

Freeze-thaw cycles make a slippery job for waste collectors

Melting and freezing of snow have made collection of garbage and recycling very challenging for City of Edmonton waste collectors.

There are several things residents can do to make it safer for collectors to reach their trash:

- clear ice and snow from garbage stands and around the collection area,
- put bags/cans on level ground and as close to the street or alley as possible,
- spread sand on icy areas, especially after freezing rain or temperature fluctuations,
- avoid placing waste on slippery areas near downspouts and sump pump discharge pipes,
- park vehicles off the street on collection day to ensure collectors are not forced to carry cans and bags longer distances (if that's not possible, please ensure a clear line of access to your waste), and
- ensure garbage bags/cans weigh well below the maximum of 20 kg (44 lbs).



To get an idea of the challenges waste collectors face on the job, check out videos showing real-life experiences on edmonton.ca/collectorsafety.

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