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 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 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.
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 (i.e. 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 houses (e.g. laundry baskets, plastic pins, 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 handle/feeds).
• Cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper tubes).
• Telephone books and paperback books.
• Teta Paks.
• Exceptions
• No hazardous materials.
• 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 wrap.
• No houseware 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/bluecart in English, French, Punjabi and Simplified Chinese.

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 Pak) can be returned to bottle depots for deposit refunds. However, they will also be accepted and recycled through the Community Recycling depots.

Recycling depot locations

Northwest
Beacon Hill 11320 Sarcee Tr. N.W. (northwest corner of Sarcee parking lot)
Bowness 7397 43rd Ave. N.W. (northwest corner of Sarcee parking lot)
Confederation Park 2807 10th St. N.W. (northwest corner of Confederation Park Community association parking lot)
Crossfield 90 Crossfield Way N.W. (northwest corner of the Rona parking lot)
Dalhousie House 5055 Dalhousie Dr. N.W. (northeast corner of park lot)
Hampers 1000 Hampers Dr. N.W. (northwest corner of Park Centre parking lot)
Hillhurst/Sunnyvale 1320 3 Ave. N.W. (northwest corner of community association parking lot)
Huntington Hills 7020 40th St. N.W. (superstore parking lot)
Market Mall 3242 32nd Ave. N.W. (northeast corner of parking lot)
North Hill 1901 16th Ave. N.W. (northeast corner of parking lot)
Silver Springs 5720 Silver Springs Blvd. N.W. (northeast corner of Home Depot parking lot)
Van Horne Dr. N.W. (northeast corner of 32nd Avenue and 39th Street N.W.)

Northeast
Bridgehead Revitalization Society 7 11th St. N.E. (northeast corner of Revitalization Society parking lot)
Cattleridge 55 Cattleridge Blvd. N.E. (northwest corner of Sarcee parking lot)
Country Hills 11612 Harvest Hills Blvd. N.W. (northwest corner of Harvest Hills parking lot)
Huntmore 3220 68th St. N.E. (northwest corner of Co-op parking lot)
Renfrew 16th Avenue & Rosslyn Road N.E. (Renfrew Athletic Park)
Sudbrooke 2625 16th St. N.E. (northeast corner of park lot)
Trans Canada East #100 1440 52nd St. N.E. (southwest corner of Lakeview)
Village Square 2525 52nd St. N.E. (southwest corner of park lot)

Southwest
Bridlewood 2335 162nd Ave. S.W. (behind medical clinic)
Chinook 6443 Macleod Tr. S.W. (southeast corner of Chinook Shopping Centre parking lot)
Corranheight 813 31th Ave. S.W. (southeast corner of Safeway parking lot)
Glenmore Landing 1600 90th Ave. S.W. (northeast corner of Sarcee parking lot)
Lakeview 6449 Crossfield Tr. S.W. (southeast corner of IGA parking lot)
Millrise 150 94th Ave. S.W. (southeast corner of Millrise parking lot)
Oakridge 2580 Southland Dr. S.W. (southwest corner of Co-op parking lot)
Richmond 1915 31st St. N.W. (northwest corner of park lot)
Scarborough 156 Ave. N.E. & 16th Street S.W. (southwest corner of Scarborough parking lot)
South City 3130 16th St. S.W. (community association parking lot)
Spruce Glen 3400 block of Spruce Dr. S.W.
Strathcona 85 85th Street Blvd. S.W. (near Sobey’s)
Trans Canada West: Southwest of the intersection between Stoney Trail North and Trans Canada Highway West
West Hill 200 Westburn Green S.W. (northwest corner of park lot behind GAP)

Southeast
Acadia 183 Heritage Dr. S.E. (southeast corner of Acadia Shopping Centre)
Dear Valley 3221 Canyon Meadows Dr. S.E. (northwest corner of park lot)
Deerfoot Meadows 100, 20 Heritage Meadows Way S.E. (northeast corner of Superstore parking lot)
Douglasdale 1520 24th St. S.E. (behind Sobey’s)
Forest Lawn 1330 17th Ave. S.E. (northeast corner of Co-op parking lot)
Macleod 9630 Macleod Tr. S.E. (northwest corner of park lot)
Manchester Dartmouth Road (between 30th and 34th avenues S.E.)
McKinnon Towne 20 McKinnon Towne Ave. S.E. (southwest corner of Sarcee parking lot)
Midnapore Sundance Barrister Road & 153rd Ave. S.E. (in the Jackpot Junction parking lot)
Ogden 7740 18th St. S.E. (west of Safeway parking lot)
Shawnessy 390 Shawville Blvd. S.W. (west of Westmoreland shopping Centre parking lot)
Southcentre 1101 12 Avenue S.W. (northeast corner of Sarcee parking lot)
South Hill 3125 126th Ave. S.W. (southeast corner of Home Depot parking lot)
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 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.

**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.