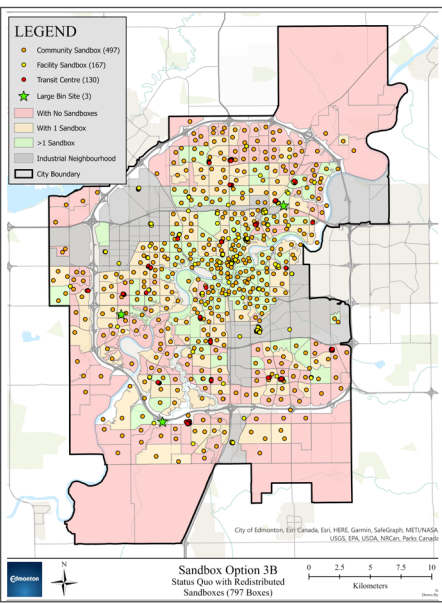


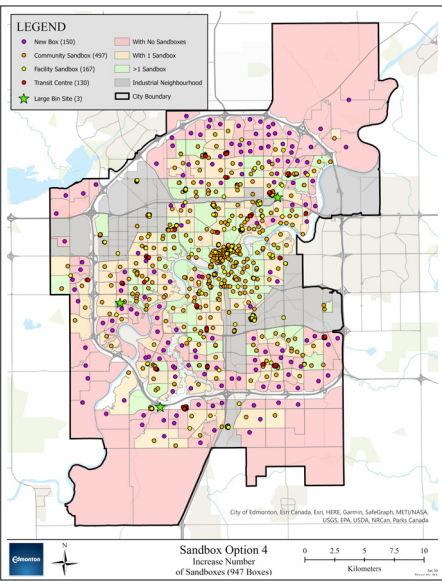
OPTION 3: Status Quo

- Keep the current number of boxes (approximately 700) with no cost savings
- Redistribute boxes more evenly across Edmonton (approx. 3–5 minute driving distance from a box for most residents)
- Some small boxes may be replaced by large bins at central public locations if space is available
- When sand is in high demand, refilling sandboxes will take longer
- Boxes could be refilled faster but would increase the program costs



OPTION 4: Increase Sandboxes

- More community boxes would be added over 1–2 winter seasons (900 boxes)
- Newer neighbourhoods would have at least one box (approx. 5 minute driving distance from a box for most residents)
- Current concerns with boxes not being refilled quickly may increase
- Increased program costs for adding boxes and for faster refilling



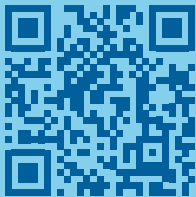
What is the Community Sandbox Program?

The City of Edmonton provides free dry sand to the public to help make walkways safer and more accessible during the winter. You may have seen these wooden sandboxes in your neighbourhood, along the street, at a City facility or Community League.

We all have a role to play in making sure that walkways are safe for everyone to use in winter. Property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks beside residences and businesses.

During and after a snow event, Snow and Ice crews are busy clearing the network of Active Pathways and Public Amenities. This includes sidewalks at City facilities, bike lanes, shared use paths, transit centres and bus stops, staircases, wheelchair ramps, bridges and more. Crews are responsible for maintaining and refilling more than 700 sandboxes as a courtesy service, after clearing of this network is complete.

Not sure where your nearest sandbox is? Visit edmonton.ca/CommunitySandboxes for an online map. You can learn more about Winter Road Maintenance and service levels at edmonton.ca/safetravels.



For more program information: edmonton.ca/CommunitySandboxes
To provide feedback: engaged.edmonton.ca/CommunitySandboxes
For any additional questions, please contact: communitysandboxes@edmonton.ca



Why Are We Seeking Your Feedback? How Will Feedback Be Used?

Edmonton is a growing city. In the last five years, the Community Sandbox Program has grown by over 400 percent. Edmonton now has the largest number of sandboxes among Canadian cities that have a public sandbox program.

When there is a lot of ice on walkways, there is a higher need for sand. Small sandboxes can empty quickly, faster than crews can refill them.

The City is currently reviewing and evaluating the program. The goal is to try and make the program more effective and efficient but also to make sure the program is still accessible to those who rely on the sandboxes to help keep their sidewalks safe for everyone.

The City wants to hear Edmontonians' thoughts and perspectives about the Community Sandbox Program and possible program changes that are being considered. Public input will be used to inform and adjust recommendations in a report to City Council.

What Are the Possible Changes Being Considered?

The City is asking for feedback on four suggested options (see pages 3 and 4). These options are not confirmed, but are meant to represent a range of changes from decreasing to increasing program service.

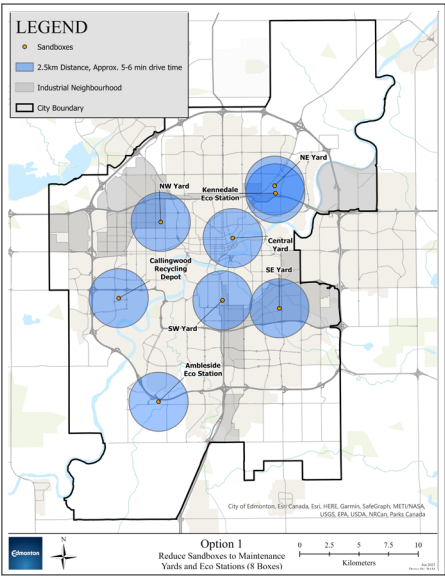
How Can You Provide Feedback?

We want to hear from you! Visit one of our display tables, attend a pop-up event, or fill out our online survey. Please visit edmonton.ca/CommunitySandboxes for more details, schedule of event dates and times, and survey links.

Have questions about other engagement opportunities or to participate as a stakeholder group? Email communitysandboxes@edmonton.ca or contact **311**.

OPTION 1: Phase Out Community Sandboxes

- Small community boxes removed over 1–2 winter seasons
- Large sandboxes or bins available at Eco Stations and Roadway Maintenance Yards
- Fewer sandboxes and larger bins means sand is always available when needed
- Community Leagues may decide to keep and maintain their own boxes
- Cost savings used to support other Snow and Ice services



OPTION 2: Reduce and Centralize Sandboxes

- Reduce the number of community boxes (between 30–100 total)
- Some small boxes may be replaced by large bins at central public locations if space is available (i.e., recreational centre parking lots, recycling depots, etc.)
- Redistribute boxes more evenly across Edmonton (approx. 5–10 min driving distance from a box for most residents)
- Fewer locations means boxes or bins are more likely to be refilled faster and more often
- Cost savings used to support other Snow and Ice services

