We're Here to Help!!!

City Staff are available to answer questions or handle your concerns.

Don't be afraid to call!

Numbers to Remember:

City Hall: (403) 362-3333

Public Works: (403) 362-3146

Landfill: (403) 362-5188

Recycling: (403) 362-2132

Waste Management

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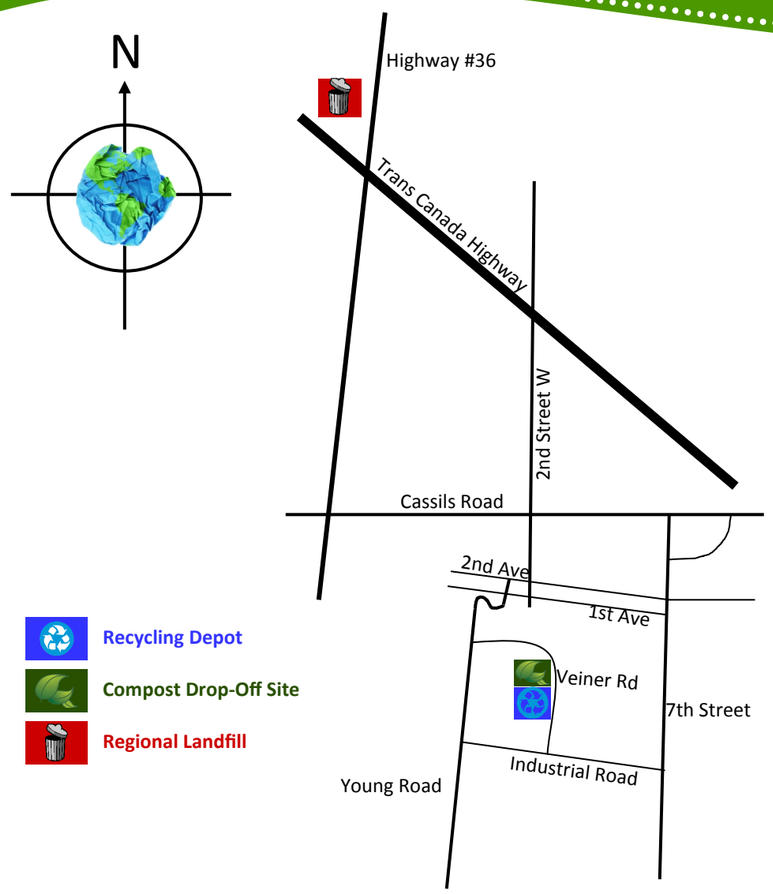

The Regional Landfill is located off the Trans Canada Highway (6 miles west of Brooks) on Secondary Highway #36.

Summer Hours:
(April 1 - October 31)
Monday to Saturday: 9am-4pm

Winter Hours:
(November 1 - March 31)
Monday to Friday: 9am-4pm
Saturday: 10am-2pm

The Newell Recycling Association Depot is located in the South Industrial Park at 279 Veiner Road.

Regular Hours:
7:30am-Noon, 1pm-4:30pm

Drop-off bins available 24 hours a day.

"What do I do with *this*??"

Ever had a piece of garbage and wondered what you were supposed to do with it? What are you supposed to do with an old freezer? Where do you take leftover paint?

Well, this should help!

Household Garbage: The City provides residential waste pickup once a week. All items are to be placed *inside* the dumpster or container provided; anything outside the container will not be picked up. The bins are picked up and emptied with a mechanical arm so anything outside the bin will be left behind and is considered litter. Large household items can be brought to the Newell Regional Landfill.

Household Compost: Any household items that can decompose (fruit or vegetable peels, coffee grinds, leaves, etc.) can be placed in a backyard composter to be used to create a rich fertilizer. Yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves and small twigs, can be brought to the Recycling Depot and dropped off in the compost pile.

Household Recycling: All household recycling is to be taken to the Recycling Depot. Drop off bins are open 24 hours a day; the Recycling Depot accepts cardboard, newsprint, white and colored paper, shredded paper, plastics (includes bags and film, ie: saran wrap) tin cans, and aluminum containers. Please ensure that plastic, tin and aluminum containers are rinsed clean first.

Grass Clippings: Grass clippings, which are compostable, may be placed in a backyard composter, dumpsters labeled Grass Clippings ONLY, or at the compost drop-off site at the Recycling Depot. A good alternative to removing grass clippings is to use a mulching blade or lawn mower so that the clippings can be used to fertilize your lawn.

Metal: Any unwanted metal (sheet metal, bed frames, etc) can be taken to Brooks Industrial Metals where it will be recycled.

Did You Know?!

You can make **20 CANS** out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it take to make one new one. The energy saved from recycling one aluminum can will power a television for **three hours**.

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Did You Know?!

Albertans have recycled close to 58 million tires since 1992. 100% of these tires are processed here in Alberta.

Tires: Tires that have been taken off the rims may be taken to the Regional Landfill. There is no fee to drop tires off.

Trees, Stumps and Large Branches: Trees are to be taken to the Regional Landfill and there is no fee for dropping them off. Large branches *are absolutely not* to be left at the compost drop-off site at the Recycling Depot.

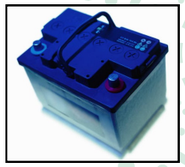
Did You Know?!

Alberta was the first place in North America that began recycling their electronics.

Furniture: Unwanted furniture (couches, mattresses, etc) can be taken to the Regional Landfill. Furniture will not be picked up by the City garbage trucks, so these items *are not* to be left in alleys or in dumpsters. There is no fee for dropping off furniture. If the furniture is still in good condition, consider dropping it off at a local second hand store.

Oil: Used engine oil, filters and oil containers can be taken to the Recycling Depot. There is a designated drop-off bin available 24 hours a day.

Batteries: Rechargeable and Ni-Cad batteries may be taken to the Regional Landfill or the Recycling Depot, where they will be properly disposed of. Lead acid batteries (used in automotives, lawnmowers, etc) can be taken to Brooks Industrial Metals.



Concrete: Unwanted concrete is to be taken to the Regional Landfill. A concrete recycling program exists in Alberta and the broken pieces are ground up and reclaimed for future use. Concrete is no longer to be left in the industrial area off of Silver Sage Road. There is a fee for dropping off concrete: "clean" concrete can be dropped off for $7.50/ton and "dirty" concrete (large pieces or with lots of rebar) is $15/ton.

Household Toxic Waste: Toxic waste (household cleaning supplies, etc) can be taken to the Regional Landfill or the Recycling Depot 24 hours a day, year round. This ensures these toxic materials will be disposed of properly. For large volume drop-offs, please call the landfill.

Paint: Paint (spray paint, oil paint, latex, etc.) may be dropped off at the Recycling Depot 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is a designated area for all types of paint and a program exists in Alberta to ensure that these materials are properly dealt with.

Electronics: Household electronics are to be taken to the Recycling Depot. An electronic recycling program exists and many parts of these items can be reclaimed for future use. The program currently accepts computers, monitors, computer accessories and televisions. Many cell phone stores will also accept old cell phones for recycling.

Did You Know?!

It is estimated that about 30 million litres of paint is sold in Alberta each year. On average, 5 to 10 percent of this ends up as waste.
In 2008, Albertans recycled over 1.9 million litres of paint.

Appliances: Large household appliances (washing machines, refrigerators, microwaves, freezers, air conditioners, etc) can be taken to the Regional Landfill or Brooks Industrial Metals. At the landfill, there is a $15 fee for any item that contains Freon; at Brooks Industrial Metals, there is no fee. Appliances will *not* be picked up by the City garbage trucks, so these items *are not* to be left in alleys or placed in dumpsters.

Did You Know?!

On average, Albertans recycle more than 16,000 TV's, 26,000 monitors and 22,000 computers each month.
But researchers estimate as much as 75% of recyclable electronics are still in storage.

Propane Tanks: Propane tanks are commonly refilled but after 10 years they must be exchanged, recertified, or disposed of. Unwanted tanks can be disposed of at the Regional Landfill or Brooks Industrial Metals. At either location, the tanks do not have to be emptied first.

**Please Note:* *The Newell Regional Landfill will be redirecting large loads of clean recyclables, such as cardboard, to the Recycling Depot. This is being done to ensure recyclables are not being sent to the landfill.*

✲ Where Does it End Up? ✲

Have you ever wondered what happens with materials once they have been recycled?

Plastics: The mixed plastics that are collected locally are made into recycled lumber for benches and decking, fencing posts, flower pots, garbage bags, and parking curbs.

Aluminum: Recycled aluminum is melted down and remade into cans and various parts for airplanes.

Cardboard: When cardboard is recycled, it is remade into cardboard, paper towels, pen/pencil coverings and coffee filters (the brown, non-bleached type).

Paper: Toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, and copy paper are all examples of products that are made out of recycled paper. Check the labels of these products to find out if they are made from recycled products!

Tires: Recycled scrap tire products manufactured in Alberta include "loose crumb" for safer than sand playgrounds, loose crumb filled "mattresses" for the dairy industry, moulded products such as patio "pavers", floor tiles and residential roofing shingles. Tire shred is also used as drainage material in civil engineering applications.

Computers: When computers are recycled, they are first broken down into their component parts. The steel from computers goes to steel foundries, the cathode ray tubes go to a lead smelter, the non-ferrous metals (ie: aluminum) go to metal recyclers and the plastic goes to plastic recyclers.

Paint: 80 per cent of waste paints being returned are recycled into new products. These recycled paint products have the same quality control standards as regular paint.

Oil: Of all the oil recycled in 2005, 4 per cent was used as heating oil in small space heaters, 22 per cent was re-refined into lubricating base oil, 23 per cent was reprocessed into other petroleum products, and 51 per cent was used as heating oil by industrial and asphalt plants.

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