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**SUPERSEDES**:

New

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TITLE: Waste Management

#### **Policy Statement:**

The City of Edmonton commits to:

- providing sustainable waste management services with due regard to evolving needs, preservation of natural resources, protection of the environment and the financial capabilities of the City;
- maintaining its international leadership in waste management and meeting and exceeding provincial waste diversion and processing standards; and
- delivering a sustainable, integrated waste management system that includes:
  - regular direct collection services to the residential sector as a whole and on an individual basis as warranted,
  - optional regular direct collection services to the non-residential sector,
  - processing and disposal services for residential and non-residential sectors,
  - litter management, and
  - educational programs in support of the above.

### The purpose of this policy is to outline:

The environmental, economic and social requirements guiding Edmonton's integrated waste management system are:

#### **Environmental**

- Divert 90% of the residential waste stream from landfill by 2012.
- Divert commercial, institutional, construction and demolition wastes for reuse and recycling.
- Avoid and reduce pollution, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and conserve resources.
- Meet or exceed all regulatory requirements as they evolve.

#### **Economic**

- Provide an affordable waste management system.
- Leverage the waste management infrastructure and expertise in support of Edmonton's economic development opportunities.
- Pursue synergistic programs, technologies and partnerships in support of Policy C527.

## Social

- Provide responsive, dependable service and an equitable fee structure for residents.
- Provide volunteer participation opportunities.
- Foster high rates of participation in sustainable waste practices.
- Contribute to quality of life in Edmonton through litter reduction initiatives.
- Increase accessibility of waste services to seniors and residents with disabilities, and foster greater involvement of the aboriginal community and new immigrants.



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# 1. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

Waste management Bylaw 13777 contains the approved definitions employed in the delivery of waste management services.

## 2. PROCEDURES

The procedures by which waste management services are delivered are described in the Waste Management Bylaw 13777 and the Waste Management Strategic Plan and Updates as approved by the City Manager. They set out what and how services are provided, and the requirements of customers receiving services.