

Curbside Recycling Is Coming to Smithers.

Why is the Town planning to implement a curbside-recycling program now?

Building a more sustainable community is a priority for Town Council. The goal of Smithers' curbside recycling program is to offer a service to residents at no cost that helps reduce waste and promotes sustainability.

When will the program start?

The program will start the week of May 19 2014. A detailed schedule of which week will be curbside recycling and which week will be garbage collection will be provided to residents prior to implementation.

How will it work?

Starting in May 2014 the Town of Smithers will provide an alternating schedule of garbage pickup one week, with recycling pickup the following week.

Where do I get my recycling cart?

The Town will supply and deliver a blue recycling cart to your home before the May 2014 curbside recycling program launch.

Who will it serve?

Curbside recycling will be provided to you if you live within the Town of Smithers boundaries in a single family home, duplex, triplex or four-plex.

How much will this new program cost me?

There is no additional cost to residents for the curbside recycling program. Town Council made the decision to change the residential waste removal schedule to alternating weekly garbage and recycling pickups beginning in May. The cost savings associated with the reduction in garbage pick up offset the cost associated with implementing the curbside recycling program, resulting in a net zero cost to residents to have a garbage and recycling program that removes waste from their homes.

How will this program be any different than the way I recycle materials today?

The Town of Smithers will be collecting a broad range of packaging and printed paper (ppp) at your curbside. You'll be able to recycle a wider variety of materials including milk cartons, plant pots, aluminum foil packaging and drink cups. Watch for more information including a specific list of accepted materials closer to the May 19 program launch.

I'm concerned that garbage will start piling up at my house because the Town has decided to reduce pickup to every other week. What are my options?

Research has shown that at least 50% of current garbage stream consists of recyclables. Simple ways to reduce your garbage include:

- Compost
- Choose products with minimal packaging
- Recycle everything that can be recycled
- Reuse whenever possible

What can be recycled under this new program?

Recyclables that will be picked up include:

- Printed paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Other paper packaging
- Other plastic packaging
- Metal cans and lids
- Aerosol cans and caps
- Aluminum foil wrap, aluminum take-out and baking containers

Recyclables that will not be picked up include:

- Plastic wrap and foil bags
- Packing chips/peanuts or foam noodles
- Glass bottles and jars

More detailed information on what can and cannot be picked up will follow shortly.



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