

Holiday Wrap-up: Recycling, Garbage or Eco Station?

Edmontonians are reminded to recycle waste properly during the holiday season when waste volumes double.

"Edmontonians are avid recyclers and it's great to see so much material coming into our recycling facility, but wrong items can cause problems," says Connie Boyce, Director of Community Relations with the City of Edmonton's Waste Management Services. "It's important to remind residents what goes in their recycling bag, garbage bag or what to take to an Eco Station."



Last year, the City of Edmonton collected 3,000 tonnes of recycling material during the two weeks after December 25th. This is double the volume of the previous two weeks, making it the busiest time of the year for recycling collectors and for the operations at the City of Edmonton's Materials Recovery Facility.

Residents are asked to put the following items in their recycling blue bag or blue bin (if they live in an apartment): cardboard, boxes, paper (including non-foil gift wrap), cans, aluminum trays, and plastic and glass containers, bottles and jars.

"Christmas lights, extension cords, small appliances and scrap metal cause problems that can damage equipment and cause the Materials Recovery Facility to temporarily shut down," says Boyce. "These items do not belong in blue bags or bins and should be taken to an [Eco Station](#) instead."

With 93 per cent participation, Edmonton has one of the highest rates of voluntary recycling in North America. The City offers three recycling programs – blue bags for single family households, blue bins for apartments and 20 recycling depots. For a complete list of what goes where, check our [poster](#), visit edmonton.ca/wasteless holidays or call 311.

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