

# TIPS ON DECREASING WASTE

There are many ways we can reduce waste that goes into our landfill without drastically changing our everyday routine.

## ● Recycle

Items such as plastic, paper, glass and aluminium cans can easily be recycled. Download our [RecycleCoach App](#) to your smartphone and see what items can be recycled within Yorkton.

## ● Reusable bags

When you go shopping, make use of a reusable bag as opposed to plastic bags. Plastic is one of the materials that take thousands of years to decompose so using reusable bags has a significant impact on the environment.

## ● Composting

Backyard composting is an easy way of dealing with yard/garden waste and produce food wastes.

If you do not own a backyard composter; grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste are free to take to our landfill. If the yard waste is in bags, they must be unbagged at the compost site and the bags taken with you and disposed of.

For more information on backyard composting visit [www.yorkton.ca/composting](http://www.yorkton.ca/composting)



## Residential Garbage Collection

We provide a weekly curbside collection of garbage. Ottenbreit Sanitation Services (OSS) collects the garbage and transports it to the Sanitary Landfill for disposal.

Download our [RecycleCoach App](#) to your smartphone and stay up-to-date on your garbage and recycling schedule.

If your bin is stolen, damaged, or you have moved into a location that does not have a bin, contact Ottenbreit Sanitation Services (OSS) at 306-783-6995.

## Landfill Hours of Operation

The Sanitary Landfill is open all year with seasonally different hours.

### Spring hours (May 1 to May 31):

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Summer hours (June 1 to August 31):

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Fall hours (September 1 to September 30):

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Winter hours (October 1 to April 30):

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Statutory Holidays

Please enter no later than 15 minutes before closing to allow for material handling.

## Questions about your Garbage and Recycling Billing?

Contact Environmental Services

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

306-828-2470

[www.yorkton.ca](http://www.yorkton.ca)



# Residential Refuse Waste Management

City of  
**Yorkton**  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## WASTE VOLUMES

From 2011 to 2022 residential refuse has shown a similar trend throughout the summer and winter months. The residential waste is significantly higher during the summer collection months (May to October).

**Average Winter vs Summer Residential Refuse 2011-2022**



This increase has varied from 39% to 77% annually (2011 to 2022), which translates into an average of 1,160 metric tonnes (MT) of material increase. The increase in volume from winter to summer months is vastly attributed to grass clippings.

A large source of residential refuse entering the landfill is organic yard waste. Residents are encouraged to avoid discarding yard waste in the residential black bins, as the landfill offers free yard waste disposal and the material is then composted.

**56%** Average increase in volume of refuse from May to October

## WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

As waste volumes increase, the space at the landfill decreases. This causes an increase in expenses and the need for increases with the collection and disposal levy and landfill fees. Due to Ministry of Environment requirements for landfill expansions and solid waste disposal, engineered, lined cells are required for increasing the capacity at the landfill.

The cost of increasing capacity within the landfill with an engineered cell is around \$5 million. Funds required for landfill expansions are accumulated through the collection and disposal levy and landfill fees.

**In 2023, single residential dwellers collection and disposal fees increased from \$12.15/month to \$13.00/month.**

**Multi-family dwellers increased from \$9.75/month to \$10.40/month.**

The 56% increase can be reduced if residents focus on correct and responsible disposal of organic waste such as grass clippings and leaves. Back yard composting is simple and effective at reducing the amount of waste produced in homes, while creating a usable product for gardening or landscaping.

Grass can also be mulched back into lawns to improve the health of soils and lawns, or drop off these products for FREE at the landfill.

## MONTHLY GARBAGE COLLECTION (SINGLE DWELLING)

Community	Cost/Collection	Collection Frequency
Melville	\$6.08	Bi-weekly
North Battleford	\$4.89	Bi-weekly
Melfort	\$4.27	Bi-weekly
Martensville	\$4.04	Bi-weekly
Saskatoon	\$3.92	Bi-weekly
Prince Albert	\$3.65	Weekly*
Moose Jaw	\$3.43	Weekly*
Swift Current	\$2.42	Weekly
Estevan	\$1.85	Weekly
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$3.75</b>	
Yorkton	\$3.00	Weekly

\*Bi-weekly pick-up in winter months

