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Recycle Depot Now Accepting More Plastics

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – Starting April 1, 2010, the City of Airdrie Eastside Recycle Depot is accepting all plastic containers marked 1 through 7.

“We are pleased to extend the plastic recycling program,” says Theresa Wilcox Kelly, Environmental Services Coordinator. “The expansion in the program continues to see Airdrie as a leader in waste management within the Calgary region.”

In 2006, Airdrie introduced a plastic recycling program, accepting containers labeled 1, 2, and 5 as well as plastic bags and dairy milk jugs. Since the introduction of plastics, Airdrie has diverted 247 metric tonnes of plastics from the waste stream. This is equivalent to 496 elephants or reducing the number of trips hauled to the landfill by 14 trips using a 53 foot trailer with the material condensed into 1100 lb cubes.

“With the plastic program extended, it is anticipated there will be a 30 percent increase in plastics being dropped off, furthering an increase in overall waste diversion,” says Wilcox Kelly.

The bins at the Eastside Recycle Depot are marked to accept 1-7, 2 and dairy milk jugs. The easiest way to know which bin accepts what type of container is to turn the container over and look on the bottom and place the container in the appropriately marked bin.

“If a resident is unsure where a container is to be placed, they can bring it in to the recycle building and staff will be happy to assist,” says Wilcox Kelly.

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