Waste and Recycling Services provides **five main services to residents:**

- Put carts and garbage out by 7 a.m. on your collection day
- **Curbside collection schedule**
  - Visit [www.airdrie.ca/collectionschedule](http://www.airdrie.ca/collectionschedule) to view your Waste & Recycling Collection Calendar.
  - Recycling collection occurs the business day following your organics and waste collection.
- **Never miss your collection day.** Sign up at [MyAirdrie.ca](http://www.MyAirdrie.ca) to get text or email notifications.
- **Curbside placement**
  - Leave a minimum of one metre clearance around the entire cart and two metres above the cart to ensure trucks are able to access it safely.
- **Damaged or missing carts**
  - If you move out of your home, leave your carts behind. They are the property of the City of Airdrie and are assigned to a specific address.
  - If your cart is damaged, contact Waste & Recycling to repair or replace it.
  - If your cart goes missing, or you have moved into a previously owned home and there is no cart, it is your responsibility to purchase a replacement. Please contact Waste & Recycling.
- **New homes**
  - When you move into a new build and sign up for your utilities, Waste & Recycling Services will be notified that your home needs a cart. If you have been in your new home for one week and you still haven’t received a cart, please contact Waste & Recycling.
  - Call Waste & Recycling Services at 403.948.0246 or email waste.recycling@airdrie.ca
- **Did you know?**
  - City of Airdrie recycling facilities (including the Airdrie Transfer Site) are operated through an environmental fee paid by Airdrie and Rocky View County residents. Business use of our facilities is not permitted as they do not contribute to this funding.
Recycling Collection

Blue cart how-to:

✓ Remove lids and caps from jars, bottles and cans.
✓ Rinse containers to ensure they are free of food chunks.
✓ Labels can be left on jars, bottles and cans.
✓ Bundle stretchy plastic. If plastic is crinkly it’s garbage.
✓ If you have extra recycling, take it to the Recycle Depot or store it until the next collection day. The collection trucks are automated and not equipped to handle extra bagged recycling.

Blue cart tips:

• Ensure contents are loose (lid must be able to close).
• Separate materials before recycling. Take newspapers out of bags, paper out of boxes and cardboard flats out of plastic wrapping (think of the wrapping on a 24 pack of pop).
• Put the following in the garbage not your recycling cart:
  • small plastics, like drink cup lids, straws, utensils and pop bottle caps
  • mixed packaging, like padded envelopes, pet food bags and Pringles® cans
  • crinkly packaging like granola bar wrappers and chip bags (if it stretches it can be recycled, if it’s crinkly like a chip bag it’s not recyclable)
Organics Collection

Green cart how-to:

✓ Use compostable bags to collect organics. Look for these symbols when purchasing bags:

![Compostable Symbol]

✓ Use newspaper or a certified compostable bag if you want to line your kitchen catcher.

✓ Put baking soda in your green cart to eliminate odours.

✓ Ensure contents are loose.

✓ Ensure branches are no longer than one metre (3’) in length and 1.5 cm (1”) in diameter.

✓ Pet waste, kitty litter and cage shavings are accepted in the green cart.

ORGANICS FACTS

⚠️ Did you know?

It costs more to send garbage to the landfill than it does to process organics. From January to September 2018, we could have saved $73,000 if material was properly diverted.

Organics material, such as food waste and yard waste, does not break down properly in the landfill due to lack of oxygen.
Prepare your garbage for collection:

✓ Put sharp objects such as broken glass in a sealed, puncture resistant, non-breakable container and label it ‘broken glass.’ This will prevent collectors from injuring themselves or mistaking the container for recyclables.

✓ Don’t put garbage behind a fence or other barriers. Collectors won’t go on your property.

✓ Store garbage away from garage downspouts. In winter drainage from downspouts can become icy and hazardous for collectors.

✓ Ensure your garbage is not blocked. Collectors need unobstructed access to provide efficient service.

✓ Place your bag on the curb/alley with at least 1 metre of clearance between the bag, the green cart and other objects.

Bag limits

Collection of one 90 x 127 cm (35 x 50 in) bag is included in your monthly utilities waste management fee. The bag must weigh less than 25 kg (55 lbs).

An additional three bags can be set-out for collection, however they each must have an excess waste tag attached and meet the same size and weight criteria. These tags can be purchased at:

- Airdrie Public Library
- City Hall
- Genesis Place
- CO-OP
- all Shopper’s Drug Mart locations in Airdrie
The Recycle Depot is located at 21 East Lake Hill and accepts excess recycling and recyclables that you can’t put in your blue cart. Visit www.airdrie.ca/recycledepot

**HOURS**  Closed statutory holidays

**Winter hours** (Oct. 1 — April 30)

**Monday & Tuesday:** CLOSED  
**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday:** 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.  
**Thursday:** 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.

**Summer hours** (May 1 — Sept. 30)

**Monday:** CLOSED  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday:** 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.  
**Thursday:** 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.

**SEASONAL PROGRAMS**

**Fall and winter programs**

**Christmas tree chipping**  
Christmas trees are accepted at no cost at the Recycle Depot until the end of January. After January trees can be dropped off at the Transfer Site for free.

**Christmas light strands**  
Christmas light strands and their light bulbs (please separate) can be brought to the Recycle Depot.

**Pumpkin drop-off**  
Put your Halloween pumpkins in your green cart. If you don’t have a green cart, pumpkin drop-off bins will be available for one week after Halloween.

**Summer programs**

**Yard waste**  
Grass clippings, leaves and branches are accepted at the Recycle Depot. No trees, trunks, logs or full trees. Residential quantities only (no contractors or businesses).

**Bike sales**  
Each year bicycles are recovered from parks and along pathways. The City of Airdrie holds bikes for 30 days to give owners an opportunity to reclaim their bikes. If unclaimed, the bikes are offered for sale to Airdrie residents for a nominal fee.

If you are looking for a lost or stolen bike, contact Waste & Recycling Services to see if the City has recovered your bike.

The City does not inspect the bikes recovered nor have any knowledge of, or warrants the condition the bikes are in. Therefore, the bikes are sold “as is” with no liability on the part of the City. Furthermore, the purchaser, by paying the nominal fee, waives any rights or claims against the City and becomes solely responsible for the item purchased.
The Transfer Site is located seven kilometres west of Airdrie on Highway 567, next to the Airdrie rodeo grounds. Visit www.airdrie.ca/transfersite

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**Rates:**

- Cash, Debit, M/C and VISA accepted
- **Level truckload** $40
- $10 discount if load is properly secured (see below)
- **Per plastic garbage bag charge** $3
- Additional $15 per unit for Freon removal
- **Tires** $2/tire (first four free)
- **Mattress recycling** $20 (per set – box spring and mattress)

All loads traveling to the Transfer Site must be secured.

A secure load means a truck load of residential household waste material contained by either a tarp, net, straps or similar device in such a manner that the residential household waste material is not released from the truck during travel.