

# Calgary Recycles



We all have an important role to play to help protect Calgary's precious resources. We can do our part by taking steps to reduce, reuse and recycle the waste we produce in our homes, and keep it out of Calgary landfills.

## Recycling services

### *Blue Cart recycling*

The City of Calgary provides weekly collection of recyclables to single family homes up to and including fourplexes. Recycling is collected on the same day and location as your garbage. Households receiving the service will be charged a monthly fee that appears on your City of Calgary (ENMAX) utility bill. Billing is based on days of service. If you do not receive the service, you will not be charged. Please see following pages for a complete overview of acceptable materials and preparation tips. Visit [calgary.ca/bluecart](http://calgary.ca/bluecart) for more information.

### *Community Recycling depots*

The City of Calgary has recycling depots located in shopping centres and other central locations throughout Calgary. Please see following pages for a complete overview of acceptable materials, preparation tips and depot locations.

### *Throw 'n' Go*

Located at all three City landfills, a Throw 'n' Go accepts certain items that are recyclable or that are too harmful to be buried in landfills. These include scrap metal and appliances, rubber tires, car batteries, propane tanks, motor oil and filters, and household chemicals. Charges may apply. The City safely disposes of harmful materials and takes recyclable materials to a processing facility.

### *Household chemicals*

All three City landfills and select designated fire stations accept household chemicals for proper recycling or disposal year-round.

### *Electronics recycling*

End-of-life electronic equipment such as old and unusable televisions, computer monitors and CPUs (central processing units), laptops, electronic notebooks, printers and peripheral devices are accepted for recycling at a variety of locations at no extra charge.

### *Christmas Tree Mulching Program*

At the end of the Christmas season, residents can take their real Christmas tree to designated temporary drop-off locations. All trees are chipped into mulch and used at City facilities or made available to the public.

### *Leaf & Pumpkin Composting Program*

In the fall, residents may take their bagged leaves and pumpkins to various seasonal drop-off locations in Calgary for composting.

### *Bottle depots*

The City recommends recycling your refundable beverage containers at a local bottle depot. Call the Beverage Container Management Board at 1-888-424-7671 or visit [www.bcmb.ab.ca](http://www.bcmb.ab.ca) for locations. If you choose not to recycle your refundable beverage containers at a bottle depot, you can put them in your household blue cart or in the bin at a local Community Recycling Depot for recycling.

#### *Green fact*

The City of Calgary has a goal to recycle or divert 80 per cent of all the waste currently placed in Calgary landfills by 2020.

#### *Green fact*

You can recycle telephone books at any of The City of Calgary Community Recycling depots or in your household blue cart.



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# Recycling in Calgary

It's easier than ever to recycle in Calgary. Whether you recycle your plastics, glass, paper, cardboard, metal cans and beverage containers through the Blue Cart recycling program or you visit one of our neighbourhood Community Recycling depots, the materials accepted and preparation tips are the same.



## Plastic

### Accepted items and preparation tips

- Clean plastic containers with the recycling symbol 1-7.
- No polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam™).
- Liquid detergent, fabric softener and shampoo bottles, plastic clamshell trays (not Styrofoam™), yogurt and margarine containers. It's okay to leave labels on.
- Plastic bags (e.g. grocery bags, plastic food bags (Ziploc™ bags), plastic wrap (Saran Wrap™), bubble wrap). Bundle plastic bags into one plastic bag and tie handles.

### Exceptions

- No items made from more than one type of material or plastic.
- No plastic housewares (e.g. laundry baskets, plastic pens, shoe racks, etc).
- Do not include containers that have a hazardous or corrosive symbol.

## Paper and cardboard

### Accepted items and preparation tips

Containers need to be free of food and other residues.

- Newspapers, flyers, catalogues and magazines.
- Paper (e.g. letters, envelopes, greeting cards, brochures, non-foil wrap, paper bags, shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag with handles tied)).
- Cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper tubes).
- Telephone books and paperback books.
- Tetra Paks.

### Exceptions

- No hardcover books.
- No disposable drink cups.

## Glass

### Accepted items and preparation tips

Containers need to be free of food and other residues.

- Clean jars and bottles
- Remove lids and caps, place separately in bin.

### Exceptions

- No ceramics, mirrors, coffee cups, tempered glass (e.g. Pyrex™ or windshields), drinking glasses or window glass.

## Metal

### Accepted items and preparation tips

Containers need to be free of food and other residues.

- Clean metal food and beverage cans. It's okay to leave labels on.
- Metal lids and caps.
- Clean aluminum foil, aluminum plates and containers.

### Exceptions

- No foil gift wrap.
- No housewares or metal items that are not a container (e.g. frying pans, coat hangers, car parts).
- No hazardous materials. If a container has both a hazardous materials symbol and a recycling symbol, do not place it in the bin.
- Electronics such as televisions, computer monitors, CPUs and printers are only acceptable at electronic recycling depots throughout the city. See [calgary.ca/waste](http://calgary.ca/waste) for a list of e-cyclers.

## Beverage containers

### Accepted items and preparation tips

All beverage containers must be clean, with no food or other residues.

- Refundable beverage containers (milk containers, juice cartons, wine and beer bottles, water bottles, beverage cans, Tetra Paks) can be returned to bottle depots for deposit refunds. However, they will also be accepted and recycled through the Community Recycling depots.

Calgary's Easy Guide to Recycling is available for download at [calgary.ca/bluecart](http://calgary.ca/bluecart) in English, French, Punjabi and Simplified Chinese.

# Recycling depot locations



## Northwest

- Beacon Hill** 11320 Sarcee Tr. N.W. (west side of Home Depot parking lot)
- Beddington** 8120 Beddington Blvd. N.W. (northeast corner of Safeway parking lot)
- Bowness** 7937 43rd Ave. N.W. (north side of old Safeway parking lot)
- Confederation Park** 2807 10th St. N.W. (north side of Rosemont Community Association parking lot)
- Crowfoot** 90 Crowfoot Way N.W. (south side of the Rona parking lot)
- Dalhousie Station** 5005 Dalhousie Dr. N.W. (southeast side of parking lot)
- Hamptons** 1000 Hamptons Dr. N.W. (north side of Co-op parking lot)
- Hillhurst/Sunnyside** 1320 5 Ave. N.W. (east side of community association parking lot)
- Huntington Hills** 7020 Fourth St. N.W. (Superstore parking lot)
- Market Mall** 3625 Shaganappi Tr. N.W. (northeast corner of parking lot)
- North Hill** 1901 16th Ave. N.W. (east side of mall parking lot)
- Silver Springs** 5720 Silver Springs Blvd. N.W.
- Tuscany** 5019 Nose Hill Dr. N.W. (northeast side of Home Depot parking lot)
- Varsity** Varley Dr. N.W. (southeast of 32nd Avenue and 39th Street N.W.)

## Northeast

- Bridgeland Rehabilitation Society** 7 11th St. N.E. (east side of Rehabilitation Society parking lot)
- Castleridge** 55 Castleridge Blvd. N.E. (north side of Safeway parking lot)
- Country Hills** 11622 Harvest Hills Blvd. N.W. (north side of North Pointe Park n' Ride)
- Horizon** 3550 32nd Ave. N.E. (southeast corner of Safeway parking lot)
- Marlborough** 500 block of 36th Street N.E. (west side of mall parking lot, along 36th St. N.E.)
- Monterey** 2220 68th St. N.E. (southwest corner of Co-op parking lot)
- Renfrew** 16th Avenue & Russet Road N.E. (Renfrew Athletic Park)
- Sunridge** 2525 36th St. N.E. (southeast corner of mall parking lot)
- Trans Canada East** #300 1440 52nd St. N.E. (south side of Safeway)
- Village Square** 2520 52nd St. N.E. (south side of Co-op parking lot)

## Southwest

- Bridlewood** 2335 162nd Ave. S.W. (behind medical clinic)
- Chinook** 6455 Macleod Tr. S.W. (southwest corner of Chinook Shopping Centre parking lot)
- Connaught** 813 11th Ave. S.W. (east side of Safeway)
- Glenmore Landing** 1600 90th Ave. S.W. (northeast corner of Safeway parking lot)
- Lakeview** 6449 Crowchild Tr. S.W. (east side of IGA parking lot)
- Millrise** 150 Millrise Blvd. S.W. (east side of Sobeys parking lot)
- Oakridge** 2580 Southland Dr. S.W. (south side of Co-op parking lot)
- Richmond Square** 3915 51st St. S.W. (north side of parking lot)
- Scarboro** 15th Avenue & 16th Street S.W. (southwest side of Tennis Club)
- South Calgary** 3130 16th St. S.W. (community association parking lot)
- Spruce Cliff** 3400 block of Spruce Dr. S.W.
- Strathcona** 555 Strathcona Blvd. S.W. (near Sobeys)
- Trans Canada West** Southwest of the intersection between Stoney Trail North and Trans Canada Highway West
- West Hills** 200 Stewart Green S.W. (northwest corner of parking lot behind GAP)

## Southeast

- Acadia** 383 Heritage Dr. S.E. (southeast corner of Acadia Shopping Centre)
- Deer Valley** 1221 Canyon Meadows Dr. S.E. (north side of mall parking lot)
- Deerfoot Meadows** 100, 20 Heritage Meadows Way S.E. (northwest corner of Superstore parking lot)
- Douglasdale** 11520 24th St. S.E. (behind Sobeys)
- Forest Lawn** 3330 17th Ave. S.E. (northeast corner of Co-op parking lot)
- Macleod** 9630 Macleod Tr. S.E. (north side of Rona parking lot)
- Manchester Dartmouth Road** (between 30th and 34th avenues S.E.)
- McKenzie Towne** 20 McKenzie Towne Ave. S.E. (southeast side of Sobeys parking lot)
- Midnapore Sundance** Bannister Road & 153rd Ave. S.E. (in the Jackpot Junction parking lot)
- Ogden** 7740 18th St. S.E. (west side of Safeway parking lot)
- Shawnessy** 390 Shawville Blvd. S.E. (west side of Home Depot parking lot)
- Southcentre** 11011 Bonaventure Dr. S.E. (northeast side of Safeway parking lot)
- South Trail** 5125 126th Ave. S.E. (southwest corner of Home Depot parking lot)



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# Composting in Calgary

Composting is the recycling of organic materials. It's a natural process that breaks down organic matter such as food and yard waste, into a soft material called compost. It's as simple as piling up some grass clippings, fruit and veggie scraps and dead leaves and mixing in water. After some time, it becomes a rich material to add to your soil.



## Do compost

- Fruit and vegetable waste.
- Grass clippings and weeds that have not gone to seed.
- Leaves and garden waste.
- Tree fruit, berries and evergreen needles.
- Branches, hedge clippings and bark chips (smaller pieces).
- Dryer/vacuum lint.
- Topsoil and sod.
- Teabags, coffee grounds, coffee filters and paper towels.
- Eggshells.

## Do not compost

- Meat, bones or fish scraps.
- Grease, fats or oils.
- Dairy products.
- Cooked or prepared foods.
- Baked goods, rice or grains.
- Pet manure, animal parts or remains.
- Charcoal or coal ashes.
- Clay, gravel or rocks.
- Materials treated with insecticides, herbicides or other chemicals.

Read the Composting fact sheet available at [calgary.ca/waste](http://calgary.ca/waste) for more information.

### Green fact

Do NOT compost meat, bones, grease, fat or fatty foods like cheese, salad dressing or leftover cooking oil, as they may attract pests or contribute to odour problems.

### Green fact

The City of Calgary sells subsidized backyard composters for only \$25, tax included (a \$100 value). Composters are available year-round from:

- The City of Calgary Online Store  
[calgary.ca/onlinestore](http://calgary.ca/onlinestore).
- Clean Calgary Association's Eco Store  
809 Fourth Ave. S.W.  
Call (403) 230-1443 for availability.

## Landfill information

Calgary residents can take residential waste, household chemicals and some recyclable materials to any of The City's landfills. Waste loads must be tarped and secured to prevent littering. Dumping charges apply to all loads of waste.

- **Spyhill Landfill** – Accessed from 112th Avenue via Sarcee Trail N.W.
  - Nov. 1 to March 31: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - April 1 to Oct. 31: Monday to Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Open all statutory holidays in the summer only.
- **East Calgary Landfill** – 17th Avenue/68th Street S.E.
  - Nov. 1 to March 31: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - April 1 to Oct. 31: Monday to Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Open all statutory holidays year-round, excluding Christmas and New Year's Day.
- **Shepard Landfill** – Accessed from 52nd Street S.E. between 114th Avenue and 130th Avenue S.E.
  - Nov. 1 to March 31: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - April 1 to Oct. 31: Monday to Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Open all statutory holidays in the summer only.

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