, improves the overall health of dogs and cats and balances their temperament so that they are less likely to bite or wander away. More than 8,000 pets end up at the City's facility every year. Take the time to fix your pet and encourage others to do so.

The City of Edmonton supports the Prevent Another Litter Subsidy Program (PALs) offered by the Edmonton Humane Society, a financial assistance program for families that do not have the means to fix their pets. Check it out!

A fixed pet costs a lot less to license with the City. If licensed pets get lost, we can return it home quickly and safely. Our \$35 dog and \$20 cat licence fees support adoption programs and the PALs subsidy program.

If someone you know is thinking of adding a pet to their family, remind them that spaying or neutering not only helps the animal, it also helps ensure Edmonton is a community of responsible pet owners.

**All pet owners are reminded to pick up after their pets and keep them on a leash except for off leash areas.**

For more information about the City of Edmonton's pet services go to [www.edmonton.com/pets](http://www.edmonton.com/pets) or call 311.

## Wanted: Noxious Weeds



This growing season, the City of Edmonton is doing more to hunt down some of our worst offenders on private and public property: noxious weeds.

These weeds are armed and dangerous. They grow and spread quickly, invading crops and ecosystems and making properties unsightly, overgrown and infested.

So the City's running a noxious weeds awareness campaign to remind people about their role, and the City's role, in managing these wanted weeds. When it comes to noxious weeds, it's high time we work together to mow 'em down, pull 'em up and move 'em out!

### Weed laws

Alberta regulates the spread of noxious weeds through the Weed Control Act. The City of Edmonton sets standards for keeping yards tidy through the Community Standards Bylaw. Property owners are required to cut weeds and grass to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and keep yards tidy.

The City doesn't regulate nuisance weeds, like dandelions, on private property. However, the City controls both noxious and nuisance weeds on City property using green turf management practices.

### What you can do

We all share responsibility for managing noxious weeds. As a property owner, you have many options for controlling them:

- Mow your property to 10 cm (4") or less. Cutting weeds before they go to seed, with mowers or weed eaters, will kill them in a couple of years.
- Pull weeds out of the ground by hand to control small numbers.
- Keep your lawn healthy so it's difficult for weeds to grow or go to seed.
- Spraying is also an option. Consult your local greenhouse to learn about eco-friendly products and how to apply them properly.

If you have a concern about a weed infested property, file a bylaw complaint.

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