

School Recycling Program Details

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Goals:

- To provide schools with recycling pick up and divert recyclables from the landfill.
- To educate students and staff on the reasons and benefits of recycling.

The City of Red Deer Responsibilities:

- Provide schools with an appropriate number of toter bins
- Drop off additional toter bins and/or pick up extra bins at the school
- Determine recycling pick up dates and times
- Ensure the contractor picks up recyclables
- Provide presentation to students and/or teachers on the recycling program, if requested

School Responsibilities:

- Prepare items for recycling (cans rinsed out, items not bagged, etc.)
- Collect recyclables in toter bins
- Put toter bins outside in approved area on pick up day by the pick up time
- Contain recyclables within toter bins
- Safely store toter bins on non-pick up days to prevent theft and/or vandalism
- Report missed pick ups to The City as soon as possible

Materials accepted in the toter bins:

- metal tins and cans
- newspapers
- magazines
- mixed paper
- corrugated cardboard
- boxboard
- plastic code 1 through to 7
- telephone books

Materials NOT accepted in the toter bins:

- aluminium cans
- glass
- plastics not coded 1 to 7
- textbooks

Program Cost:

The cost of the program includes the use of toter bins and weekly pick up.

Cost for each individual school was calculated by taking the school population and dividing it by an average class size of 25 students, then multiplying that number by the multi-family residential recycling rate (effective March 2017) of \$4.20.

For instance, if your school has population of 125 children, then your number of units of being charged to your account would be $125 \div 25 = 5$ units \times \$4.20 = \$21.00 per month as recycling fee.

The monthly recycling fee will be included on the utility bill for your school. Please note that the recycling rate is determined by City Bylaw and is subject to change.

Program implementation:

The City implemented the School Recycling Program in September 2008.

Should you decide at any point in the future to discontinue The City's school recycling program, please contact the Waste Management Technical Specialist at 403.342.8750.