



Municipal Collection Site News

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

2017 COLLECTION SITE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

We're already looking for next year's trio of winners

Alberta Recycling's Field Services Inspector has begun annual inspections of all registered electronics, paint and tire collection sites. These inspections help ensure sites meet Program requirements and also enable Alberta Recycling to select the three award winners.

If you think your site is a candidate, please call our Program Administrator (Collection Sites) at 1-888-999-8762 or e-mail info@albertarecycling.ca to discuss how your site meets the awards criteria (detailed in the column on the right). We would be happy to hear from you.



Awards are based on population served

Small: under 5,000

Medium: 5,000 - 25,000

Large: over 25,000

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A WINNER?

- > Register your sites with the Electronics, Paint and Tire Recycling Programs
- > Install Program signage
- > Ensure safe and proper handling of Program material
- > Ensure secure storage of Program material to prevent theft, scavenging and vandalism
- > Be convenient and accessible to the public
- > Perform unit counts of electronics
- > Keep eligible and ineligible materials stored separately
- > Maximize the capacity of paint bins
- > Submit collection site incentive reports regularly
- > Keep site neat and orderly
- > Promote the collection sites in your community (see page two for information on grant funding to help with advertising)

The 2016 winners



From left to right: **Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Waste Transfer Station; Clairmont Centre for Waste and Recycling (County of Grande Prairie); Fort McMurray Regional Landfill and Recycling Facility (Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo)**

For more information on the collection site awards or about Alberta Recycling's inspection process for registered collection sites, please e-mail us at info@albertarecycling.ca

APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO ADVERTISE YOUR REGISTERED COLLECTION SITES

Grant funding is available to advertise your registered electronics, paint and tire collection sites. To make it convenient, Alberta Recycling provides you with a selection of advertising templates to choose from (including a pre-recorded radio spot) where you can just fill in your site information. Or you can design your own ad. Grant applications are available at www.albertarecycling.ca. If you would like more information please contact our Program Administrator (Collection Sites) at 1-888-999-8762 or e-mail info@albertarecycling.ca

Example of an ad template provided by Alberta Recycling.

Grant funding available

Population served	Maximum annual funding available on a matching basis*
Small: up to 5,000	\$2,000
Medium: 5,001 to 10,000	\$5,000
Intermediate: 10,001 to 25,000	\$7,500
Large: 25,001 to 100,000	\$10,000
Metro Urban: over 100,000 (Edmonton and Calgary)	\$25,000

**Example: if your site is in the small category and your advertising expenditure totals \$4,000, you can claim the maximum of \$2,000.*

Example of an ad designed by a collection site.

ALBERTA BUSINESSES WANT TO RECYCLE TOO

When a business buys new computer equipment, TVs, containers of paint, or tires, it pays environmental fees just like everyone else. Alberta Recycling encourages all municipal collection sites to accept this Program material from local businesses that want to do the right thing and recycle.

Alberta Recycling recognizes collecting Program materials from businesses comes with challenges like limited operating hours and the potential for traffic congestion during peak hours. Also capacity limitations can make it difficult to collect commercial paint.

Ways to make it work:

- Designate one day a week to accept materials from businesses
- Ask them to phone ahead with the amount they're bringing in
- If you can't accept from businesses, give them the contact information for the processor servicing your site. Suggest that they contact the processor to see if they can collect Program material from the business on the same day that they're picking up from your site.

A win-win situation

You ensure that Program materials don't wind up in your landfill and local businesses get the recycling result they've helped to fund. Together we can ensure all eligible electronics, paint and tires are recycled.

TIRE-DERIVED AGGREGATE (TDA) UPDATE

Since its introduction in 1996, TDA has been an effective alternative to gravel as a drainage medium in municipal landfill leachate collection systems. Municipalities, regional waste authorities and commissions (collectively referred to as municipalities) and Alberta's Tire Recycling Program benefit greatly from this partnership.



TDA being placed in a new landfill cell.

Potential savings in the millions

Half of all the tires recycled in Alberta (50 million) were recycled into this valuable material. In the process:

- municipalities have saved millions of dollars by using TDA instead of buying gravel (a non-renewable resource)
- municipalities have also saved millions of cubic meters of landfill space by not burying their tires

Demand for TDA now exceeds supply

Alberta Recycling is taking action to increase supply and will be working with municipalities to better plan TDA approvals. Municipalities are encouraged to undertake a three-year planning and booking process in regards to TDA. Alberta Recycling is committed to providing more clarity, certainty and fairness for those wanting to use TDA.

Funding change for registered tire processors

The Program currently funds 100% of the cost to provide TDA for municipal landfill projects. This includes collecting tires from throughout the province, processing them into TDA and delivering the final product to the project sites. Based on these factors, the average cost to the Program is \$240/tonne (this rate varies depending upon the size of the cell and the location of the municipal landfill).

This 100% funding is no longer sustainable. Having made cuts to all aspects of the Program, Alberta Recycling now has to reduce what it pays to registered tire processors for delivering TDA to landfill projects by \$20/tonne, effective October 1, 2017. This could have an impact on municipalities as the tire processors may seek to offset this reduction in funding.

If you would like more information regarding the use of TDA, the booking process, or the funding reduction, please contact Brad Schultz, Director of Operations, at bschultz@albertarecycling.ca or by phone at 1-888-999-8762.

Do not mix household hazardous waste (HHW) with paint

HHW does not belong in paint bins and must be stored separately. If HHW is mixed with paint, it costs the Paint Program and the municipality may risk losing the \$50/bin incentive if the contamination issue is not resolved. On top of that, paint processors will charge the municipality 'contamination fees' for having to handle the HHW.

It does not pay to mix HHW with paint.



Program-approved bins for oil and latex with a designated drum for spray paint cans. There is no provision in these bins for HHW.

Have you recently changed either collection site personnel or registered processors that pick up your paint and electronics?

If so please contact our Program Administrator (Collection Sites) by e-mail at info@albertarecycling.ca or toll-free at 1-888-999-8762 to update your file.

This will help ensure that your incentive payment isn't delayed and that you receive program updates.

It's time! The recycling roundup is on!

The 2017-18 application has been e-mailed to all registered collectors and can also be downloaded at www.albertarecycling.ca. For roundups held from May to August, a representative from Alberta Recycling may reach out to assist you regarding the set up and promotion of your event. We would also like to have a presence at the event to help promote the electronics and paint recycling Programs.

If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact our Grants Program Administrator at grants@albertarecycling.ca or at 1-888-999-8762.

2017-18 PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR ELECTRONICS AND PAINT CLAIMS: 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER

Collection Period	Deadline to Submit Claims	Incentive Payment Date
April to June 2017	July 17, 2017	August 22, 2017
July to September 2017	October 16, 2017	November 22, 2017

Only claims for the current fiscal year will be accepted.

Submit your collection claims electronically to collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca or fax 1-866-990-1122.

REMINDER: To receive the funding for your Electronics Program claim, you must conduct your own unit counts for computer equipment and TVs, and store ineligible electronics separately.

To receive your Paint Program funding do not bulk your paint. Use program standard paint bins that provide the required secondary containment. Also, maximize bin space by filling them to the brim with paint cans.

Tips for tire collection

Municipal tire collection sites provide convenient locations for residents and businesses to drop off their tires for recycling. Please remember that during peak times for tire collection (spring and fall) you may experience delays in getting tires picked up.

When possible please call ahead to your tire processor and provide them with advance notice that collection at your site is required. Sites that can store tires through the busy season will typically find arranging tire pick-up is easier in the winter and summer months.

Please make sure we have your current collection site information.

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