

WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION

Just a reminder that waste collection continues to take place every Monday from May to October and every second week from January to April and November to December. Recycling continues to be every second Friday throughout the year.

Please ensure that all carts are placed out by 7:00 am and then moved back onto your property by the end of the collection day.

Keeping carts off the roadside is especially important in winter. Carts left out can create obstacles for snow removal & pose a safety risk by blocking traffic or narrowing access.

Your cooperation helps ensure efficient service & keeps our roads safe & accessible for everyone.

There are some important changes effective today, to the way recycling is collected and managed. In 2013, the Saskatchewan government approved The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations and in response Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) launched its program in Saskatchewan on January 1, 2016. Since that time, businesses selling or distributing packaging and paper products have shared the responsibility with municipalities to finance the collection and recycling of household and paper products.

The Province of Saskatchewan conducted a review and engagement process of these regulations. As a result of this process, The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations came into effect on March 31, 2023.

These regulatory changes have resulted in a shift to a program fully funded and operated by producers of household packaging and paper products.

So What's Changing? Effective today, SK Recycles will take over responsibility for processing recyclable materials from the Village. This means the items accepted in your blue cart have changed.

SK Recycles determines the accepted item list and residents should review the information provided as everyone is required to follow the new recycling guidelines. Items that are not accepted are considered contamination and contamination results in a cost to the Village, therefore, the ratepayers. The Village must meet the contamination threshold, or we will be subject to pay for Service Level Failures. By recycling correctly, we can help keep the cost of the program low.

Prior to today, we have sent out information and have a hand-out with the information here tonight. The recycling changes are new for everyone, and we will continue communicating with residents as the transition progresses.

With the new recycling system in place, we will monitor how it affects the amount of waste placed in garbage carts. Based on actual usage, Council may consider moving to weekly garbage collection year-round. However, no decision has been made to change the garbage collection schedule to date, and Council will assess the need for the additional service, the associated costs and the potential impact on ratepayers before making any decision. The current approach is to monitor the new system, gather information and determine what level of service is required.