

Public Service Announcement

September 15, 2014

City of Edmonton

Waste and wasps - dangerous combination

Wasps are a serious threat for waste collectors at this time of year. As weather gets colder and food supplies diminish, yellowjackets can get very aggressive and sting collectors while they pick up the garbage.



Some people can have serious and even life-threatening reactions to wasp stings.

The City of Edmonton asks residents to follow these simple tips to minimize the risks for waste collectors and also protect themselves from these pesky visitors.

- 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 they are discovered
- Use wasp traps
- 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

For more information about how to deal with yellowjackets please visit edmonton.ca/wasps

Media Contact:

[Andrea Soler](#)
Communications Advisor
Waste Management Services
780-496-5635

3rd Floor, City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square NW
Edmonton, AB
T5J 2R7
www.edmonton.ca



Share:     

[Subscribe](#) | [Unsubscribe](#) | [Printer Friendly Version](#)

This email was created and delivered through [Industry Mailout](#)