# RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTION

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## **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Household waste is collected weekly, and waste carts must be set out by 7:00am on your designated collection day. Garbage is picked up on:

- Tuesdays in the hilltop area
- Wednesdays in the west-valley area (west of Mink Creek Road and Flats Connector)
- Thursdays in the east-valley area

\*If you live in a mobile home park, four-plex or apartment building it is recommended you talk to the facility manager for information on your waste collection schedule as it may vary from above.

Excess household waste can be dropped off at the Whitecourt Transfer Station or Whitecourt Regional Landfill during hours of operation.

#### **CURBSIDE BLUE BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM**

To help you in your recycling efforts, Whitecourt offers a Curbside Blue Bag Recycling Program for residents. The best part? There is no need for sorting! Fill a blue bag with all of your recycleable products and place it on your front curb every Friday before 7am. There is no limit to how many bags you can place out each week.

Items must be clean and free of foods, liquids and dirt. The following recyclable products *are accepted*:

- Mixed paper/paperboard: magazines, flyers, newspaper, catalogues, office paper, envelopes, craft paper, books with front and back cover removed
- Wrapping paper and greeting cards (no foil, decorations removed)
- Cardboard (flatten and fold beneath the blue bag for pick up)
- Aluminum and tin cans, pie plates and containers
- Plastics labeled #1 through #7 (no lids or caps): includes hard containers, tubs, bottles and clam shells
- Deposit items: mix containers, pop and beer cans and bottles, tetra paks

#### Items *not accepted*:

- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags
- Straws/plastic utensils
- Coffee/plastic cups
- Glass jars or bottles
- Hazardous waste

If you have questions or are unsure if an item is accepted under the program, contact the Town Office at 780-778-2273.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### I set out my waste cart for collection, but my garbage was not picked up. Why?

Typically, if your garbage was set out by 7am and it was not picked up it was due to improper cart placement. The automated collection service requires the cart to be at least 1 metre from any obstacles (i.e. carts, cars, etc.) and the wheels of the cart must be in the curb with the arrows on the lid facing the road (otherwise the cart may be damaged during collection). The lid must also be closed tightly in order to be collected. For details on proper cart placement visit www.whitecourt.ca.

# Where can I recycle containers that I've paid a deposit on?

The Whitecourt Bottle Depot accepts deposit items, including bottles, cans, tetra paks, etc. Contact the Whitecourt Bottle Depot at 780-778-5388.

# Where can I recycle used oil, oil containers and filters?

The Whitecourt Regional Landfill accepts used oil and filters, emptied DEF and oil containers up to 20 litres.

# WHITECOURT TRANSFER STATION

3209 41 Avenue, Whitecourt 780-778-5157

Open Daily from 10:00am to 6:00pm Closed on statutory holidays

# WHITECOURT REGIONAL LANDFILL

17km east of Whitecourt on Highway 43 780-648-2273

April 1 to September 30: Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 5:30pm Friday-Saturday 9:00am to 4:30pm

October 1 to March 31 Monday to Saturday 9:00am to 4:30pm

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# WASTE FACILITY ACCESS TAG

Proof of residency is required when using the Whitecourt Regional Landfill and Whitecourt Transfer Station. If you have a utility account, and pay the landfill charge on your monthly bill, you will be given on Waste Facility Access Tag to ensure quick and easy access to the Whitecourt Regional Landfill and Whitecourt Transfer Station. If you do not hold a utility account, or pay the landfill fee, you will be asked to show your driver's licence or other ID that proves you are a resident of Whitecourt.

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## **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**

The Whitecourt Transfer Station and Whitecourt Regional Landfill accept electronic material, batteries, and fluorescent tube lights for recycling.

The following materials are accepted:

desktop computers	printers	CD players	television
cables	telephones	laptops	speakers
pagers	keyboards	fax/copiers	VCRs
cell phones	microwaves	cell phone batteries	

Appliances are ONLY accepted at the Whitecourt Regional Landfill.

## **COMPOSTING AT THE TRANSFER STATION**

Grass and leaves (excluding noxious weeds such as creeping Charlie, musk thistle, etc.) are accepted at the Whitecourt Transfer Station for composting. A bin for composting grass is also available at the GFL office located at 4138 42 Street. Composted material is available at the Transfer Station to the public free of charge (be sure to bring your own shovel and bucket).

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ANTIFREEZE AND PAINT

Help keep toxic materials out of hte sewer systems and the landfill by taking your household hazardous waste, antifreeze and paint products to the Whitecourt Transfer Station for safe disposal.

Examples of materials accepted at the Transfer Station include:

aerosol paints/sprays	acetone	air fresheners (aerosol)	ammonia
all-purpose cleaners	antifreeze	barbeque starters	rust remover
brake fluid and lining	butane fluid	car (lead-acid) batteries	degreasers
car waxes/polishes	disinfectants	drain cleaners	gasoline
insecticides	kerosene	furniture polish/wax	waxes

Commercial and industrial hazardous waste is NOT accepted. Oil is NOT accepted.

The Whitecourt Regional Landfill accepts used oil and filters, emptied DEF and oil containers up to 20 litres.

# TIRE RECYCLING

Tires are accepted for recycling at the Whitecourt Regional Landfill.

# BATTERY RECYCLING

Household batteries can be dropped off for recycling at Staples Whitecourt (4223 52 Avenue).

TOWN OF WHITECOURT - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 5004 52 Avenue, Box 509, Whitecourt Alberta T7S 1N6 Phone: 780.778.2273 Fax: 780.778.2062 Email: administration@whitecourt.ca www.whitecourt.ca Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4<u>:30 p.m. (Closed between 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m.)</u>