

Go Bagless: The No. 1 way to reduce your waste

The City of Edmonton is asking residents to *Go Bagless* this summer and leave the grass clippings on the lawn instead of bagging them for collection. Grass clippings account for almost half the waste collected during the summer months.

"Edmonton is making progress on its goal of keeping 90% of household waste out of landfills," says Mayor Don Iveson. "This goal will be achieved if we all make an effort to reduce the amount of waste that needs to be picked up."



An average household that bags their clippings sets out 40 to 50 bags each year. About 40,000 tonnes of grass are collected annually in Edmonton. This is equivalent to the weight of 3,077 City buses.

"I grasscycle at home because it is good for the environment and for my lawn, and it reduces the amount of waste we set out for collection," said Mayor Iveson.

Grass clippings quickly decompose and naturally fertilize the lawn, meaning less chemical fertilizer is needed. It also reduces the need for watering and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

To learn about other ways to reduce household waste and help Edmonton reach its goal visit 90WaysTo90.com. Residents are also invited to submit short videos of how they reduce their waste for a chance to win one of three mini iPads.

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