

TOWN OF STETTLER

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Title: Curbside/Lane Recycling Policy

Purpose: To establish recycling guidelines and procedures relevant to the operation of a curbside/lane recycling collection program in the Town of Stettler, thereby reducing the amount of recyclable materials ultimately entering the joint regional landfill.

Policy Statement: In keeping with the Town's concern for the environment and desire to extend the life of the regional landfill the Town of Stettler deems it important for its citizens to Reduce, Re-use and Recycle? Therefore the Town will establish and maintain a curbside/lane recycling collection program for customers receiving municipal garbage collection services in accordance with the Waste Control Bylaw 1706-94 and amendments thereto primarily being: residential single/duplex family dwellings, smaller multi-family residential complexes and some small businesses under unique circumstances.

The Town of Stettler does not provide garbage or recycling pick-up for apartment style residential complexes, commercial/industrial businesses, or institutional/educational facilities, therefore these properties must contract directly with the private sector for garbage bin/ recycling collection service. The Town will endeavor to encourage non-residential properties, apartment style residential complexes as well as properties located in the County of Stettler to recycle by utilizing the services of a private contractor as well.

A qualified private contractor will be engaged to provide a curbside/lane recycling collection service on behalf of the Town of Stettler. The recycling service shall be mandatory for all Town customers who receive regular garbage collection in accordance with the Waste Control Bylaw 1706-94 and amendments thereto. There shall be an additional monthly fee added to the flat monthly garbage collection fee to recover the costs of operating the recycling program. This additional fee for service shall be included as a separate monthly rate in Schedule "A" of the Town's Waste Control Bylaw.

The Contractor and the Town shall on an "As needed basis" determine and mutually agree upon what is acceptable and what is not acceptable for recycling collection. It is also mutually understood that the external market for disposing of recyclable materials shall generally dictate what is acceptable for collection. The Contractor with the cooperation of the Town shall be responsible for providing notice of any changes in acceptable recyclable materials to all customers (both Municipal and Private).

The Town of Stettler is responsible for all costs associated with the acquisition and distribution of standard residential recycling containers. The Town has the sole right to determine the color and size of the standard residential recycling container which shall clearly identify in an appropriate manner that the container is to be used for Town of Stettler recycling purposes.

Town of Stettler customers receiving municipal garbage collection services shall be issued a standard single recycling container at no charge for each property subject to a collection charge. New residents/customers may obtain a recycling container free of charge if there is not already one at the property. Customers shall be informed that the standard recycling container (that is issued for free) to each property shall remain with the property and it is not to be taken by an owner/customer who is vacating the property.

With proper care, recycling containers should last for years. Should any Town issued recycling container crack or break from regular wear and tear, customers must return the broken container in order to receive another container free of charge (may be issued a previously used one that is in good shape).

Town Customers who declare in writing that their previously issued recycling container has been lost or stolen, or return to the Town a container that was accidentally damaged may request another one free of charge, however, the Town reserves the right to refuse to provide any customer with a free replacement recycling container beyond issuing one free replacement over a two year period.

Some Town Customers may find it easier to use two or more recycling containers therefore, additional containers can be purchased from the Town of Stettler for a fee set by resolution of Town Council from time to time.

The Town's Contractor providing the recycling collection/pick-up service shall determine the time of day for customers to have their recycling containers out to the curbside/lane by to ensure scheduled bi-weekly pick-up. The placement of standard recycling containers for bi-weekly pick-up by the Contractor shall be in the same place as where Customers place regular garbage for weekly pickup.