

Taking care of your trash this holiday season

The City of Edmonton is reminding residents to take care of their trash during the holidays when waste and recycling volumes double in Edmonton.

"Decorations, gifts and festive treats - they are all part of the holiday season and they leave behind a lot of waste. At this time of year, it's important for us to remind residents of how to best take care of it," says Erika Droessler, Education Programs Coordinator with Waste Management Services.



Disposing of waste correctly is critical to ensure the smooth operation of Edmonton's waste management system, especially when volumes are so high. Last year, the City of Edmonton collected 2,811 tonnes of waste in the week after December 25, more than twice the amount of the week before. During the two weeks after December 25, the City gathers twice as much that is typically gathered in January and February combined.

"Putting Christmas lights, extension cords, old electronics and scrap metal in your trash can injure staff or damage equipment causing plant shut downs," says Droessler.

Paper (including all non-foil gift wrap), plastic and glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and trays and cardboard boxes should go in blue bags, apartment blue bins or to one of Edmonton's recycling depots that are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Old electronics, strings of broken Christmas lights and any hazardous material should go to an Eco Station.

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