

What goes where: Dealing with holiday waste

The City of Edmonton is asking residents to put their holiday waste where it belongs: food waste in the garbage, paper and boxes in the blue bag, and electronics to the Eco Station.

"Edmontonians are avid recyclers and generally put the right items in their blue bags," said Laura Henderson, a social marketing coordinator with Waste Management Services, "but with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we see an increase in non-recyclables ending up in blue bags."



Paper, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and jars, aluminum cans and trays, and glass bottles and jars should go in blue bags or apartment blue bins. Old electronics, strings of broken Christmas lights, food and Styrofoam are some things that should never go in a blue bag.

"Anything with a battery or cord should be taken to an Eco Station," said Henderson. "Electronic waste and batteries contain toxic elements and should always be brought to an Eco Station for proper disposal."

Keeping toxic elements out of the regular waste stream is better for the environment and ensures a high-quality compost product. The organic portion of Edmonton's garbage is turned into compost.

For more information about dealing with holiday waste, including which items should be taken to an Eco Station, please visit edmonton.ca/wastelessholidays or call 311.

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