



What happens to your Garbage (Black Cart)?

Your carts are specially designed for Automated Collection. When you roll your black cart to the curb, (or alley, depending on where you live) on your Collection Day, a garbage truck equipped with a lifting mechanism on the side picks up your cart and dumps it into the enclosed holding tank on the truck. The loading process takes only a few seconds and is controlled by the driver from inside the truck. Automation eliminates manual loading, thus reducing staff costs and job-related injuries, and one truck can cover large residential areas very quickly.

Once a truck is full, the garbage is taken to the nearest EcoSite. These stations are not landfills, but stopping points where garbage may be sorted and stored before being trucked to a landfill. Sundre has an EcoSite 1.6 km East on Hwy 27 and 1.6 km South.



What happens to your Compost (Green Cart)?

Your Green Compost Carts are also designed for Automated Collection. Once the truck is full, the potential compost is taken to the Olds College Composting Centre, where it is dumped in "windrows." The raw material is then inspected – if it is contaminated with nonorganic materials, it is not acceptable and must be disposed of in the same way as garbage, at a greater cost to the taxpayer. If the material is not contaminated, it is screened, ground, and turned regularly over several weeks to maximize aeration and decomposition until it has become rich compost.



How do I use the cart?

Locate your schedule and see which Thursday is Garbage Day or Compost Day. On Collection Day, roll out the correct cart by 7:00 am. Once your cart has been emptied, roll it back to your indoor or outdoor storage area.

What if my cart isn't Picked Up?



Here are some possible reasons:

- Was your cart at the curb at 7:00 am?
- Was your cart positioned far enough away from vehicles or other obstructions that may prevent the truck from getting close enough?
- Was your cart correctly positioned ie: backwards or sideways?
- Did you have the correct cart out?
- Was your compost cart contaminated with unacceptable materials?

What happens if my carts are damaged or stolen?

All carts are the property of the Town of Sundre. It is your responsibility to ensure your carts are kept secure. If your carts are damaged beyond repair during collection while out on your Collection Day, we will replace your cart at no direct charge to you. However, if you cause the damage, you will be required to pay for a replacement. Each case is investigated.



Moving?

All carts are the property of the Town of Sundre and must remain at the address to which they have been assigned. Carts are marked with unique serial numbers, which are recorded when carts are delivered to a new residence.



Roll Out Cart: Sundre's Waste Collection System



A User's Guide to Waste Management Rev. 0506

Why do you have two different carts?

Dumping garbage in landfills is one of the most expensive ways of dealing with waste. By using a second cart for compost and alternating collecting weeks, the Town of Sundre can reduce its disposal costs by 30%.



Your **BLACK** cart is for **GARBAGE**
Your **GREEN** cart is for **COMPOST**

What are the costs for disposal?

Town's Cost for Disposal are:

- Residential Waste: \$50.00 per Tonne
- Compost: \$25.00 per Tonne



Why have community composting?

Similar to backyard composting, community composting turns organic materials, such as food, waste, leaves, and grass clippings, into valuable compost. The difference is size – community composting uses industrial scale facilities and techniques. The community composting program can also accept materials, such as meat, fish and dairy products that are not acceptable for backyard composters.



The Mountain View Solid Waste Commission, together with the Town of Sundre is offering this service to help the environment and to help local taxpayers.