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Edmontonians buddy up on waste collection

Edmonton, May 21, 2008 – With the help of his neighbours, City Councillor Bryan Anderson today gave a demonstration of how Edmonton's Buddy Up concept for waste collection works.

"If you and your neighbours set out garbage and recyclables on the same curbside together, you reduce the number of stops your collector needs to make," said Councillor Anderson. "This simple act causes less wear and tear on waste collection vehicles. It also reduces fuel consumption and promotes community involvement."

In addition, the initiative increases waste collection safety. Waste collectors pick up garbage from 500 to 600 homes each day. In the process, they lift between 7 and 10 tonnes of garbage. Leo Girard, Director of Waste Collections, reminds residents that "their waste set-out area is the collector's worksite."

"Please make sure your bags and cans are light and can be easily lifted, with sharp objects carefully packaged and identified," says Girard. "Our waste collectors provide an important service to the community and proper packaging can reduce injuries."

Garbage cans should be no larger than 100 litres with secure handles and a lid that is easy to remove. All bags and cans should weigh less than 20 kg or 44 lbs.

Waste Management programs and initiatives support *EcoVision Edmonton*, Council's vision for an environmentally sustainable city.

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