

# RECYCLING



Single Stream Blue Bin Program



**Claresholm**

Where **Community** Takes Root

# What Can We Recycle?

- ▶ Currently we are able to recycle basically 4 different items:
  - ▶ Cardboard
  - ▶ Paper
  - ▶ Tin
  - ▶ Hard plastic
- ▶ This limitation is primarily due to two reasons:
  - ▶ Previous contractor we shipped our recyclable materials to wouldn't take other items
  - ▶ Lack of space/capacity for Town staff to hand sort, compact, store, and ship more than 4 types of material.
- ▶ Additionally with our current recycling program residents are required to bag their recyclables in historically “non-recyclable” clear bags which is an additional cost and hassle for residents.
- ▶ Businesses currently don't qualify for pickup service and have to deliver their recycling to the Town's Recycling Sorting Centre

# What Will We Be Able To Recycle?

- ▶ In addition to what we currently recycle:
  - ▶ Glass
  - ▶ Aluminum foil
  - ▶ Plastic bags (stretchy), bubble wrap, cling wrap, etc. (put in a bag)
  - ▶ Beverage containers (you will not receive deposit)
- ▶ No sorting required. No bags required (except for shredded paper, and bags and stretchy plastic should be grouped together in a bag that is also being recycled).



**Yes. Put these recyclables loose into your blue cart.**

See special instructions below for items such as shredded paper and bundled plastic bags.



**Beverage containers**

Refundable beverage containers can also be returned to bottle depots for deposit refunds.



**Bundled stretchy plastic bags and cling wrap**

Bundle all stretchy plastic bags, bubble wrap and cling wrap into a single plastic bag and securely tie closed. **Why?** Loose bags get stuck in the sorting machines. They need to be bagged together so the workers can sort them properly.

# How Will The Program Work?

- ▶ End of September or first part of November blue totes will be delivered to all residential customers (except apartment buildings) and businesses with low volume recycling (all businesses are being contacted to determine what type of service they want/require - 25% of business have been contacted to date).
- ▶ With the bin, information and schedule will be attached.
  - ▶ Calendar for your pickup schedule, what you can and can't put in your bin, etc.
- ▶ Roll totes out to the street next to the curb by 7AM on day of pickup (not prior to 7PM night before), after return the roll cart back on to your property.
- ▶ Apartment buildings and some businesses will have shared cart service - a large 6 yard bin will be available to deposit all recyclable materials.
- ▶ Businesses or institutions with high volume needs can have their own 6 yard bin. We will work with the business and our contractor to help ensure there is sufficient space and collection for your recycling needs.

# How Will The Program Work?

- ▶ Pickups will start after blue bins are delivered - should be in early November. Exact date will be outlined in the information package received with your bin.
- ▶ Pickup will be once every two weeks.
- ▶ Additional 6 yard bins will be available at the Town Shop for you to deposit overflow or oversized items that does not easily fit in the blue bins.
- ▶ Until your first pickup, Town staff will continue doing their regular recycling pickup on a weekly basis on your garbage day.
- ▶ Recyclables will be collected by a contractor - Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. who will take the recyclables to an automated sorting facility in Calgary.



# Do's and Don'ts

- ▶ All recyclable materials must be contained within your recycling tote or bin. Collection is automated with a truck and they will not be getting out to collect additional or oversized items left beside your bin.
- ▶ Do not bag your recyclables (except shredded paper and plastic bags/film). Recyclables should remain loose in your bin.
- ▶ Collection will continue to be at the front of your property. Totes should be rolled onto the street with the wheels against the curb.
- ▶ Return your tote to your property to avoid it getting hit by a vehicle or blowing down the street. Replacement due to lost or damaged bins will be at your cost. Bins are numbered, so we will know if you are utilizing another bin.
  - ▶ There will be a spot on the bin where you can write your house number.
  - ▶ Customers will be charge \$110 for a replacement bin.

# Cost

- ▶ This enhanced recycling program will result in some increase in recycling utility rates, however the Town's solid waste utility fees remain very competitive.
  - ▶ Current cost: \$6.56 per month (since January 2014)
  - ▶ Proposed cost: \$10.30 per month

	Garbage	Recycling	Compost	Total
Claresholm (proposed)	\$12.50	\$10.30		\$23.80
Okotoks				\$22.13
Coaldale				\$29.50
Lethbridge				\$25.99
Nanton	\$15.00	\$13.00		\$28.00
Airdrie				\$26.40
Calgary	\$6.85	\$8.80	\$8.65	\$24.30
Medicine Hat				\$38.38
Ponoka	\$19.52	\$6.48		\$26.00

- ▶ Still the same cost for residential or business - whether you have your own rolling tote or share a large (6 yard) bin with other customers (apartment buildings, office buildings downtown, etc.).
- ▶ Large use business who require their own 6 yard bin - cost will be \$50/month.