



TOWN OF DIDSBURY POLICY INDEX	
Policy Number:	UTIL 001
Policy Title:	Waste Management
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Responsible Department:	Utilities – Financial Services
Related Bylaws:	Bylaw 05-12 “Rate and Fee” Bylaw 14-11 “Solid Waste Management”

Policy Statement:

The Town of Didsbury will establish guidelines and procedures for the collection of residential solid waste, organic materials and recycling materials from waste receptacles that will promote efficient waste management and environmental sustainability within the Town of Didsbury.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 Black Cart means the roll out cart supplied by the Municipality to transfer non-recyclable waste to the curbside for pickup.
- 1.2 Blue Bin means the bin supplied by the Municipality to transfer recyclable waste to the curbside for pickup.
- 1.3 Eligible Residence means a residential building which is occupied or intended to be occupied by four or less families living independently of each other.
- 1.4 Green Cart means the roll out cart supplied by the Municipality to transfer organic waste to the curbside for pickup.
- 1.5 Recycling Materials means household waste that can be recycled, originating from residential premises and placed by the owner or occupant in the blue bin.
- 1.6 Organic Materials means compostable household and yard waste, originating from residential premises and placed by the owner or occupant in the green rollout cart.
- 1.7 Solid Waste means household waste that can't be recycled or composted, originating from residential premises and placed by the owner or occupant in the black rollout cart.
- 1.8 Waste Receptacle means a term that is all-encompassing of black carts, green carts and blue bins.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 Council to:



2.1.1 Approve policy by resolution.

2.2 Chief Administrative Officer to:

2.2.1 Ensure that waste receptacle pickup and disposal is done in compliance with the procedure detailed in this document.

3. Guidelines

3.1 The Town of Didsbury will own and distribute one black and one green cart along with one blue bin to each eligible residential unit with a valid utility account. An additional black cart, green cart or blue bin may be requested at an additional levy as per the Town of Didsbury Rate and Fee Bylaw.

3.2 The Town of Didsbury will advise their contractor of the total number of waste receptacles to be collected as per the contract between the parties.

3.3 Where the Town of Didsbury has provided one or more black carts for mixed household waste and one or more green carts for yard and household organic waste per eligible residential unit, the black cart(s) will be collected every two weeks and the green cart(s) will be collected every two weeks on weeks alternating with the black cart.

3.3.1 Collection of green carts shall occur between April 1st and October 31st annually.

3.3.2 Council may, by resolution and at their discretion, provide for additional organic material pickup(s) annually.

3.4 Where the Town of Didsbury has provided one or more blue bins for household recycling per eligible residential unit, it shall be collected weekly.

3.5 Solid waste will be collected from black carts only.

3.6 Organic material will be collected from green carts only.

3.7 Only solid waste and organic material that is contained within the roll out cart with the lid firmly closed will be accepted.

3.8 Additional recycling material that cannot be contained within the recycling bin may be collected provided that it is contained within another acceptable receptacle and material can be clearly seen.

3.9 Collection shall be at the curbside only unless by other agreement of Council.

3.10 All waste receptacles must be placed at road level, with the rear of the receptacle no more than 8 inches away from the curb.

3.11 All waste receptacles must be set in an accessible location, placed 4 feet away from all obstacles (trees, cars, mailboxes etc.) and away from low hanging utilities.



- 3.12 All waste receptacles must be set out no sooner than 7:00 pm the day prior to collection and no later than 7:00 am the designated day of collection. Waste receptacles set out later than 7:00 am on the designated day of collection are not guaranteed to be collected that week. Waste receptacles must be removed from the street by midnight on the day of collection.
- 3.13 Collectors are not responsible for garbage that is scattered by weather conditions or animals.
- 3.14 All waste material must be bagged when placed in a black roll out cart to ensure an easy transfer of material from the roll out cart to the waste truck in all weather conditions.
- 3.15 A black cart can contain all waste other than that which is collected as recyclable material or compostable organic material.
- 3.16 A black cart must not contain any non-collectable waste which includes but is not limited to the following: liquid waste; combustible or explosive materials; pathogenic or biomedical materials; hazardous waste; animal carcasses; large quantities of soil, sod, rock, concrete; septic tank pumping, raw sewage, or sludge; radioactive materials; agricultural waste; demolition debris; 6 volt or larger wet cell batteries, computers, microwave ovens, appliances and televisions; recycle materials such as uncontaminated or soiled cardboard, mixed paper, tin cans, plastic, clear glass and plastic milk containers.
- 3.17 A green cart can contain the following materials: food waste such as vegetables, fruits, solid dairy products, pasta, rice, coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea bags, egg shells, solid fat; yard waste such as grass clippings, plant waste and dog and cat waste and litter that is not in a plastic bag.
- 3.18 A green cart must not contain any non-compostable materials which include but is not limited to the following: plastic; glass; ceramics; metal; foil; styrofoam; synthetic materials; feminine hygiene products; diapers; tree trunks; branches; roots; sod; paper and cardboard.
- 3.19 A blue recycling bin can contain: Corrugated cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper, plastic (non-contaminated), tins cans (labels removed) and clear glass that are recyclable.
- 3.20 A waste receptacle damaged through misuse is the responsibility of the owner or occupants of the residential premises.
- 3.21 A waste receptacle damaged as a result of collection is the responsibility of the Contractor. The Town of Didsbury will bill the Contractor for the required repair or replacement.
- 3.22 Waste that is not referenced above shall not be placed in any waste receptacle, but may be accepted at the Didsbury Landfill Site.



- 3.23 The Contractor will report all non-compliance violations of the collection policy procedure to the Town of Didsbury.
- 3.24 Non- Compliance to this policy may result in refusal by the Warnings of non-compliance will be issued. Additional offenses will result in a \$50.00 service fee being added to the homeowner's utility bill by the Town of Didsbury.

4. End of Policy