



Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association



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Animals

- General

- Animal carcasses or parts can only be brought to the Flagstaff Regional Landfill. When you arrive, inform scale house staff that you have animal carcasses or parts, so that the animal can be disposed of in a designated area.
- A note about cattle:
Most cattle carcasses or parts are accepted at the Landfill, however there are some exceptions. Cattle parts that are Specified Risk Materials (SRMs) are not acceptable for disposal at the landfill. These parts are the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia (nerves attached to the brain), eyes, tonsils, spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia (nerves attached to the spinal cord) of cattle aged 30 months or older; and the distal ileum (portion of the small intestine) of cattle of all ages. Questions about disposal of SRMs should be directed to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 1-800-442-2342.

- Pets

- Coping with the loss of a pet is always difficult. Most veterinary clinics provide animal cremation services.
- If this option is not suitable, pet remains are also accepted at the Flagstaff Regional Landfill site. Please be aware that there are no separate facilities for pets. However, you have the option of leaving your pet with a member of our staff for handling.

Appliances

- Toasters and Toaster Ovens

- **Donate it**
Many local charities accept donations of useable household goods at various drop-off Locations.

Some options are:
 - Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.
 - Twice Nice - Killam call (780) 385-3977 for more information.
 - Hardisty Thrift Shop-Hardisty call (780) 888-3623 for more information
- **Throw it out**
If you have residential quantities of unusable small appliances put them in your regular garbage.

- Coffeemakers, kettles and blenders

- **Donate it**
Many local charities accept donations of useable household goods at various drop-off locations.

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- **Throw it out**
If you have residential quantities of unusable small appliances put them in your regular garbage.

- **Refrigerators and Freezers**
 - o **Recycle it**
 - o Take empty refrigerators and freezers to any of the local transfer stations or the regional landfill for recycling. There will be a refrigerant removal fee (even if the refrigerant has been removed), as well as transfer station charges if taken to a transfer station.

- **Stoves**
 - o **Recycle it**
 - o Take stoves to any of the local transfer stations or the regional landfill for recycling. Charges will apply at the transfer station.

- **Microwaves**
 - o **Donate it**
Many local charities accept donations of useable household goods at various drop-off locations or offer a free pick-up service.

 - Some options are:
 - Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.
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 - Hardisty Thrift Shop-Hardisty call (780) 888-3623 for more information.

 - o **Recycle it**
Microwave ovens can be taken to any of the local transfer stations or the regional landfill for recycling. Charges will apply at the transfer station.

- **Residential air conditioners**
 - o **Recycle it**
Take empty air conditioning units to any of the local transfer stations or the regional landfill for recycling. There will be a refrigerant removal fee (even if the refrigerant has been removed), as well as transfer station charges if taken to a transfer station.

Batteries

Household

- **Automotive**
 - o **Recycle it**
Car batteries can be taken to any of the local transfer stations or the regional landfill for recycling free of charge.

- **Rechargeable**
 - o **Recycle it**
Many locations (including the Regional Landfill) accept rechargeable batteries for recycling, free of charge. They are also accepted during the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup every fall.

- **Household (non-rechargeable)**
 - o **Throw it out**
Non-rechargeable alkaline and household batteries can be thrown out with your regular residential garbage.

- **Cell phone**
 - o **Recycle it**

Many businesses that sell cell phones now accept cell phones and cell phone batteries for recycling free of charge. The Regional Landfill does accept your cell phone batteries but not the cell phone itself.

- **Laptop**
 - o **Recycle it**

Old (end-of-life) televisions, computer monitors, CPUs (central processing units), laptops, electronic notebooks, printers and some additional devices are accepted at all of the local Transfer Stations with Transfer Station fees applicable or the Regional Landfill for recycling free of charge.

Beverage Containers

- **Beverage Containers**
 - o **Recycle it**

All ready-to-serve beverage containers, including milk containers, can be returned to a privately-operated bottle depot for a refund.

- **Tetra Paks**
 - o **Recycle it**

All ready-to-serve beverage containers, including Tetra Paks, can be returned to a privately-operated bottle depot for a refund.

- **Milk Cartons and jugs**
 - o **Recycle it**

All ready-to-serve beverage containers, including milk containers, can be returned to a privately-operated bottle depot for a refund.

Milk containers can also be recycled in blue recycle bins (marked plastics only) in all the towns and villages.

Cardboard

- **Cardboard boxes**

Residential

 - o **Recycle it**

Cardboard can be recycled in blue Cardboard Only recycle bins in all the towns and villages. Please remove any plastic shrink wrap or covering from the cardboard (on drink flats, for example).

- **Pizza boxes**
 - o **Recycle it**

Pizza boxes can be recycled in blue Cardboard Only recycle bins in all the towns and villages. Please ensure there is no food left in the boxes (a small amount of grease is ok).

- **Tissue boxes**
 - o **Recycle it**
Tissue boxes can be recycled in blue Cardboard Only recycle bins in all the towns and villages.

- **Toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls**
 - o **Recycle it**
Toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls can be recycled in blue Cardboard Only recycle bins in all the towns and villages.

- **Cereal boxes**
 - o **Recycle it**
Cereal boxes can be recycled in blue Cardboard Only recycle bins in all the towns and villages. **Commercial**
 - o **Recycle it**
Blue Cardboard Only recycle bins can be rented at a reduced rate for those businesses wanting to recycle their cardboard.

Christmas Trees

- **Real**
 - o **Recycle it**
Real Christmas trees are collected door-to-door by your local public works department so check with your town or village for scheduled days for pickup. They can also be deposited in the burn pits at your local Transfer Station or the Regional Landfill.

Remove all decorations, tinsel, plastic and string before placing your tree out for collection.

- **Artificial**
 - o **Throw it out**
You can break down artificial trees, package the pieces in a box, and throw it out with your regular garbage.

Clothing and Shoes

- o **Donate it**
Many local charities accept donations of useable clothing and shoes at various drop-off locations.

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Construction, Renovation and Building

- ASBESTOS

Residential and Commercial

- **Dispose of it safely**

Asbestos must be specially packaged before it can be disposed. A disposal appointment is required. Charges will apply.

You can find private companies that handle asbestos cleanup in the [Yellow Pages under "Asbestos Abatement & Removal"](#).

- BRICK AND MASONRY BLOCK

Commercial

- **Recycle it**

Separated loads of brick and masonry block are highly recyclable. Commercial loads of brick and masonry block, separated or mixed with concrete, asphalt, and/or metals, are accepted at the Regional Landfill. Landfill fees will apply.

Residential

- **Recycle it**

Take residential quantities of brick and masonry block to any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

- ASPHALT

Commercial

- **Recycle it**

Separated asphalt is a highly recyclable product. Commercial loads of asphalt, separated or mixed with brick and masonry block, concrete, are accepted at the Regional Landfill. Landfill fees will apply.

Residential

- **Recycle it**

Take residential quantities of asphalt to any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

- **ASPHALT SHINGLES**

Commercial

○ **Recycle it**

If the load of shingles is contaminated with other construction materials there will be a landfill disposal fee applied.

Clean, separated loads of asphalt shingles, the landfill fees will be applied at half the regular rate.

Residential

○ **Recycle it**

Take residential quantities of shingles to any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. If the load of shingles is contaminated with other construction materials there will be a Transfer Station fee or a Landfill disposal fee applied.

Clean, separated loads of asphalt shingles, the Transfer Station or Landfill fees will be applied at half the regular rate.

- **DRYWALL**

Commercial

○ **Recycle it**

Clean, separated loads of drywall Landfill fees will apply.

Residential

○ **Throw it out**

Take residential quantities of drywall to any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

- **CONCRETE**

Commercial

○ **Recycle it**

Separated concrete is a highly recyclable product. Commercial loads of concrete are accepted at the Regional Landfill. Landfill fees will apply.

Residential

○ **Recycle it**

Take residential quantities of concrete to any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

- **TILE**

Residential

○ **Throw it out**

Take residential quantities of tile to any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

- **TOILETS/SINKS/TUBS**

○ **Throw it out**

Take residential quantities of bathroom or kitchen fixtures any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

Electronics

Commercial

○ **Recycle it**

Businesses with electronic waste for disposal are accepted at the Regional Landfill. Landfill fees will apply.

Residential

- **Cell Phones**

○ **Donate it**

Cell phones that are in working order can be donated to some charities.

○ **Recycle it**

Many businesses now accept cell phones for recycling free of charge.

- **Computers and computer accessories**

○ **Donate it**

Computers and computer accessories that are in working order can be donated to local charities at various drop-off locations.

Some options are:

- Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.
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○ **Recycle it**

Residential electronics recycling. Old (end-of-life) televisions, computer monitors, CPUs (central processing units), laptops, electronic notebooks, printers and some additional devices are accepted at any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

- **TVs**

○ **Donate it**

TVs that are in working order can be donated to local charities at various drop-off locations.

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○ **Recycle it**

Old (end-of-life) televisions are accepted at any of the local Transfer Stations or to the Regional Landfill. Transfer station and landfill charges will apply.

- **Radios and stereos**

○ **Donate it**

Radios and stereos that are in working order can be donated to local charities at various drop-off locations.

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○ **Throw it out**

There are currently no resources available to recycle radios and stereos. You can dispose of these items in your regular garbage.

- **CDs and DVDs**

○ **Donate it**

CDs and DVDs that are in good condition can be donated to local charities at various drop-off locations.

Some options are:

- Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.
- Twice Nice- Killam call (780) 385-3977 for more information.
- Hardisty Thrift Shop-Hardisty call (780) 888-3623 for more information.

○ **Throw it out**

There are currently no resources available to recycle CDs, DVDs or cases. You can dispose of unwanted CDs, DVDs and their cases in your regular garbage.

- **VCR/DVD Players**

○ **Donate it**

VCRs and DVD players that are in working order can be donated to local charities at various drop-off locations.

Some options are:

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○ **Throw it out**

VCRs and DVD players that no longer work can be thrown out in your regular household garbage.

- **Video tapes**
 - o **Donate it**

Video tapes that are in working order can be donated to local charities at various drop-off locations.

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 - o **Throw it out**

Video tapes are not recyclable. You can dispose of them in your regular residential garbage.

Fireworks and Ammunition

- **Ammunition & Explosives**
 - o **Dispose of it safely**

Contact the RCMP for safe disposal.
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 - o **Dispose of it safely**

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Fire Extinguishers

- **Dispose of it safely**

Fire extinguishers are accepted during the Household Hazardous Waste Round Up and at your local Transfer Station or the Regional Landfill.

Food

Commercial:

- **Throw it out**

Large quantities of food can be disposed of at the Regional Landfill site. Charges will apply.

Residential:

- **Food scraps**
 - o **Compost it**

You can compost kitchen scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, egg shells, tea bags, and coffee grounds and filters in a backyard or indoor composter. You should 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 odor problems.

- **Cooking oil**
 - o **Throw it out**

Small residential quantities (approximately one litre or less) of cooking oil must be packaged properly for disposal in your regular garbage. Solidify your oil by mixing it with an absorbent material such as paper towels, sawdust or kitty litter, then double-bag it.

Gas Tanks & Cylinders

Residential

- **Compressed Gas**
 - o **Dispose of it safely**

Some retail locations such as grocery stores or gas stations will accept old compressed gas tanks for recycling and give you a credit towards the purchase of a new tank at their establishment.
- **Propane**
 - o **Dispose of it safely**

Propane tanks are accepted at the local Transfer Stations and the Regional Landfill, charges will apply.
 - o Propane tanks are not accepted in regular household garbage or at community recycling depots.

Gasoline or Diesel Fuel

- **Dispose of it safely**

You can take gasoline/diesel fuel (up to 20 Litres) to the Regional Landfill only. The fuel must be in a secure container.

Glass

- **Dispose of it safely**

Light bulbs, windows, plate glass, mirrors, porcelain, pyrex, glasses, dishware, ceramics and needles are not acceptable at the recycling depots. These items should be packaged properly for disposal in regular household garbage or at your local Transfer Station and the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

Properly package glass shards by wrapping in paper and bagging them or by placing in sealed cardboard boxes. Label as "sharps" with a permanent marker and place in your household garbage.

- **Jars**
 - o **Recycle it**

Glass food jars and bottles can be recycled at the Alliance Transfer Station Only. This service is administered by the Village of Alliance.

- **Bottles**

o **Recycle it**

All ready-to-serve beverage containers can be returned to a privately-operated bottle depot for a refund. To find the nearest bottle depot, contact the [Beverage Container Manager Board](#) at 1-888-424-7671.

Non-refundable glass bottles can be recycled at the Alliance Transfer Station Only. This service is administered by the Village of Alliance.

- **Ceramic & Porcelain**

o **Donate it**

Useable household goods can be donated to various charities.

Some options are:

- Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.
- Twice Nice- Killam call (780) 385-3977 for more information.
- Hardisty Thrift Shop-Hardisty call (780) 888-3623 for more information.

o **Dispose of it safely**

Unusable ceramic and porcelain should be packaged properly for disposal in regular household garbage, the Regional Landfill or at your local Transfer Station. Charges will apply for disposal at your local Transfer Station.

Properly package ceramic and porcelain by wrapping in paper and bagging them or by placing in sealed cardboard boxes. Label as “sharps” with a permanent marker and place in your household garbage.

- **Tempered Glass**

o **Dispose of it safely**

Tempered glass should be packaged properly for disposal in regular household garbage, the Regional Landfill or your local Transfer Station. Charges will apply at the transfer station.

Properly package glass shards by wrapping in paper and bagging them or by placing in sealed cardboard boxes. Label as “sharps” with a permanent marker and place in your household garbage.

- **Windshield Glass**

o **Dispose of it safely**

Windshield glass should be packaged properly for disposal in regular household garbage, the Regional Landfill or your local Transfer Station. Charges will apply at the transfer station.

Properly package glass shards by wrapping in paper and bagging them or by placing in sealed cardboard boxes. Label as “sharps” with a permanent marker and place in your household garbage.

- **Mirrors**

o **Dispose of it safely**

These items should be packaged properly for disposal in regular household garbage, the Regional Landfill or your local Transfer Station. Charges will apply at the transfer station.

Properly package mirrors and glass shards by wrapping in paper and bagging them or by placing in sealed cardboard boxes. Label as “sharps” with a permanent marker and place in your household garbage.

- **Window panes**

o **Dispose of it safely**

Window panes should be packaged properly for disposal in regular household garbage, the Regional Landfill and your local Transfer Station. Charges will apply at the transfer station.

Properly package panes and glass shards by wrapping in paper and bagging them or by placing in sealed cardboard boxes. Label as “sharps” with a permanent marker and place in your household garbage.

- **Light bulbs**

o **Throw it out**

Light bulbs (traditional household bulbs) can be packaged properly and left for regular residential garbage collection.

Properly package bulbs and glass shards by wrapping in paper and bagging them or by placing in sealed cardboard boxes. Label as “sharps” with a permanent marker, and place in your regular household garbage.

- **Light ballasts**

o **Throw it out**

Light ballasts can be taken to the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

Household Chemicals

- **Vehicle**

Residential:

o **Dispose of it safely**

Automotive chemicals like motor oil, oil filters, and anti-freeze must be disposed of safely so they do not create an environmental or safety hazard.

Commercial:

- o For large commercial quantities visit the [Alberta Used Oil Management Association website](#) for drop off locations or call toll-free 1-888-922-2298

- **Cleaning**

o **Dispose of it safely**

Household cleaning chemicals like bleach, oven cleaner, and any others with a hazard symbol must be disposed of safely so they do not create an environmental or safety hazard.

- You can take household chemicals to the annual Household Hazardous Waste Round Up.

- **Gardening**

o **Dispose of it safely**

Gardening chemicals like fertilizer and pesticides must be disposed of safely so they do not create an environmental or safety hazard.

- You can take household chemicals to the annual Household Hazardous Waste Round Up.

- **Health Care**

o **Dispose of it safely**

To dispose of oxygen tanks, contact the company that supplied them.

- Drugs/medications are not accepted at landfills. Many pharmacies accept unused portions of drugs/medication for safe disposal. You should contact your local pharmacy in advance to ensure that they will accept drugs/medication.
- Any other health care supplies with a hazard symbol should be treated as household hazardous waste. You can take them to the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Round Up.

- **Paint**

Residential:

o **Dispose of it safely**

Paint is collected during the Household Hazardous Waste Round Up as well as the Killam transfer Station and the Regional Landfill year round.

- o Empty, dry paint containers can be left for residential waste collection. Ensure can is empty and dry, with lid off.

Commercial:

o **Dispose of it safely**

The Regional Landfill accepts commercial paint. Commercial businesses will be limited to 18 five-gallon pails (or 90 one-gallon cans) per drop off. Charges will apply.

For large commercial quantities of paint call the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) at 1-888-999-8762.

Household Items

- Cookware

○ Donate it

Many local charities accept donations of useable household goods at various drop-off locations.

Some options are:

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- Twice Nice- Killam call (780) 385-3977 for more information.
- Hardisty Thrift Shop-Hardisty call (780) 888-3623 for more information.

○ Throw it out

If you have residential quantities of unusable cookware, package the items in a closed cardboard box or a bag and place them in your regular garbage.

- Furniture

○ Donate it

Many local charities accept donations of useable household goods at various drop-off locations.

Some options are:

- Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.
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○ Throw it out

Large pieces of furniture will not be picked up by garbage collectors. Instead, you should take unusable furniture to one of the local Transfer Stations or the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

Smaller items can be placed in regular garbage. Be sure to wrap any breakable items such as glass, mirrors or ceramic in newspaper to prevent injuries to garbage collectors.

- Carpets

Residential

○ Recycle it

Some carpet manufacturers have programs where they take back their own products for recycling.

Commercial

○ Recycle it

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Medical

Residential

- Medications/Drugs
 - o **Dispose of it safely**

Drugs/medications are not accepted at landfills. Many pharmacies accept unused portions of drugs/medication for safe disposal. You should contact your local pharmacy in advance to ensure that they will accept drugs/medication.

- Needles & Syringes
 - o **Dispose of it safely**

Properly package needles by putting them into a puncture-resistant, non-breakable, sealed container (i.e. plastic bleach bottle) and labeling as “sharps” with a permanent marker.

Properly packaged needles can be placed in your regular household garbage.

- Bio-medical waste
 - o **Dispose of it safely**

Refer to the [Yellow Pages under "Waste disposal – industrial & hazardous"](#) for private companies that will handle bio-medical waste. Charges may apply.

- Mercury Thermometers
 - o **Dispose of it safely**

Package thermometers in a puncture resistant, non-breakable, sealed container like a plastic bleach bottle. Label the container as "thermometer" or "mercury", with a permanent marker and take it to the Household Hazardous Waste Round Up.

Metal

- Metal food and beverage cans
 - o **Recycle it**

Metal food and beverage cans can be recycled in the Alliance Transfer Station Only. This service is administered by the Village of Alliance.

- Aluminum foil, plates and containers
 - o **Throw it out**

Aluminum foil, plates and containers can be thrown out with your regular garbage.

Foil that is used to seal yogurt or other containers cannot be recycled as it is a mixture of aluminum and plastic. You should throw it away with your regular garbage.

- Scrap metal and unusable metal items

Commercial

- o **Recycle it**

Separated scrap metal is highly recyclable, and is accepted at the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

Residential

- **Recycle it**
Take scrap metal to any of the local Transfer Stations or the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

- Aerosol Cans, including Aerosol Paints

Residential

- **Dispose of it safely**
Aerosol cans are not accepted in residential garbage, they are only accepted at the Transfer Stations and the Regional Landfill.
Cans do not have to be punctured or crushed before disposal.

- Paint cans

- **Dispose of it safely**
Paint and empty, dry paint cans are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Round Up as well as all Transfer Stations and the Regional Landfill.

Oil

- Automotive

Residential:

- **Dispose of it safely**
Used oil is accepted at the Regional Landfill Only. Some local service stations will also accept your used oil.

Commercial/Agricultural:

- **Dispose of it safely**
Commercial/Agricultural quantities of automotive/equipment oil are accepted at the Regional Landfill or pick up can be arranged by calling the Alberta Used Oil Management Association at 1-888-922-2298

- Cooking Oil

Residential:

- **Throw it out**
Residential quantities (approximately 1 litre or less) of cooking oil must be packaged properly for disposal in your regular garbage. Solidify your oil by mixing it with an absorbent material such as paper towels, sawdust or kitty litter, then double-bag it.

Commercial:

- **Dispose of it safely**
For large commercial quantities (over 1 litre). Charges will apply.

- Drums (empty)

- **Dispose of it safely**
Empty oil drums are only accepted at the Regional Landfill. Drums must be empty and clean, and charges will apply.

Plastics

- Containers

○ **Recycle it**

Clean plastic containers (such as liquid detergent, fabric softener and shampoo bottles, plastic clamshell trays, and yogurt and margarine containers) labeled with the recycling symbol 1-7 can be recycled in blue bins at your community recycling area or at the Regional Landfill

○ **Throw it out**

Plastic containers without a recycling symbol 1-7 are not an acceptable material and cannot be put into the blue bins at your community recycling area. Throw them out in your regular household garbage.

- Plastic Bags

● **Recycle it**

Some retailers will accept them back for recycling.

Bundle plastic bags into one plastic bag and tie the handles.

- Styrofoam™/Polystyrene foam

○ **Throw it out**

Styrofoam™/polystyrene foam is **NOT** accepted in the blue recycle bins at your community recycling area, even if the item has a recycling symbol.

Package Styrofoam™/polystyrene foam properly by containing it in a bag or box, and throw it out with your regular garbage, or at the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply for disposal.

- Hard plastics that are not a container

○ **Throw it out**

Hard plastics that are not a container (i.e. plastic toys, laundry baskets) are **NOT** acceptable in the blue recycle bins at your community recycling area. Throw them out with your regular garbage.

- Packaging

○ **Throw it out**

Plastic packaging is **NOT** currently accepted in the blue recycle bins at your community recycling area. Throw it out with your regular garbage.

- Drink cups

○ **Throw it out**

Plastic drink cups are **NOT** currently accepted in the blue recycle bins at your community recycling area. Throw them out with your regular garbage.

Paper

- Newspaper and paper inserts
 - o **Recycle it**
Newspaper and paper inserts can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- Catalogues and magazines
 - o **Recycle it**
Catalogues and magazines can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- Letters, greeting cards and envelopes
 - o **Recycle it**
Letters, greeting cards and envelopes – including plastic envelope windows – can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- Brochures and flyers
 - o **Recycle it**
Brochures and flyers can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- Gift wrap (glossy or matte)
 - o **Recycle it**
Glossy or matte gift wrap can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- Gift wrap (foil)
 - o **Throw it out**
Foil gift wrap **cannot** be recycled. Dispose of it with your regular household garbage.
- Paper bags
 - o **Recycle it**
Paper bags can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- Shredded paper
 - o **Recycle it**
You can recycle shredded paper and other small bits of paper at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- Telephone books/catalogues
 - o **Recycle it**
Telephone books can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
Please remove any plastic covering and recycle separately.
- Paperback books
 - o **Donate it**
Consider donating old books to charity book sales. Used book stores may also be interested in purchasing your unwanted books.
 - o **Recycle it**
Paperback books can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.

- **Hardcover books**
 - o **Donate it**
Consider donating old books to charity book sales. Used book stores may also be interested in purchasing your unwanted books.
 - o **Recycle it**
Separate hard covers from the inside pages. The pages can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.

The covers must be thrown away in regular household garbage.
- **Coil-bound books**
 - o **Recycle it**
Separate the pages from the coil. The pages can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.

The coil (and hard book covers) must be thrown away in regular household garbage.
- **Napkins and paper towels**
 - o **Throw it out**
You should throw out napkins and paper towels in your regular garbage.
- **Photographs**
 - o **Throw it out**
You should throw them out in your regular garbage.
- **Postcards**
 - o **Recycle it**
Postcards can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- **Private Documents**
 - Residential
 - o **Recycle it**
You can recycle shredded paper at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
- **Paper cups**
 - o **Throw it out**
You should dispose of paper cups in regular household garbage.
- **Paper plates**
 - o **Recycle it**
CLEAN paper plates that are not plastic coated can be recycled at the Forestburg, Daysland, Killam, Sedgewick and Hardisty recycling areas only.
 - o **Throw it out**
Paper plates that are dirty or plastic coated must be thrown out in regular household garbage.

Pet Waste

Residential:

- **Throw it out**
Pet waste must be properly packaged (**securely double bagged**) and placed out for residential waste collection.
- You should not put pet waste in a backyard composter as the pile does not heat up enough to completely destroy harmful bacteria and it may cause odors.

Commercial:

- **Dispose of it safely**
For disposal of large commercial quantities from kennels please take to the Regional Landfill
Charges will apply if disposed of at the landfill.

Printer Cartridges and Toner

- **Recycle it**
Many businesses accept printer cartridges and toner for recycling so check with the retailer where you purchase your replacements.

Radioactive Waste

- **Dispose of it safely**
Contact the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission at (403) 292-5181.

Sump

Commercial

- Car Wash

- **Dispose of it safely**
Accepted at the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

Tires

Residential:

- **Recycle it**
If you have ten or fewer tires without rims, you can recycle them at your local Transfer Station.
Charges will apply.
- Loads of ten tires or more are accepted at the Regional Landfill only.

Commercial:

- **Recycle it**
- Loads of ten tires or more are accepted at the Regional Landfill only and charges apply. Passenger tires on rims are accepted in quantities of two at time of drop off.
- For disposal of commercial quantities of tires call the Alberta Recycling Management Authority toll-free at 1-888-999-8762.

Toys or Sports Equipment

- Toys

- **Donate it**
Many local charities accept donations of useable household goods.

Some options are:

- Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.

- Twice Nice- Killam call (780) 385-3977 for more information.

- Hardisty Thrift Shop-Hardisty call (780) 888-3623 for more information.

- **Throw it out**

If you have residential quantities of unusable toys, throw them out with your regular garbage.

- **Sports Equipment**

- **Donate it**

Many local charities accept donations of useable sports equipment.

Some options are:

- Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for information.
- Twice Nice - Killam call (780) 385-3977 for more information.

- You may also be able to sell your equipment to second hand sports stores.

- **Throw it out**

If you have residential quantities of unusable sports equipment, throw them out with your regular garbage.

- **Bicycles**

- **Donate it**

Many local charities accept donations of useable household goods.

Some options are:

- Good As New- Sedgewick call (780) 384-3504 for more information.
- Twice Nice- Killam call (780) 385-3977 for more information.
- Hardisty Thrift Shop-Hardisty call (780) 888-3623 for more information.

- **Throw it out**

If you have residential quantities of unusable bicycles or parts, you can dispose of them at your local Transfer Station or the Regional Landfill.

Wood

- **Treated (including railway ties, telephone poles, garden ties)**

Residential and Commercial

- **Dispose of it safely**

Treated wood and railway ties are only accepted for disposal at the Regional Landfill. The Dry Waste rate will be charged.

Commercial

- **Recycle it**

Clean, separated loads of untreated wood are accepted at the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

- **Dispose of it safely**

Pallets are accepted at the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

- **Pressure treated (including decking, fence boards)**

Residential

- **Dispose of it safely**

Residential quantities are accepted for disposal at the Regional Landfill. Charges apply.

- **Untreated wood and pallets**

Residential

○ **Dispose of it safely**

Residential quantities of untreated wood are accepted for disposal at your local Transfer Station or the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

Commercial

○ **Recycle it**

Clean, separated loads of untreated wood are accepted for disposal at the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

Yard and Garden

- **Grass clippings**

○ **Recycle it**

You can help the environment and your lawn by mulching and leaving the clippings on the lawn to reduce waste and retain moisture.

○ **Compost it**

You can compost most yard waste in a backyard composter or you can deposit your yard waste in the green compost bins located in each of the towns.

○ **Throw it out**

You can dispose of branches with your regular household waste during regular residential pick up as long as the branches are no longer than 1 meter and are tied into small bundles with string or rope. For large branches and large quantities of branches please take to your local Transfer Station or to the Regional Landfill. Charges will apply.

- **Clean Fill (dirt, clay, sand or gravel the size of peas – must be free of any debris)**

Residential

- Clean fill is accepted at the Regional Landfill.

RESIDENTIAL HOMEOWNERS:

- Whether soil analysis is required for residential loads is at the discretion of the Regional Landfill.
- Clean-fill acceptance is considered on an individual basis
- To dispose of soil call the Regional Landfill.
- If it is determined that an analytical test is required, see below for info on how to obtain that test.

- ~~Clean fill cannot contain debris such as branches and twigs, large rocks, garbage, construction~~

materials, etc.

Note that debris (any kind of mixed load) are not considered to be clean fill and will be charged at the basic sanitary waste rate. If other items are mixed in with the clean fill, it is the landfill staff's discretion as to what rate will be charged.

- Due to muddy conditions, clean fill is NOT accepted immediately after a rainfall. Typically it takes one to two days without rain for the landfill to dry-out after a rain event.

Commercial

- COMMERCIAL COMPANY
 - Generally any type of commercial business will have to have clean-fill analytical testing.

REQUIRED FOR TESTING

- A representative sample or samples of soil, depending on the size and depths of each project are required.
- With larger excavations, when different material is encountered, new samples are required.

CLEAN FILL TESTING RESOURCES

- To find companies that can perform soil tests, look in the Yellow Pages under "[Laboratories – Analytical and Testing](#)".
- Specify soil testing.