



Waste & Recycling Program Public Open House

Ponoka's Current Waste & Recycling Curbside Program – A Program Overview

- The program began in 2016 with the goal of reducing the amount of garbage being dumped in the landfill in order to meet provincial waste diversion targets that were set for municipalities in 2008.
- Those provincial waste diversion targets encourage municipalities to work toward the ***goal of diverting up to 80 per cent of our waste from landfills*** – in order to help preserve and protect the environment for future generations.
- Before implementing the current Waste & Recycling Program in 2016, the Town estimates it was diverting less than 10 per cent of household waste from the landfill.



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- Today, Ponoka is diverting approximately 35 per cent of household waste from the landfill due to our 3-stream, curbside program.

(3-Stream means: Recyclables, garbage, and compostable yard waste are collected in separate containers at the curb.)

- The 3-stream program has been successful in more than tripling Ponoka's household waste diversion rate because it encourages us to change our waste practices at the curb.
- Curbside recycling makes it easy and convenient to recycle household waste that previously ended up in the garbage. The program allows Ponoka residents to set out as much recycling as they wish at the curb every second week.



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- The Green Cart program, which runs from May through October, currently diverts compostable yard waste from the landfill. Recyclables are collected in clear or translucent blue plastic bags.
- The Town continues to explore new ideas and strategies to increase our diversion rates further as we continue working toward achieving an 80 per cent diversion rate.

