

The new curbside recycling program starts in September 2018 with curbside recycling carts being delivered in August.

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### **Do I have to wash my plastic and tins/aluminum, and remove the labels?**

It's as easy as 1-2-3: Wash/rinse containers, flatten, then toss loosely in the cart (do not bag). No need to remove the labels as the paper is removed as part of the recycling process. REMEMBER - NO food left on or in the containers!

### **How do I know what to put in the curbside recycling cart?**

Your curbside recycling cart is for paper, cardboard, tin, aluminum and recyclable plastic containers (#1-7) only. No glass, foam packaging (Styrofoam) or soft plastic (such as grocery bags)! Watch for the printed guide showing what can be collected curbside when you receive your cart, use the Waste Wizard at [dawsoncreek.ca/recycle](http://dawsoncreek.ca/recycle) or download the Dawson Creek City app for a complete list of materials.

### **Why can't glass, foam packaging and soft plastics go in the curbside recycling cart?**

Glass can break and becomes a safety issue for workers. It also contaminates the recycling process, reducing the resale value of the paper and cardboard. Foam packaging breaks down in the collection process and becomes difficult to sort out during processing. Soft plastic, like plastic bags or shrink-wrap jams the processing equipment and gets tangled in the machinery. You can take these items to a recycling drop-off location.

### **How much does curbside recycling cost?**

The cost for curbside recycling will be \$6.86 per month. It will appear on your utility bill.

### **What if my recycling cart is too full?**

You must be able to close the lid on your cart. If it is too full, your cart won't be collected. The automated truck's mechanical arm must be able to grab carts without material falling out.

If you have too much material to fit in your cart, take excess items to a recycling drop-off depot. If you regularly have a lot of recycling, you can purchase an additional cart by contacting the City at 250-784-3600. Each additional cart is \$6.86 per month plus the cost of the cart.

### **What size of recycling cart will I receive?**

Existing curbside customers will receive a 360-litre recycling cart. Carts will be delivered in August.

### **Where should I put my recycling cart to be collected?**

Place your recycling cart near your garbage cart curbside on your scheduled collection day. Leave at least one metre on all sides and between carts so the mechanical arm can grab it.

### **When is curbside recycling day?**

Garbage pickup is weekly and curbside recycling will be every second week. Recycling and garbage is collected on the same day of the week.

Sign up for handy reminders at [dawsoncreek.ca/recycling](http://dawsoncreek.ca/recycling) or download the Dawson Creek City App.

**I live in a townhouse/apartment and don't currently receive curbside garbage pickup. How do I get a curbside recycling cart?**

This curbside recycling service is only available to properties currently receiving curbside garbage pickup. Ask your building or property management company about recycling services.

**I live in a strata, mobile home park, or gated community. How do I get a curbside recycling cart?**

Strata properties and mobile home parks are unique and may be eligible for collection. If you live in one of these properties and would like more information call the City at 250-784-3600.

**I rent. Will I have to pay for curbside recycling?**

The cost of curbside recycling services is added to the utility bill for each household. It is between you and your landlord as to whether those costs are passed on to you.

**Where do I take items that don't go in my curbside recycling cart?**

Check out the Waste Wizard at [dawsoncreek.ca/recycle](http://dawsoncreek.ca/recycle) or use the Dawson Creek City app to help you find where different materials can go for proper recycling or disposal. Most household recycling can be taken to a local recycle depot or drop-off bin.

**Can I use the recycling cart for garbage?**

No, the recycling cart must only be used for recycling. If your recycling cart contains contamination (garbage, diapers, pet and yard waste, non-curbside recyclables) it will not be picked up.

**What happens to my recycling cart if I move?**

Your recycling cart has been assigned to the property, so it stays with the home.

**What do I do with yard waste?**

Yard waste materials such as grass clippings and leaves can be taken to the city yard waste collection site at 941/949 – 99 Avenue, Dawson Creek. Empty the contents of any bags and use the garbage cart for bags or other waste. REMEMBER: No food scraps or branches.

**Can I opt out of the recycling program?**

Commercial, industrial or institutional property owners that use private, commercial waste collection service may opt out from the program. Multifamily properties (over 5 units) may also opt out as these properties may choose a private collection service. Note that the entire property or strata must choose to opt out, not individual units.

**Where does my recycling go?**

Recycling is sorted by DC Recycling to ensure there is no contamination (food waste, unrinsed containers, food stained packaging) in the load and then is sent out for processing.

After sorting, recycled material goes to a variety of locations to be remade into other materials. This is why it is important to keep your recycling clean and free from contamination.