

city of

Wetaskiwin

PRESS RELEASE

Residential waste collection changes coming to Wetaskiwin in 2021

December 8, 2020

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – Wetaskiwin City Council approved an amendment to Waste Management Bylaw 1940-20 following a presentation by the City’s Waste & Recycle department. As a result, solid waste collection will be moving to a 5-day schedule (Monday to Friday) by the second quarter of 2021.

The waste collection date will remain the same for most City residents. Some addresses on the Tuesday and Friday routes will be moved to the new Monday pick-up route and affected customers will be notified prior to the switch.

“We were tasked with finding a way to maintain the level of service for solid waste collections while finding efficiencies for the Waste & Recycle department as a whole,” said Bob Wood, City of Wetaskiwin Waste & Recycle Manager. “Changing to a five-day pick-up service and re-purposing an existing staff position while saving taxpayer dollars was a win-win.”

This change will allow the Waste & Recycle department to operate more efficiently by repurposing one employee to the landfill to improve customer service and safety at the landfill. One solid waste truck will be used for pick-ups each day, with the second truck used as a back-up in case of breakdowns. Estimated cost savings annually will be \$40,000 to \$60,000—with no loss of personnel.

As part of the approved amendment to the Waste Management Bylaw 1940-20—passed at the January 13, 2020 City Council meeting—multi-family units are now included in the scope of solid waste collections for the City. This now includes the two mobile home parks within City limits. Currently mobile home parks contract solid waste collection services through a private company. Mobile home park owners have been notified of the coming changes and have been provided ample time to end any current contracts before the City begins collection in these areas by the second quarter of 2021.

The new collection zone map can be viewed at www.wetaskiwin.ca/utilities. Questions can be directed to the City’s Waste & Recycle department at 780.361.4448.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of 12,655 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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