

Curbside Cart Collection & Recycling PROGRAM



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The City of Leduc's waste, recycling and organics collection program is an important part of our Environmental Plan to achieve a cleaner, healthier environment. This program reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill by helping residents sort their recycling into blue bags, and their food and yard waste into green carts.

Not only does this program reduce environmental impacts, it also helps contain future costs. Sending less waste to landfill extends the time our Regional Waste Management Facility can accept municipal solid waste before it reaches capacity. After that, Leduc's municipal waste must be landfilled farther away, which will increase costs.

Another important part of the City's waste reduction program is the Leduc Eco Station, where residents can take hazardous household waste to be processed properly. The Eco Station is free for all household hazardous items and recycling.

Curbside cart collection – how it works!

Each residential utility household is given a kitchen container, an organics cart and a waste cart – all a family needs to participate in curbside cart collection.

Under the cart collection program, families continue to sort their recyclables into a blue bag and simply sort their organics:

from the kitchen/house – into the handy kitchen container, then into the green organics cart, and

from the yard – into the green organics cart.

On collection day, set out the carts according to the collection calendar for your neighbourhood.



Our automated collection system

The organics and waste carts are picked up by automated collection trucks. These trucks **require one metre clear on all sides, and above, each cart** so the automated arm has room to manoeuvre. Carts can be emptied only if the one-metre-clear zone is observed.

Blue bags are picked up by other collection crews.

Collection **starts at 7 a.m.** on collection day but trucks will pick up the two carts and the blue bags at different times throughout the day. Collection will be **complete by 7 p.m.**

Missed Collection?

Please contact the Eco-smart Hotline within 2 business days of missed collection. 780-980-7107 or ecosmart@leduc.ca.

Collection schedule

GREEN Organics cart:

- **Weekly collection** from late April through the third week of November
- Collection **every two weeks** from late November through the third week of April

BLUE Bags:

- **Weekly collection**

BLACK Waste cart:

- Collection **every two weeks**

The amount of waste decreases dramatically when organics are separated into the green cart.

SORT SMART

Sorting your organics, recyclables and waste is easy and takes only minutes a day.

When in doubt... don't guess!

It's important to sort your materials into the correct cart – or blue bag. To determine the best option for collecting, recycling or disposing of household items:

- read this brochure or your sorting wheel,
- download the Recycle Coach phone app or use the online version at leduc.ca
- check out the A-Z Sort Smart Database at Leduc.ca, or
- call the Eco-smart Hotline at 780.980.7107 or e-mail ecosmart@leduc.ca.



COLLECTING ORGANICS AROUND HOME

1. Put food scraps and other organic material in your kitchen container.
- Drain liquid from food waste before putting it in your kitchen container.
- You can use a liner to help keep your kitchen container clean. Acceptable liners include newspaper, paper towel, paper bags or approved 100% compostable bags.
2. Empty your kitchen container into your organics cart every day.
- Rinse your kitchen container after you empty it.
3. Outdoors, it's best to grasscycle or mulch your grass clippings – but grass and other yard waste can also be put into your green organics cart.



ORGANICS ONLY, PLEASE!

If non-organic material such as plastic bags or other waste is found in the organics cart, all material in the cart is considered contaminated and will be landfilled.

The material in organics carts will be inspected occasionally. Contaminated organics carts will be tagged and will not be collected. Households that continually contaminate the organics cart may be subject to a fine under Waste Bylaw #800-2012.

Organics cart regularly too full?

Rent an extra organics cart or take extra yard waste to the Yard Waste Transfer Station.

YOUR ORGANICS CART



Organics – all food and yard waste, and many items made from natural materials.

- Ashes (cooled)
- Branches 1 cm (3/8") diameter or less
- Coffee grounds/filters
- Dairy products & eggs
- Fruit & vegetables
- Garden waste
- Meat & bones
- Pet waste (in approved bag)
- Sauces & spreads
- Shredded paper
- Soiled cardboard (pizza boxes)
- Soiled paper plates and tissues



To bag or not to bag?

You can place your organics loose in the cart. Bagging or wrapping some items such as meat and fish in newspaper will help reduce odours. Pet waste must be bagged.

Remember – only paper bags or selected see-through 100% compostable bags marked by the manufacturer with both the U.S. and Canadian compostable logos are approved for use.

Preparing material for your organics cart

- Line the bottom of the cart with newspaper, paper towel, paper bags, cardboard or an approved 100% compostable bag to ensure items don't stick to the bottom.
- Layer wet items with dry ones.
- If possible, wait until the day before collection day to clear your fridge of the food you're disposing of.
- Wrapping meat and seafood in newspaper will help reduce odours.



COMPOSTABLE

Biodegradable Products Institute | US COMPOSTING COUNCIL



No plastics, including plastic bags, can be put into the organics cart.

Check out Leduc.ca for a complete list of organic materials or download the Recycle Coach Sorting and Collection phone app.

YOUR waste CART

Waste – any household items that aren't organic or can't be recycled.

- Aluminum foil products
- Soft and single-use plastics
- Cigarette butts
- Diapers
- Dishes/pots
- Gift wrap (plastic)
- Glass
- Light bulbs (standard)
- Mirrors
- Needles (in safe container)
- Pet waste (in plastic bags)
- Plastic bags
- Plastic coated paper products (e.g. coffee cups, tetra food containers)
- Rope
- Soiled wipes
- Styrofoam

Note: items made from more than one type of material (e.g., frozen juice containers) cannot be recycled and should be placed in your waste cart.

Check out Leduc.ca for a complete list of waste materials or download the [Recycle Coach Sorting and Collection phone app](#).



Help keep our community clean! Bag your waste!

Please put your waste in a bag, and then put the bag in your waste cart.

Your cart will not be emptied if waste is loose in the cart.

GLASS

Clean, clear glass is accepted for free at the Eco Station for recycling. Examples include mason jars, baby food jars and pickle jars. Tinted glass should be placed in the waste cart. Glass drinking containers can be returned to the bottle depot for a small refund.

Managing your extra waste

With organics sorted into the organics cart, most families will generate much less waste than before.

However, if you cannot fit your waste into your waste cart, with the lid closed tight, you can:

- take extra waste to the Eco Station with the first bag free and additional bags \$2 each,
- take extra waste to the Regional Waste Management Facility at no charge,
- rent an extra cart for a minimum of 6 months.

SORTING OUT ORGANICS



Before organics collection (without recyclables)

With organics collection



Weight limit: Maximum allowable cart weight cannot exceed 90 kg (200 lbs).

YOUR blue bag RECYCLING



Recyclables – Rigid plastic containers, aluminum/tin cans, clean paper and cardboard.

- Tin cans
- Paper
- Books (hard covers removed)
- Newspaper
- Boxes (flattened)
- Rigid plastic containers (e.g., condiment containers)
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Plastic lids larger than 2"
- Envelopes
- Pop cans*
- Metal lids
- Milk cartons & jugs*

*Also refundable at bottle depot

Preparing your recyclables

- Place material loose in the blue bag.
- Break down all boxes so they are flat.
- Cut up larger boxes to fit in the blue bag (maximum size of 2 x 3 ft.)
- Rinse all plastic and tin materials.
- Fold tin can lids inside the can if the lid is still attached, or place detached lids inside the can. Never recycle a loose, sharp lid because of the safety risk to sorting staff.
- Plastic lids under 2" should go in the black waste cart.
- Rinse metal lids from pickle jars, etc. and recycle them.
- Remove hard covers from books.

The golden rule of blue bag recycling

All recyclables must be clean and dry – and put in the blue bag. No materials should be tucked under the blue bag.

- * Sort wet or dirty newspaper, paper or cardboard into your organics cart (e.g., pizza boxes).

Keep out of all carts

Household hazardous waste & electronic waste

- Take to the Eco Station or the Regional Waste Management Facility.

Hot ash

- Cool, then put in organics cart.

Old prescriptions

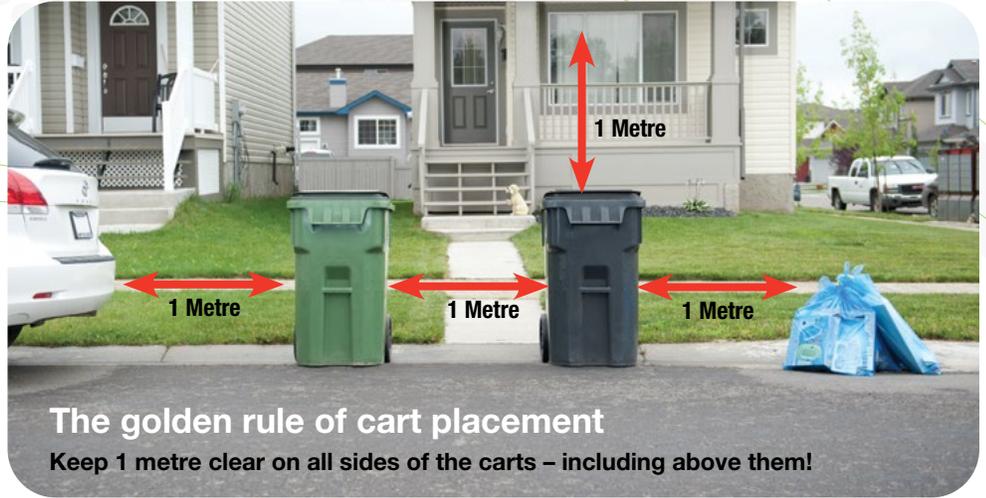
- Return to your pharmacy – along with needles and other sharps. Sharp items are accepted in your waste cart if they are in a safe container.

Note: items made from more than one type of material cannot be recycled (e.g., frozen juice containers) and should be placed in your waste cart.

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Cart placement



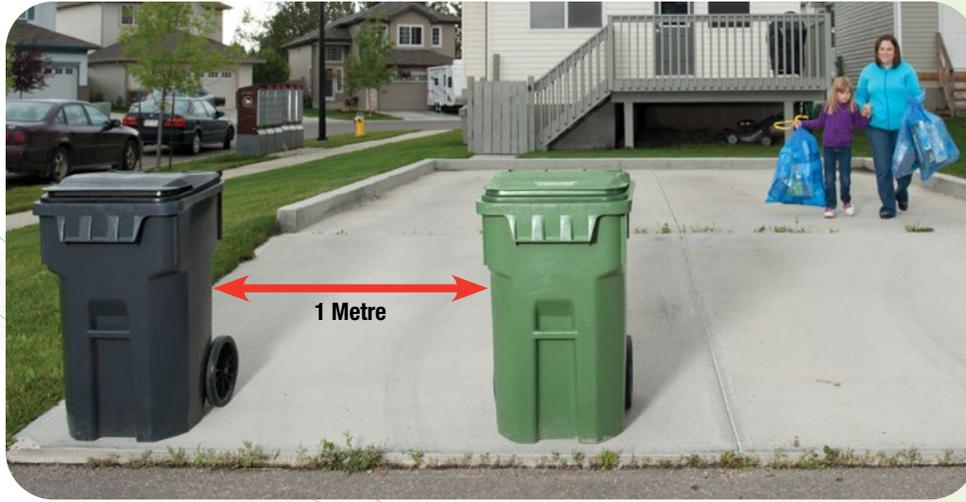
Front street collection:

1. Place your carts on the street either in front of the sidewalk or in front of your driveway. The wheels must be touching the edge of the gutter with the cart facing forward, away from your home.
2. Place the carts 1 metre apart from each other, the blue bags and parked vehicles.
3. Place your blue bags either on the boulevard 1 metre behind the carts or on the street 1 metre outside (not between) the carts.
4. Keep your vehicle 1 metre away from the carts or blue bags on collection day.
5. Ensure branches, fences, utility lines, basketball nets, trees, etc. are 1 metre away from, or above, the carts.

Check Leduc.ca for special cart placements.

Be a good neighbour. Store your carts after collection day.





Back lane collection:

1. Place your carts at the edge of the lane on the driveway or parking pad with blue bags 1 metre away from the carts.
2. As with front street collection, keep 1 metre clear on all sides of the carts, and above them.

Front street or back lane collection?

Carts for new utility customers will be dropped off in the same location where they will be picked up. If they are left on the front street – that’s where they will be collected. If they are left in the back lane, you will receive back lane collection.

Missed Collection?

Please contact the Eco-smart Hotline within 2 business days of missed collection. Call 780-980-7107 or ecosmart@leduc.ca.

Be ready by 7 a.m.

Collection starts at 7 a.m. so your carts and blue bags must be in place and ready for pickup by 7 a.m. If you’re late, your carts may not be emptied that week.

Your carts and blue bags are picked up by different trucks so they will not be picked up at the same time – but collection will be finished by 7 p.m.

Close the lid!!

Make sure the lids are closed tight on your carts.

If the lids are not completely closed, the carts won't be emptied.





About your carts

The carts, made from strong, durable material, are designed to easily accommodate an average family's organics and waste. They can be stored outside.

Facts and tips about your carts & kitchen container

- The carts and kitchen container are the property of the City of Leduc. They stay with the home where they are delivered and should never leave that address.
- Carts should not be modified in any way, including adding a lock, although you are encouraged to mark your address in the designated space (white square) on the cart.
- Contact the Eco-smart Hotline to have your carts repaired, or to replace a damaged or stolen cart.
- The carts can hold the equivalent of 3-4 bags of material.



Keeping your organics cart clean

To help reduce odours:

1. Keep the cart lid closed.
2. Wrap material in newspaper or use approved compostable bags (not required).
3. Alternate layers of 'brown' material (leaves, shredded paper, cardboard, sawdust, etc.) and 'green' material (meat, dairy, garden waste, etc.).
4. Store your organics cart out of the direct sun, in a cool, well-ventilated area year-round.
5. Put the cart out for collection on scheduled collection days even if it is not full.
6. Add a small amount of baking soda, powdered laundry detergent (without bleach) or powdered lime to the cart.
7. Rinse the cart weekly or every second week with a water and vinegar mix.

Household hazardous waste and e-waste

Proper disposal of household hazardous waste and electronic waste (e-waste) is good for our environment. Many of these materials can be recycled into new and useful products. Others are disposed of safely, keeping chemicals and other toxic materials out of the Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Facility.

Take your hazardous and e-waste to the Eco Station or the Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Facility for proper disposal.

Check out Leduc.ca for a complete list of household hazardous waste, e-waste and the Recycle Coach Sorting phone app.



Household hazardous waste

- Abrasive cleansers
- Aerosol paints and sprays
- Antifreeze
- Barbecue starters
- Butane refills
- Drain cleaners
- Fluorescent and LED bulbs
- Gasoline
- Glues
- Hair colouring
- Insecticides
- Liquid cleaners
- Nail polish
- Oven cleaners
- Paint
- Paint thinners
- Rechargeable batteries
- Rug cleaners
- Solvents, turpentine, varnish
- Spot removers
- Toilet cleaners
- Used vehicle oil
- Vehicle batteries
- Waxes and polishes
- Weed killers

E-waste

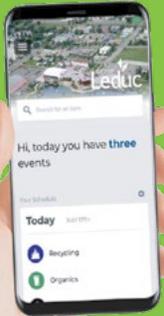
- Cables
- Camcorders
- Cell phones
- Computer mice
- Computers
- Digital cameras
- Fax machines
- Keyboards
- Laptops
- Monitors
- MP3 players/
- iPods
- Notebooks (portable computers)
- Phones
- Printers
- Radios
- Servers
- Speakers
- Stereos
- TVs

NEW Electronics:

- Small home appliances
- Electronic toys
- Power tools
- Electronic musical instruments
- Video game equipment
- Small solar panels and lights



Download the Collection Calendar and Recycle Coach Sorting phone app at Leduc.ca.



Special services:

Large item pickup

One week each May (on your collection day)

Christmas tree pickup

One week in early January (on your collection day)



RECYCLE MIX

December 2020

Eco Station

6102 - 46 St. Mon. & Tues.: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed. & Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fri. & Sat.: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: closed

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: Recyclables • Extra bags of waste
• Household hazardous waste
• Electronic waste • Tires • Metal
• Organics (small amounts)

FEES: First waste bag FREE.
Additional waste bags \$2/bag.

Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Facility

Leduc County, 1.6 kilometres (km) east of the City of Leduc boundary along Rollyview Rd. and 0.8 km north on Rural Rd. 244

Summer (May 1 – Sept. 15)
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Winter (Sept. 16 – April 30)
Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday closed year round

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: All household waste, blue bag recyclables, organics, household hazardous waste, e-waste and large items.

FEES: No charge in most cases for household waste. Fees apply for items with freon and construction/renovation waste.

Yard Waste Transfer Station

3719 - 48 Ave. Free drop-off available 24/7

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: Grass clippings, tree branches shorter than 5 feet, leaves, garden waste

FEES: No fee.

Leduc Bottle Depot

6117 - 46A St. Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: All drink containers (plastic, glass & tetra-paks)

FEES: No fee.
Small refunds available on most products.

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