



City of St. Albert  
**CITY COUNCIL POLICY**

Solid Waste Management

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## Purpose

To establish levels of service for the provision of environmentally and financially responsible solid waste management for the City.

## Policy

The City of St. Albert is committed to providing waste management services with consideration to evolving residential needs, institutional needs, protection of the environment and the financial capabilities of the City, while maintaining provincial leadership in waste management and meeting or exceeding the target, Reduce Solid Waste Generation, as set by the City's Environmental Master Plan.

## Definitions

"Chief Administrative Officer" or "CAO" means the individual appointed by Council to the position of Chief Administrative Officer under section 205 of the *Municipal Government Act* and pursuant to the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw.

"City" means the City of St. Albert;

"City Owned" means all properties and facilities managed by the City of St. Albert;

"Collection Services" means City Owned, residential and institutional waste collection and disposal as detailed in the Residential Solid Waste Bylaw 45/2011;

"Depot" means City owned facilities that are used to dispose of various waste materials, such as yard waste and household hazardous waste;

"Garbage" means any material not deemed Recycling or Organics, as defined under this policy, and that is approved to be disposed of in a sanitary landfill;

"Institutional" means select properties, such as schools, which the City offers limited waste programs to;

"Organics" includes yard waste, kitchen food waste and any other substance or material as noted in the City's Residential Solid Waste Bylaw 45/2011;



“Recycling” includes mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, newsprint, rigid plastics, plastic milk jugs or waxed cardboard milk containers, glass bottles and jars, aluminum, steel and tin cans or other similar material as noted in the City’s Residential Solid Waste Bylaw 45/2011;

“Residential Sector” means any premises that qualifies as Residential Premises under the Land Use Bylaw, and for the purposes of this policy includes any unit deemed by the CAO to be eligible for Collection Services.

## **Responsibilities**

1. Council shall review and consider the budget to ensure this policy is resourced appropriately as proposed by the CAO.
2. The CAO or delegate is responsible for the effective application of this policy and associated administrative policies, standards, procedures, and practices.

## **Standards**

The City shall:

1. Provide curbside collection of Garbage once every two weeks in accordance with the City of St. Albert’s Pay As You Throw philosophy to the Residential Sector as a whole;
2. Provide weekly collection of Recycling and weekly summer collection and biweekly winter collection of Organics to the Residential Sector as a whole;
3. Provide and maintain one or more centralized Depots for the collection of recycling, hazardous wastes, electronics and other materials not accepted at landfills;
4. Provide and maintain one or more centralized Depots for the collection of organic yard wastes;
5. Provide residents an opportunity to dispose of large household items and sensitive documents through regular City run events;
6. Review this Policy on an annual basis;
7. Maintain Representation on the Capital Region Waste Minimization Committee;
8. Comply with all relevant Provincial environmental legislation and regulations;
9. Communicate the Solid Waste Management Policy and targets to the corporation and the community by issuing regular updates such as StaTracker and the annual City Report on the Environment.



## Guiding Principles

The City shall:

1. Strive to set an example for the community through responsible corporate solid waste management within City Owned and managed facilities;
2. Strive for continuous improvement to the Residential Solid Waste Program by participating in regional initiatives and adopting industry best practices as they emerge;
3. Communicate and educate to those sectors that are not serviced by the City of St. Albert, including commercial, select multifamily units, institutional, construction and demolition wastes sectors regarding environmentally responsible solid waste disposal practices.

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**Legal References:** *Residential Solid Waste Management Bylaw 24/2011*

**Cross References:** Environmental Master Plan (2014), Council Utility Fiscal Policy C-FS-14 & Council Environment Policy C-EUS-01, St. Albert Solid Waste Management Review 2008

