

Your garbage collector **picks up waste from 400 to 600 homes** every working day. Please follow these simple guidelines to help them work efficiently and safely.

Collection **times**

Household waste from single family homes is collected weekly from April until October, when volumes of waste are high, and every 10 to 12 days from November until March. Visit us online at www.edmonton.ca/waste for a collection schedule or call 311.

- ➔ Please have your garbage out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- ➔ If your garbage is not out when the collection vehicle goes by, you will not receive another pick up until the following scheduled collection day.
- ➔ Exact collection times will vary due to waste volumes, weather, road conditions, etc.
- ➔ Please keep children away from collection vehicles.



Location of containers

Front street pick up

- Place garbage at the curb.
- Please park vehicles off the street on collection day.
- If there is any road construction, please put your waste where it is accessible to your collector.

Back lane pick up

- Place garbage within 3 metres (10 ft) of your rear lane.
- Be sure there is clear and unobstructed access to the waste cans.
- If there is construction in the lane on your collection day, place your waste out front at the curb.
- Place garbage away from down spouts or sump pump runoffs.

Use the **Right Can**

The City of Edmonton requires the following when purchasing a garbage can:

- Secure, easily removable lid
- Round, tapered body
- Less than 100 litres
- Fixed, non-moving handles

Do not tie lids to cans, and do not attach cans to fences or garbage stands.

Cans larger than 100 litres will not be collected.

What happens to my garbage after it's collected?

Residential garbage from Edmonton houses, apartments and condominiums goes to the Edmonton Composting Facility.

Biodegradable waste like food scraps, grass clippings and garden waste (about 60%) are turned into compost, a wonderful soil amendment that helps plants grow.

Materials that don't break down, like plastic, glass and textiles (40%), are screened out and put in a safe landfill.

Can it be reused?

Why throw it out when it can be reused? Visit our searchable directory at www.edmonton.ca/reusedirectory to find out which organizations will accept your unwanted items.

Questions?

Call: 311

Email: wasteman@edmonton.ca

Web: www.edmonton.ca/waste

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Garbage Collection



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Please make it safe for your collector

Keep it light

- Each filled garbage bag or can should be lighter than 20 kg (44 lbs).
- Bundles of brush should also be less than this limit, securely tied and no longer than 1.2 metres (4 ft).

Bag the loose stuff

- Make sure all loose materials like grass cuttings, light plastics, and bits of paper are put into bags.
- Double bag vacuum cleaner dust, sawdust, pet feces, and kitty litter.

Package sharp objects

- Please ensure all broken glass, nails, sheet metal scraps and other sharps are boxed and labelled "sharps."
- Needles, syringes and other medical waste must be taken to Eco Stations.

Let it flow

- Please do not stuff cans with loose grass, leaves, brush or boxes.

Don't overfill

- You should be able to put your lids securely back on when you have filled your garbage cans. The wind can blow the lids away if you don't.

What can I put in the garbage?

All material must be properly bagged, bundled or put in approved cans for collection. Keep garbage separate from blue bag recycling materials.



- regular bagged food and kitchen waste
- packaging and packing materials
- smaller worn-out household items
- bundled or bagged yard and garden waste
- rags and old clothes



- broken dishes and ceramics
- broken glass or mirror (inside a box or puncture-proof container labelled "sharps")
- floor sweepings, sawdust, or pet litter (double bag please!)

What should I take to the Eco Station?



- household hazardous waste (e.g. oven cleaners, paints, motor oil, pesticides, toilet cleaners, batteries, propane tanks, light bulbs and solvents)
- needles and syringes (in a hard plastic container with a screw-top lid)
- mattresses and box springs
- large appliances (fridges, stoves, freezers, dishwashers, hot water tanks, etc.)
- electronic and electrical items (e.g. computer equipment, TVs, stereos, toasters, etc.)



- building or renovation material (e.g. wood with nails sticking out, drywall, carpeting, lumber, etc.)
- tree stumps or roots, manure, dirt or sod
- large metal auto parts
- glass and mirror not boxed or contained safely
- large bulky items (furniture, televisions, dressers, sofas, etc.)
- tires

Disposal alternatives

Household hazardous waste and heavy bulky items not acceptable for regular scheduled collection can be taken to City of Edmonton Eco Stations or the Edmonton Waste Management Centre.

Eco Stations

Strathcona 5150 – 99 Street (enter from 99 St.)

Coronation 11440 – 143 Street

Ambleside 14710 Ellerslie Road

Winter Hours (November to March)

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday, Monday and statutory holidays

Summer Hours (April to October)

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday and statutory holidays

Edmonton Waste Management Centre

13111 – Meridian (1st) Street

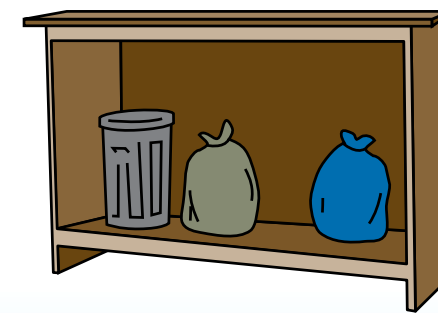
Hours

Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: All loose loads brought to the Edmonton Waste Management Centre or Eco Stations must be securely covered and tied down. Tailgates must be closed. Sand, gravel, dirt, and other loose material must be covered by a tarpaulin. You risk incurring a fine if they are not.



Building a garbage stand

Access

The cans should be accessed from the side, not the top. This is very important. It is unsafe for a collector to lift a full garbage can out the top of a stand. It is safer for them to pull it out the side.

Size

Large enough to accommodate garbage cans, yard waste in the summer and blue bag recyclables.

Height

The floor of the stand should be about 30 cm (1 ft) high.

Latches

If it has doors, they should be hinged on the sides, not the top. Also, the latches should be operable while wearing big mittens or gloves.

Visibility

Let your stand be seen. Thoroughly camouflaging it in a fence can result in missed collection.

Keep it clean

- Please keep a clean pathway to your waste collection area. Prune tree branches.
- In the winter, clear away snow and ice. Sand if necessary.
- In the summer, check periodically for hornet or wasp nests.