



Let's Keep Talking Future of Waste.

Why Does the Program Need to Change?

To keep as much waste as possible out of landfill, we need to change how we collect grass, leaf and yard waste – it needs to be collected separately from other garbage.

Edmontonians told us that they needed more than one pick up in the spring and fall for their yard waste. Residents also wanted to be able to dispose of their grass clippings at the curb, and wanted to be able to top-up their green cart with extra yard waste.

What's Changing?

- Grass, leaf and yard waste will not be permitted in the garbage
- Residents will be able to include a top-up of grass, leaf and yard waste in their 120L green cart
- 2 pick up dates in spring (April – June) for grass, leaf and yard waste
- 2 pick up dates in fall (Sept – Nov) for grass, leaf and yard waste
- Branches should be bundled and placed in kraft paper bags for collection

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We will be seeking input from residents on these proposed changes during public engagement, as well as evaluating a seasonal yard waste collection schedule as part of the initial phase of Edmonton's cart rollout in spring 2019. Final recommendations to grass and yard waste collection will be presented to the City's Utility Committee in June 2019.

What is Yard Waste?

Includes leaves, mulch, tree trimmings, fruits, roots, sticks, twigs, and house and garden plants. Branches should be tied in bundles under 1.2m long and under 0.75m in diameter. All other yard waste materials should be placed in paper yard waste bags.

What Happens to Separately Collected Yard Waste?

Grass, leaf and yard waste collected in the green carts would be processed with household food scraps. Material collected seasonally would be composted separately at an outdoor composting site. This would enable Waste Services to collect and process a larger volume of material in the future.

By moving to an outdoor composting site, plastic garbage bags or plastic yard waste bags cannot be composted. All materials collected with yard waste must be easily composted, therefore we will be evaluating the use of paper yard waste bags for collection.

Are There Alternate Options for Grass and Yard Waste Disposal?

Leaving grass clippings on your lawn (grasscycling) is the easiest, most environmentally friendly option. The moisture and added nutrients from the clippings means you save money and time on watering and fertilizing your lawn.

Leaf and yard waste would be picked up seasonally in the spring and fall. Residents would also be able to drop-off grass, leaf and yard waste at Eco Stations and Big Bin Events free of charge, beginning in 2019 (start date to be determined).

Residents can also compost yard waste at home.

The City will continue to provide information and education tools to ensure residents are knowledgeable about their waste management options.

What Are the Benefits to Separate Yard Waste Collection?

- Sustain Edmonton's environment for future generations
- Improve waste diversion and reducing greenhouse gases
- Easier to process the materials
- Lower cost and reducing the energy used for sorting, processing and composting

Have Your Say: February 10 – April 15, 2019

We are seeking input from Edmontonians about the proposed changes to grass, leaf and yard waste collection that will be evaluated during the initial Edmonton Cart Rollout.