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## Secure Your Load Goes Regional

The City of Edmonton and the City of St. Albert are sharing educational resources to encourage citizens to tie down their loads before they head for the road.



Whether it's people hauling items to the landfill, students moving into residence or businesses doing deliveries, they all need to make sure that their load is secure. For tips with tarps and ropes, go to [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) and search [unsecured loads](#).

## Loads of Tickets

Teetering furniture, loose cardboard, wobbly stacks of two-by-fours—if any of that looks like it's about to fly off your vehicle and onto Edmonton streets, it can cost you a \$250 fine for an unsecured load.

To cut down on roadside litter and accidents from flying debris, community peace officers have already issued 64 warnings and 40 tickets this year for unsecured and uncovered loads.

## Big Bins Collect 41 Blue Whales So Far



Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Blue\\_whale\\_size.svg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Blue_whale_size.svg) Image provided by Chris\_huh

OK, maybe not real blue whales, but their equivalent in weight.

During the first half of this year's Big Bin Events, Edmonton residents delivered 1,075 tonnes of material such as couches, mattresses and other household appliances too large for curbside pickup. That's the same as 41 and a half 170-tonne blue whales.

These free City events continue to run every weekend from August 17 to September 22, except for the Labour Day weekend. For dates, times and guidelines, visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) and search [Big Bin Events](#).

## Tamara's Back!



Volunteer coordinator Tamara Brunelle has returned from maternity leave, happy to see so many returning volunteers and eager to meet this year's new faces.

She's busy planning this year's

## Wipe Outs Help High River Victims



volunteer recognition event for September 7, and looking forward to an exciting fall.

## Little Ones Learn About Litter

The World Mission Society Church of God wiped out graffiti in five Edmonton locations in May, June and July through CCCU's anti-graffiti program.

With the money it earned, the charity purchased bottles of water for flooded High River residents and challenged local grocers to match their purchase.

The end result: 6,000 bottles of clean water.

The City's [Graffiti Wipe Outs](#) not only allowed the charity to make Edmonton more beautiful, but they also let them, in their words, "lend a loving hand to our neighbours in High River."



Long-time Adopt-a-Block volunteer Beverly Lefevre is spreading the anti-litter message close to home in more ways than one.

Her grandchildren have just moved from Calgary up to Edmonton, and Beverly is taking them out on her patrols to pick up litter this summer.

"We got way more than usual, mostly due to their great eyesight and their attention to detail," she notes. The proud grandmother hopes they'll [Adopt a Block](#) in their own neighbourhood next year.

## BSC Nets Almost \$15,000

For the second year in a row, ATB Financial has written a cheque for \$14,720 to support CCCU's Business Supporting Community (BSC) program.



The program links Edmonton companies that want to keep their properties tidy with local non-profit groups that want to raise money. The groups pick up litter around a one-block area of the business site for 16 weeks through the summer.

With 22 locations, ATB is the largest sponsor of the BSC program.

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