

Community Standards Bylaw Policy Review

The City is developing a Community Standards Bylaw (CSB). The CSB will serve to regulate and enable activities that pertain to the safety, health, and welfare of residents on private and public property.

To inform a policy discussion on each of the topics, information has been assembled in the template below on what the current local context is, what other comparator municipalities have done, Administration's recommendations concerning minimum standards, as well as potential financial and operational implications.

TOPIC NAME: Garbage/Waste

1. CURRENT SPRUCE GROVE BYLAW

Spruce Grove has a Municipal Utility Services bylaw which outlines customer responsibilities such as using regulated carts, maintain good repair, sanitary condition, loading/storage of carts etc. [COSG Municipal Utility Services Bylaw](#), s. 7.4(a)(i-x).

A new Municipal Solid Waste Utility Bylaw is under development and is anticipated to be brought forward for Committee deliberations in spring 2023. This new bylaw, consistent with the current one, will apply only to residential customers and properties. Industrial, commercial and institutional properties are anticipated to still not fall under the bylaw.

While still in draft form, sections of the new bylaw that speak to Customer Responsibilities include:

Customers shall:

- a) Ensure Garbage and Organic Waste is set out for collection 24 hours prior to each assigned Collection Day at the location determined by the City;
- b) Promptly advise the City of damaged or missing Carts;
- c) Remove Carts from the Road Right of Way by midnight on each Collection Day unless otherwise directed by the City;
- d) Utilize only Carts provided by the City for storage of Garbage and Organic Waste for the provision of Collection Services;
- e) Ensure waste placed in Carts is contained in securely tied bags and lids remain closed to prevent access by pets or wildlife;
- f) Place only Garbage in Black Waste Carts and Organics in Green Waste Carts;
- g) Place animal feces in a secured compostable bag in the Green Waste Cart or in secured plastic bag in the Black Waste Cart;
- h) Ensure the Carts are not loaded beyond their capacity of 200 lbs. (90 kg);
- i) Ensure lids on Carts are fully closed when placed for collection on Collection Day;
- j) Use only semi-transparent and securely tied blue plastic bags for Recyclables collection;

- k) Place only those Recyclables identified under the City's Blue Bag program for collection on the assigned Collection Day;
- l) Make assigned Carts available to the City or its agents within a reasonable time frame upon request for inspection or for the purpose of repair or replacement;
- m) Form cardboard into flat pieces no larger than 0.5 meters by 1.0 meter and place under Blue Bags for collection;
- n) For Residential Premises with front Street collection, place Carts and Blue Bags on the Street, within the Parking Lane and as close to the curb as possible and between the lot side property lines and ensuring that a distance of one (1) meter is maintained between other Carts, Blue Bags, or other obstructions;
- o) For Alley collection, place Carts and Blue Bags as close to the Driving Lane as possible, between the lot side property lines and ensuring that a distance of one (1) meter is maintained between other Carts, Blue Bags, or other obstructions;

2. SPRUCE GROVE CONTEXT

Currently, there are not many complaints related to solid waste.

3. OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Generally speaking, municipalities with garbage provisions in their community standards bylaws address the requirements of the bin, storage, and collection (times).

Edmonton

- Sections relating to waste disposal, collection, storage ([Edmonton CSB](#), s. 12.1 – 12.5)

Beaumont

- A Person shall not collect, cause, or permit the collection of garbage with a Motor Vehicle on or adjacent to any Property zoned for residential use before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. on a Weekday or before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. on a Weekend or Holiday ([Beaumont CSB](#), s. 51).

Strathcona County

- The terms and conditions of waste collection and disposal of waste are outlined in [Strathcona County Waste Management Bylaw](#)

St. Albert

- The terms and conditions of waste management (such as collection times, placement, storage, etc.) are laid out [St. Albert Residential Solid Waste Management Bylaw](#)

4. ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Minimum Standards are addressed in the proposed updated Municipal Solid Waste Utility Bylaw (above) including:

- Ensuring Garbage and Organic Waste is set out for collection 24 hours prior to each assigned Collection Day at the location determined by the City;
- Removal of Carts from the Road Right of Way by midnight on each Collection Day unless otherwise directed by the City.

Council Question: Is there a desire to address anything else beyond these standards specifically?

5. FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Additional enforcement measures may be required depending on Committee's direction.