

## Waste and Wasps - Dangerous Combination

**Edmonton, September 6, 2013** - Encounters between waste collectors and yellow-jackets increase during this time of the year, as wasps are more aggressive than usual. Some people can have very serious and even life-threatening reactions to wasp stings.



Residents can do several things to help minimize the number of collectors being stung while [picking up the garbage](#), and also protect themselves from these pesky visitors.

Tips to keep wasps away from your waste:

- Ensure that garbage bags are tied up and cans have lids.
- Keep waste storage area clean.
- Bag empty wine crates as wasps are attracted to sugar and alcohol.
- Remove wasp nests from garbage areas as soon as discovered.
- Use wasp traps to distract them from the garbage area.
- Pick up all apples from lawns.
- If you have a compost pile, make sure to turn it regularly and always cover fresh waste such as apples and vegetables with dry leaves or soil.

Wasps will seize any opportunity for easy food, so the trick is to protect your garbage by keeping it enclosed and the surrounding area clean.

For more information about how to deal with yellow-jackets please visit [edmonton.ca/wasps](http://edmonton.ca/wasps).

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