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# Curbside Waste Collection

**A Guide for Residents**

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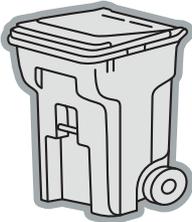
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# Your waste collection

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The City of Edmonton collects **food scraps**, **garbage**, **recycling** and **yard waste** from Edmonton homes.

Every two weeks year round.



Weekly spring to fall, every two weeks in winter.



Weekly year round.



Twice in spring and twice in fall.



**Find your schedule**  
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Download the **WasteWise App** or visit [edmonton.ca/WasteWise](http://edmonton.ca/WasteWise) to view your collection schedule or print a calendar.

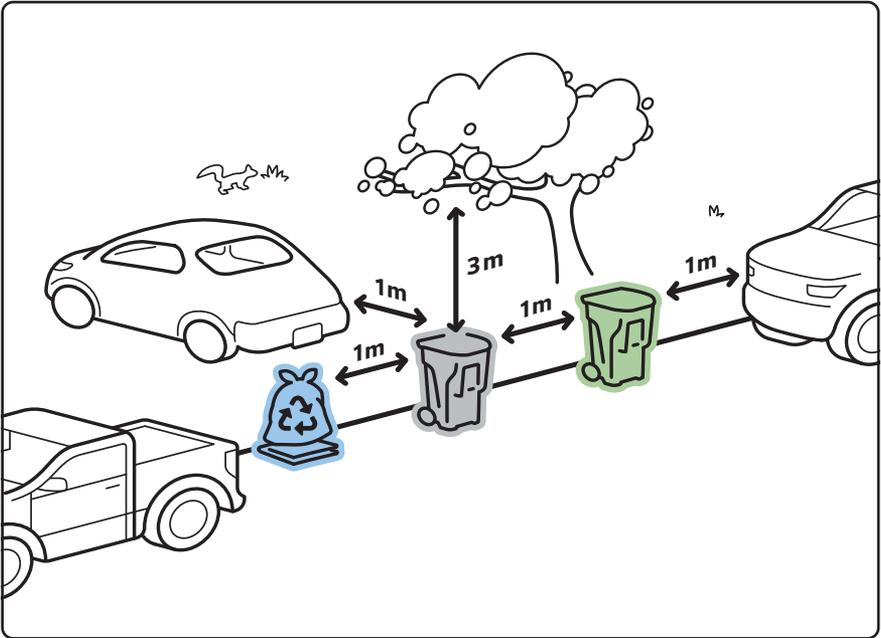
# Waste set-out

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7:00 a.m.

Set carts out by 7am, lids closed, with your cart arrows pointed towards the street or alley.



## Distance between carts

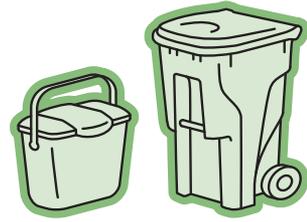
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Leave 1m/3ft of clearance around each cart (about an arm's length). You should be able to easily walk around each cart.

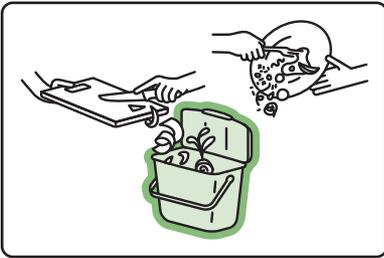
Make sure your recycling is at least an arm's length away from your cart.



## FOOD SCRAPS



Food scraps include all food waste, like fruit and vegetable peelings, spoiled food and plate scrapings. They are turned into compost.



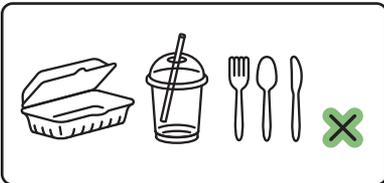
### Use your food scraps pail

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A food scraps pail makes it easy to collect scraps in your kitchen. Any container with a lid will work. Empty it into your food scraps cart often.



### Line your pail

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You can use a newspaper, paper bags or plastic bags inside the pail if you wish. Certified compostable bags are not necessary.



### Put 'compostable' plastics in the garbage

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Unfortunately, most compostable plastic items don't break down in industrial composting facilities.

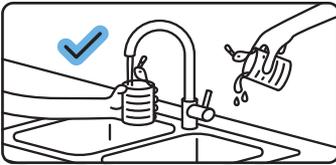
These facilities are designed to compost food scraps, not compostable plastics.



## RECYCLING



Recycling includes cardboard, paper, plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, metal food cans and drink containers. Place clean recyclables loosely into a blue bag.



### Empty & rinse containers

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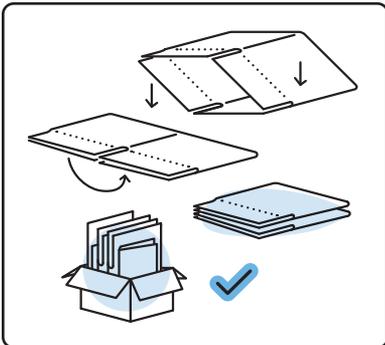
This prevents food residue from contaminating and ruining other recyclables.



### Not sure if plastic is recyclable?

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Pull on it. If it's stretchy, recycle it! Stuff plastic bags into one and tie closed. If it doesn't stretch, it's garbage.



### Flatten & bundle cardboard

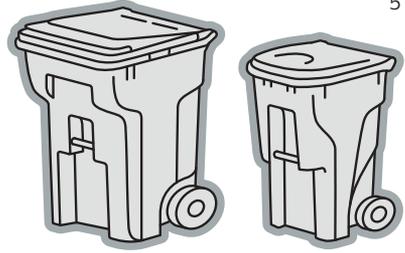
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Bundle (tie) flattened cardboard pieces that are too large to fit in a blue bag. Place them under your recycling.

You can also bundle flattened cardboard in a cardboard box (Less than 1m by 0.5m).



## GARBAGE



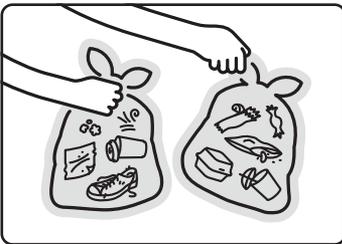
Garbage includes food wrappers, worn-out clothing, diapers, cat litter and other household waste.



### Bags are optional

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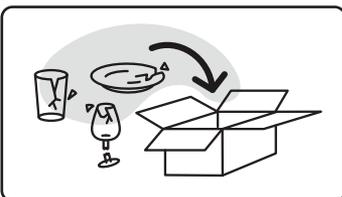
You can place garbage directly into your cart if you wish.



### Drop off two bags of garbage for free at an Eco Station

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It must be in see-through bags with no food scraps, yard waste or recyclables mixed in, or fees will apply. [edmonton.ca/EcoStations](http://edmonton.ca/EcoStations)



### Package sharp objects

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Keep Waste Services staff safe. Put sharp objects, like broken glass, in a sealed box or container before placing them in your garbage cart.

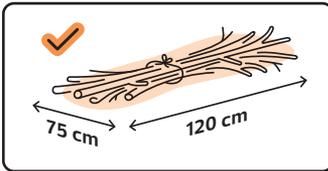


## YARD WASTE



Yard waste includes fallen leaves, grass clippings and garden trimmings. It is collected on special yard waste collection days.

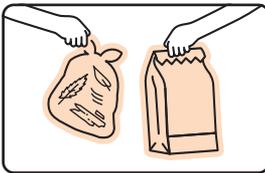
Place yard waste in see-through plastic bags or double-ply paper bags. Make sure paper bags are folded close at the top.



### **Bundle branches**

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Bundle (tie) twigs and branches with string made from natural fibres.



### **Keep bags & bundles light**

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Bags under 20kg (44lbs) keep your collector safe. There is no limit to the number of bags you can set out.

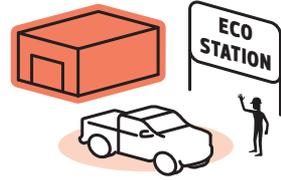


### **Between collection days**

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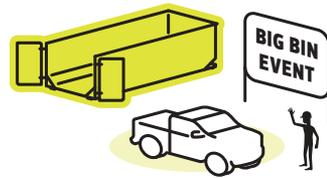
Put yard waste in your food scraps cart, compost at home or drop it off at an Eco Station for free (material must be loose or in paper bags). Visit [edmonton.ca/Compost](http://edmonton.ca/Compost) for more info.

## (!) HAZARDOUS WASTE



Household Hazardous waste includes items like batteries, e-waste and chemicals. Bringing them to Eco Stations protects people and the environment. **Drop off is always free for residents.**

## ↙ ↘ BULKY ITEMS



Bulky items include furniture, mattresses and other items too large to fit in your garbage cart. They can be **dropped off at Eco Stations for a fee.**

Drop off for no cost during **Big Bin Events** or at **Free Eco Station Weekends.**

### What are Eco Stations?

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Eco Stations accept items that don't belong in your garbage cart, like household hazardous waste, electronics, renovation waste and bulky items. There are four locations across Edmonton.

### Eco Station locations

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**Ambleside** 14710 Ellerslie Rd SW

**Coronation** 11440 143 St NW

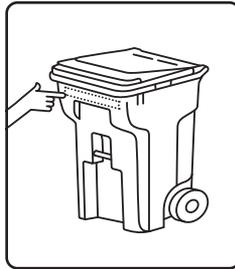
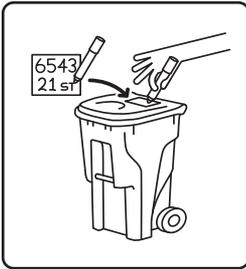
**Kennedale** 5355 127 Ave NW

**Strathcona** 5150 99 St NW

For hours, accepted items and fees, visit [edmonton.ca/EcoStations](http://edmonton.ca/EcoStations)

# Helpful tips

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FOOD SCRAPS CART SERIAL NUMBER

GARBAGE CART SERIAL NUMBER

## Label your carts

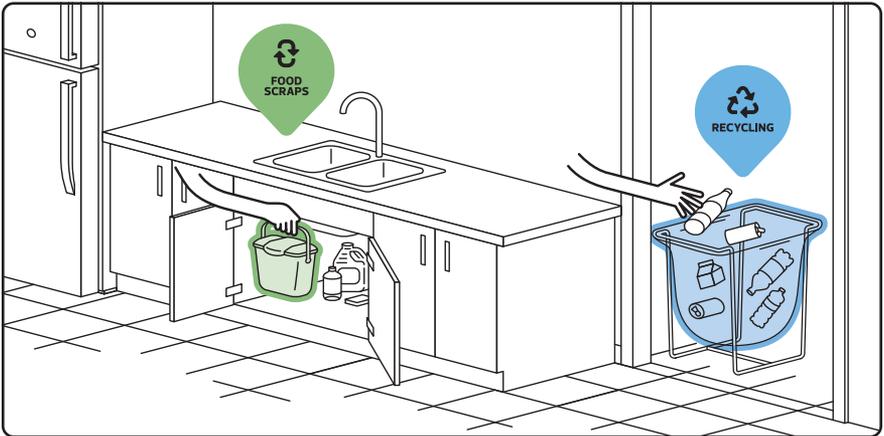
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Write your address on the top of your carts in permanent marker.

## Record cart serial numbers

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Write your cart serial numbers down to make it easier to find if it goes missing.



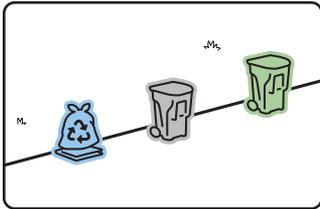
## Set up space to sort your waste

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Store your food scraps pail in a handy place, like under your sink. Set up space to sort recycling near your garbage. This makes sorting easier.

# We're here to help!

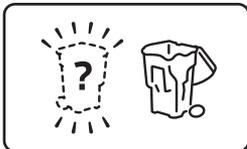
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## Missed collection

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If your waste is not picked up by 10 p.m. on your collection day, please leave it out and report a missed collection by **calling 311** or at [edmonton.ca/WasteCollection](http://edmonton.ca/WasteCollection).



## Damaged or missing cart

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Visit [edmonton.ca/CartRepair](http://edmonton.ca/CartRepair) or call 311 to request a cart repair, size exchange, or report a lost or stolen cart.



## Assisted waste

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A program for Edmonton residents who need assistance with setting out their waste for collection.

Call 311 or apply at [edmonton.ca/WasteCollection](http://edmonton.ca/WasteCollection)



## Support & resources

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Visit [edmonton.ca/WasteCollection](http://edmonton.ca/WasteCollection)  
Call 311

Email [wastesupport@edmonton.ca](mailto:wastesupport@edmonton.ca)



# Download the WasteWise app

WasteWise is a search tool that helps residents sort their recycling, food scraps and garbage.

Use it online at [edmonton.ca/WasteWise](https://edmonton.ca/WasteWise), or download the free app from the Google Play or Apple App stores.



WasteWise is available in 14 languages.

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