



**GUIDE** series

# Green Calgary's Reuse and Recycling Guide

## Options for Reuse and Recycling in Calgary, AB

This document provides options for reuse and recycling of various items. As markets for recyclables change rapidly, we cannot guarantee that ALL links or contact information will be up-to-date. All attempts are made to keep the list current but if you discover any discrepancies, please contact Ashley at [ashley@greencalgary.org](mailto:ashley@greencalgary.org).

### **AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION**

Municipalities have traditionally taken on the role of solid waste management, including recycling, but are municipalities best able to handle the waste created by consumers? Does this result in the best use of the world's resources? As it stands, companies are free to create short-lived products, excessive packaging and excessive material flows since the costs associated with waste management are not accrued to them at the end of the products' useful life. They derive no benefit from creating products that are less wasteful or that have recyclability in mind. In essence, governments are subsidizing companies to be wasteful, putting a huge burden on the Earth.

A positive development to deal with this problem has been the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) by some governments. EPR imposes accountability over the entire life cycle of a product and its packaging. This means that manufacturers are required to be financially or physically responsible for their products and packaging after their useful life. They must either take back spent products and manage them through reuse, recycling or in energy production, or delegate this responsibility to a third party, a so-called producer responsibility organization (PRO), which is paid by the producer for spent-product management. In this way, EPR shifts responsibility for waste from government to private industry, obliging producers, importers and/or sellers to internalize waste management costs in their product prices.

Several companies have done this voluntarily but governments can play a larger role in making EPR a reality. For more information on EPR and the role of government in making manufactures responsible for the products and packaging they create visit [www.productpolicy.org](http://www.productpolicy.org).

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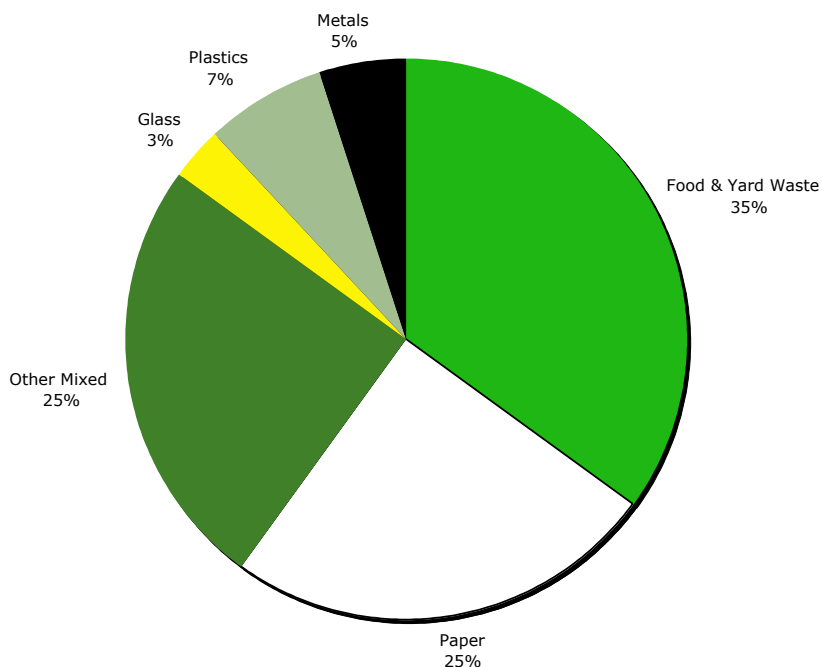
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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

“Egyptian pyramids have preserved corn, seeds, and even human parts such as hair because they were sealed away from sunlight with little oxygen and moisture. Our waste dumps are somewhat like that.”

- Tony Andrady, author of *Plastics in the Environment* (Adapted from Alan Weisman’s *The World Without Us*)

### Average Residential Waste Composition (% by weight)



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Food and yard waste are the largest contributors to Calgary’s waste problem. In fact, 35% of residential waste can be composted! By using the City’s seasonal [leaf and pumpkin drop-off program](#), [grass-cycling](#) and [backyard composting](#), Calgarians make a significant contribution to reducing the amount of waste going to landfill. Also, reducing [organic material in the landfill](#) reduces methane – a greenhouse gas that has 22 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Methane is produced when organic material is placed in the landfill and deprived of oxygen.

For more information on reducing food and yard waste see section on [Organics](#) below.

## Dishwashers and Fridges

### Bo-West Appliances (2 locations)

6319 Bowness Road NW

(403) 286-0900

4310 – 17th Avenue SE

(403) 234-4949

- Accepts working / non working appliances
- Accepts fridges – fee charged
- Please call for details

### Blackfoot Metal

3415 Ogden Road SE

(403) 720-5970

- Accepts large appliances (**no fridges**)

### Federal Metals

9715 - 52 Street SE - (403) 236-0402

- Accepts scrap and household metal such as tin, aluminum, copper, brass and stainless steel

### Calgary Metal

4025 – 90 Ave SE

(403) 262-4542

- Accepts scrap metal
- Accept farm scrap
- Accepts any kind of metal

### Navajo Metals

5857 - 12 Street SE

(403) 252-7787

- Accepts scrap metal, cars and appliances

## Kettles and Other Small Appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.)

### Recycle Logic

4324 Quesnay-Wood Drive S.W. (Currie Barracks Farmers Market)

Open 7 days a week

[www.recycle-logic.com](http://www.recycle-logic.com)

## Microwaves

### Technotrash Alberta Ltd.

4915 – 77th Ave SE

(403) 265-2332

[www.technotrash.ca/](http://www.technotrash.ca/)

### Ecycle Solutions

3121 16th St NE

(403) 945-2611

[www.ecyclesolutions.com](http://www.ecyclesolutions.com)

### Recycle Logic

4324 Quesnay-Wood Dr SW

(Currie Barracks Farmers Market)

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## Stoves

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6319 Bowness Road NW

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4310 – 17th Avenue SE

(403) 234-4949

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## AUTO

### Auto Batteries

Many automotive shops will accept used auto batteries, but they can also be taken to the following recyclers:

#### All Auto Battery

4119 Ogden Road SE

(403) 263-7160

#### All Start

107 – 46 Ave SW

(403) 243-1090

### Freon

Commonly found refrigerant in the air conditioners of older vehicles. Can be recycled at:

#### Eskimo Refrigeration

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Automotive chemicals including antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, motor oil, rust inhibitors and removers, solvents, and transmission fluid can be dropped off at the following fire stations and landfills:

#### Fire Stations

- #4 Fire Station (1991 18th Ave. N.E.)
- #17 Fire Station (3740 32nd Ave. N.W.)
- #20 Fire Station (2800 Peacekeepers Way S.W.)
- #24 Fire Station (2607 106th Ave. S.W.)
- #26 Fire Station (450 Midpark Way S.E.)

Seven days a week: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## Landfills

- East Calgary Landfill (68th Street and 17th Avenue, S.E.)
- Shepard Landfill (52nd Street and 114th Avenue S.E.)
- Spyhill Landfill (69th Street and 112th Avenue N.W.)

Summer hours: April 1 to October 31 (Seven days a week: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Winter hours: November 1 to March 31 (Monday – Saturday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

4705 61st Avenue SE - (403) 279-8091

## Plastic Containers Containing Used Oil

### Evergreen Recycling

(403) 240-8568

- Used plastic oil containers and filters.

**Note:** Most gas stations now have a bin for the collection of empty oil containers.

## Used Oil and Filters

Collection and processing is administered through the Alberta Used Oil Management Association (AUOMA). To find a drop of location near you visit [www.auoma.com](http://www.auoma.com).

## Used Tires

The City of Calgary will accept up to four rimless tires at all landfill sites. More than four rimless tires can be taken to the Shepard landfill only. Fees will apply.

- For more information about the Alberta tire recycling program visit: [www.albertarecycling.ca](http://www.albertarecycling.ca)

## Vehicle Donation

Various charitable organizations will accept vehicles for donation as a way to fund their activities.

### Canadian Cancer Society

(403) 255-5204

- Free Towing
- Tax Receipt

### Car Heaven

1-888-441-2277

or (780) 408-4580

### Kidney Foundation

(403) 279-7707

- Running or not
- Free towing
- Tax Receipt

## BATTERIES

### Auto Batteries

Many automotive shops will accept used auto batteries, but they can also be taken to the following recyclers:

#### All Auto Battery

4119 Ogden Road SE

(403) 263-7160

- Accepts both auto and rechargeable batteries.

#### All Start

107 – 46 Ave SW

(403) 243-1090

## Rechargeable Batteries

Consumers can take their dead rechargeable batteries to all Radio Shack, Canadian Tire, Astrol Photo, Black's Photography, Zellers, Future Shop, London Drugs Stores, RONA and Battery Plus Stores. This is a national program by Rechargeable Battery Recycling in Canada. For more information call (416) 535-9210

## Single Use Batteries

Since single-use batteries do not fall under Alberta's hazardous waste legislation, small quantities may be added to regular household waste. However, **batteries** do contain hazardous waste and are banned in many jurisdictions around the world. As such, Green Calgary recommends that residents use the processors provided below.

### FACT

As of February 8, 2006 the State of California has prohibited anyone from placing single use batteries, fluorescent tubes and electronics in the landfill.

### Community Natural Foods

10th Avenue Market: 1304 10 Ave SW - (403) 229-2383

Chinook Station Market: 202 - 61st Ave SW – (403) 541-0606

- Accepts single use batteries from their customers

### Ikea Canada Calgary

8000 11 St., S.E. (Deerfoot Meadows) - (403) 273-4338

- Accepts single use batteries from their customers.

### Interstate Batteries

#4, 6112 – 30 St. S.E. - (403) 216-3390

- Accepts single use batteries from the general public for a small fee (contact for more details).

### Mountain Equipment Co-op

830 – 10th Ave SW - (403) 269-2420

- Accepts single use batteries purchased at Mountain Equipment Co-op.

### TIP

A typical high quality AA battery costs consumers approximately \$1.00. High quality chargers can be purchased for around \$25 (including 4 AA batteries) and can be charged up to 1000 times. A charger pack will give you the equivalent of 4000 single-use batteries. Do the math:

**Single use batteries: \$1.00 X 4,000 = \$4,000.00**

**Rechargeable Pack: = \$25.00**

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**A total savings of: \$3,975.00**

## BOTTLE DEPOTS

Beverage containers, including **soft drinks, beer, tetrapaks** (i.e. juice boxes, soy, rice and almond milk), **liquor** and **wine containers** (excluding milk containers) can be returned for a refund.

To find a depot near you, visit the Beverage Container Management Board website at [www.bcmb.ab.ca](http://www.bcmb.ab.ca) or call 1-888-424-7671.

Domestic **beer containers** may be returned directly to the producer (i.e. the store where the product was purchased) for full refund. They may also be taken to:

**Brewer's Distributor Limited Bottle Depots**

2930 Centre Avenue NE  
(403) 531-1090

**Wine Corks** – glue them together to make a nifty little hot plate or tear the corks up and compost them! They function as the brown carbonaceous material.

## CLEANING PRODUCTS

### Household cleaners (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Many household cleaners are toxic in nature and often it is possible to get the same results with environmentally-friendly choices. Natural cleaning products can be found at the following retailers:

**Amaranth Whole Foods Market**

7 Arbour Lake Dr NW  
(403) 547-6333

**Green Calgary EcoStore**

809 4th Ave SW  
(403) 230-1443 ext 222

**Community Natural Foods**

Chinook Station Market 1304 - 10th Ave SW (403) 229-2383	10th Avenue Market & Café 202 - 61st Ave SW (403) 541-0606
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**Planet Organic**

10233 Elbow Drive SW (403) 252-2404	4625 Varsity Dr NW (403) 288-6700
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**Sunnyside Market**

302 10 St NW  
(403) 270-7477

Green Calgary offers a **Green Cleaning** workshop for those interested in making their own environment-friendly cleaning products. Visit [www.greencalgary.org](http://www.greencalgary.org) for more information.

## CONSTRUCTION

### Asphalt and Concrete

**Fish Creek Excavating**

7515 - 84 Street SE - (403) 248-8222

**Calgary Aggregate Recycling**

6020 - 94 Ave SE - (403) 279-8330



## Brick

### Calgary Aggregate Recycling

6020-94 Ave. SE - (403) 279-8330

## Building Materials (Reuse, Donation)

### The (Habitat for Humanity) ReStore

Bay 125, 2323 - 32 Avenue NE - (403) 291-6764

5200 – 64 Avenue SE - (403) 205-4180

- Recycles doors, appliances, furniture, lumber, electrical and plumbing supplies, and other building supplies (contact for more details).

### Tim's Re-Usables

336 - 35 Avenue NE - (403) 276-1616

- Accepts new and used renovation products including doors, kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures and various other building materials (contact for more details).

## Carpet

Several carpet manufactures have created an extended producer responsibility program whereby they will take back their own carpet for recycling. For more information see:

### Invista Reclamation Program

[www.antron.invista.com](http://www.antron.invista.com)

1-877-5-ANTRON

Contact the local representative for more information:

#### **KBM Commercial Floor Coverings Inc**

Micheal Kulyk

1260 - 26th Avenue SE - Calgary, AB - (403) 274-5292

**Note:** The **Calgary Humane Society** occasionally needs good quality, clean carpet to line cages. Please call (403) 205-4455 for more details.

## Cinder Blocks

### Fish Creek Excavating

7515 - 84 Street SE - (403) 248-8222

### Calgary Aggregate Recycling

6020 – 94 Ave SE- (403) 279-8330

Doors (see [Building Materials \(Reuse, Donation\)](#) above)

Fixtures (see [Building Materials \(Reuse, Donation\)](#) above)

## Gypsum Drywall

### Bio-Cycle Nutrient Solutions Ltd.

9908 – 24th St SE - (403) 803-2549

- Accept clean, uncontaminated drywall.

**Linoleum** (we are unaware of any non-landfill solutions for this material at the present time)

## Lumber

### The (Habitat for Humanity) ReStore

Bay 125, 2323 - 32 Avenue NE - (403) 291-6764

5200 – 64 Avenue SE - (403) 205-4180

•Recycles doors, appliances, furniture, lumber, electrical and plumbing supplies, and other building supplies (contact for more details).

**Paint, Paint Thinners and Wood Preservatives** (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))

## Pallets and Skids

## Shingles (recycling)

### Alberta Waste and Recycling

Located 6 km west of Airdrie on Hwy 567 - (403) 948-0808

[albertarecycling@shaw.ca](mailto:albertarecycling@shaw.ca)

## Stone

### Calgary Aggregate Recycling

6020-94 Ave. SE - (403) 279-8330

## Wood

### Beaver Grinding

8818 Barlow Trail SE

(403) 651-0590

### Ecco Waste Systems

9908 24 ST. SE

(403) 720-3855

### IG Machine and Fibers Ltd.

4300 - 15th Street SE

(403) 265-2128

## BUILDING MATERIALS DONATION

The (Habitat for Humanity) ReStore accepts **doors, appliances** (less than 10 years old), **furniture, lumber, electrical and plumbing supplies, porcelain products, roofing materials, windows, and other building supplies** for reuse.

There are two locations in Calgary for your convenience:

Bay 125, 2323 - 32 Avenue NE

(403) 291-6764

5200 – 64th Ave SE

(403) 205-4180

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

### Calgary Commercial Recycling

(403) 282-8801

- Recycling solutions for condos, townhouses, high-rises and businesses. Downtown only.

### **Community Recycling**

(403) 254-9906

- Weekly curbside pickup.

### **Condo Recycling Solutions**

(403) 680-7557

[www.condorecycling.com](http://www.condorecycling.com)

- Recycling solutions for condos, townhouses, high-rises and businesses.

### **Curbside Recyclers Inc.**

(403) 398-8412

### **Greenway Recycling**

(403) 263-9025

[www.recycle2@telusplanet.net](mailto:www.recycle2@telusplanet.net)

- Weekly curbside pickup. Service NW and NE close to Centre St.

### **Recycle Blue**

(403) 230-1030

- Weekly curbside pickup. Strictly residential and handle most of the East side of the city.

### **Recycle Plus of Calgary**

(403) 230-1030

- Weekly curbside pickup.
- Paper, plastic, metal, glass, electronics.

### **Residential Recycling**

(403) 245-4451

- Weekly curbside pickup. West of the Deerfoot.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

The City of Calgary will be phasing in citywide curbside recycling in 2009. This service will be extended to residents in single-family homes up to and including fourplexes. This service will not be provided to multi-family residents, farms or acreages. [Community recycling depots](#) will remain in place for these users. For more information call 3-1-1.

## **ELECTRONICS**

### **Cell Phones**

#### **The EcoStore – Green Calgary**

809 4th Ave S.W. - (403) 230-1443 ext. 222

•Cell phones dropped off at The EcoStore support Green Calgary’s many environmental initiatives. Cell phone recycling boxes are available on a temporary or permanent basis free of charge. Visit [www.greencalgary.org](http://www.greencalgary.org) for more information.

## Compact Disks (CDs, DVDs)

### Technotrash Alberta Ltd.

4915 – 77 Ave SE - (403) 265-2332

- Call for details

## CD Cases (Jewel Cases)

## Computer Donation (see [Computer Donation](#) in the [Reuse](#) section)

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) administers the **Electronics Recycling Program** in Alberta. The ‘end of life’ program applies to:

- Computer Monitors
- Computer Towers including keyboards, mice, cables, speakers and servers)
- Laptops
- Printers
- Televisions

Please visit [www.albertarecycling.ca](http://www.albertarecycling.ca) or call 1-888-999-8762 to find a collection site near you.

## Ink Cartridges and Toner Cartridges

### Image Plus Laser

#461, 918 - 16 Avenue NW

(403) 282-3657

Outlet-Brentwood

- Recycles empty printer, fax and inkjet cartridges

### Copier Masters Ltd.

#10, 1715 - 27 Avenue NE

(403) 571-5555

- Recycles laser printer and fax cartridges

### Gemini Printer-Data Supplies Co.

(403) 280-4906

- Recycles empty cartridges, laser printer repairs

### Ace Computer Ribbon Recyclers

P.O. Box 61368 RPO Postal

### Raven Laser Cartridge Recharge

(403) 228-0774

- Remanufactures toner cartridges

### Delron Laser Products Inc.

Box 277, 105 Fisher Street

(403) 938-6530

- Remanufactures toner cartridges

### Laser Recharging System Inc

#11, 3424 - 26 Street NE

(403) 275-2643

- Accepts all types of laser toner and inkjet cartridges

### Rocky Mountain Computer Products

Bay 103, 4715 -13 Street NE

Okotoks, Alberta

282-3999

•Recycles printer, inkjet, laser toner

(403) 216-7283

•Remanufactures toner cartridges

### thINK FOOD

1-888-271-3641

•Fundraising project for the Calgary Food Bank that collects and recycles inkjet cartridges

## Microwaves

### Ecycle Solutions

3121 16th St NE - (403) 945-2611

[www.ecyclesolutions.com](http://www.ecyclesolutions.com)

### Technotrash Alberta Ltd.

4915 – 77 Ave SE - (403) 265-2332

[www.technotrash.ca](http://www.technotrash.ca)

## Office Machines

### Ecycle Solutions

3121 16th St NE - (403) 945-2611

[www.ecyclesolutions.com/images/stories/armalist.pdf](http://www.ecyclesolutions.com/images/stories/armalist.pdf)

### Technotrash Alberta Ltd.

4915 – 77 Ave SE - (403) 265-2332

[www.technotrash.ca](http://www.technotrash.ca)

## Telephone Equipment

### Ecycle Solutions

3121 16th St NE - (403) 945-2611

[www.ecyclesolutions.com/images/stories/armalist.pdf](http://www.ecyclesolutions.com/images/stories/armalist.pdf)

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## FURNITURE

## Habitat for Humanity

Visit [habitatcalgary.ca/users/folder.asp?FolderID=58](http://habitatcalgary.ca/users/folder.asp?FolderID=58) for locations and contact information.

## Goodwill Industries of Alberta

259-4297

Visit [www.goodwill.ab.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=216](http://www.goodwill.ab.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=216) for locations and contact information.

## Value Village

Southeast Calgary

104 – 58th Ave SE

(403) 255-5501

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

Northeast Calgary

3405 – 34th St NE

(403) 291-3323

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

South Calgary

Unit #1 – 240 Midpark Way SE

(403) 201-5350

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

## Women in Need Society

Visit [www.womeninneed.net/index.php?page=3](http://www.womeninneed.net/index.php?page=3) for locations and contact information.

## Calgary Drop-in Centre

Furniture is only accepted during the week. No appliances

Calgary Drop-In Centre 423 - 4 Ave SE (South side of building, west end).

## GARDENING PRODUCTS

**Ant and rodent killer (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

**Composters (for more information see section on [composting](#) below)**

### **The EcoStore – Green Calgary**

809 4th Ave SW - (403) 230-1443 ext. 222

**Fertilizers (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

## Ladybugs

Ladybugs feed on insect pests, especially aphids, making them a gardener's best friend.

### **Quick Grow**

1 – 1204 Edmonton Trail NE  
(403) 276-5156

### **Green Gate Garden Centre**

14111 MacLeod Trail SW  
(403) 256-1212

**Westgro Horticultural Supplies** (is a wholesaler that will sell to the public)

1557 Hastings Cr. SE - (403) 287-3988

## Mulch (recycled)

### **Ecco Chips**

(403) 720-0442

- Supplier of recycled wood mulch product
- Call for details or visit [www.eccohips.com](http://www.eccohips.com) for a list of retailers.

**Weed killers (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

## GLASS

## Glass (including glass jars)

### **The City of Calgary Recycling Depots**

Many locations throughout the city

See section on [Recycling Depots in Calgary](#)

- Accepts household glass
- Rinse and remove labels

## HOBBY AND HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS

**Artist paint and inks (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

**Waterproofers (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

**Photographic chemicals (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

**Glues and cements (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

**Nail polish and remover (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

### Old drugs and medications

The province of Alberta is part of the Post Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association. Unused and expired drugs can be taken to 1 of 850 pharmacies around the province. For more information [click here](#).

### Used medicinal needles and sharps

Contact your local pharmacy to inquire about obtaining a biohazard container that can be returned when full.

## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

### FACT

“Chemicals have replaced bacteria and viruses as the main threat to health. The diseases we are beginning to see as the major causes of death in the latter part of (the 1900’s) and into the 21st century are diseases of chemical origin.”

*Dr. Dick Irwin, Toxicologist, Texas A&M University*

### Household Chemicals (see full list [below](#))

Can be dropped off at the following fire stations and landfills:

#### Fire Stations

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- #17 Fire Station (3740 32nd Ave NW)
- #20 Fire Station (2800 Peacekeepers Way SW)
- #24 Fire Station (2607 106th Ave SW)

#26 Fire Station (450 Midpark Way SE)

**Seven days a week: 8 am – 6 pm**

### Landfills

East Calgary Landfill (68th Street and 17th Avenue SE)

Shepard Landfill (52nd Street and 114th Avenue SE)

Spyhill Landfill (69th Street and 112th Avenue NW)

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## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

### Automotive Products:

antifreeze and used motor oil  
automotive batteries  
brake and transmission fluid  
gasoline  
rust inhibitors/removers  
solvents

### Cleaning products:

ammonia  
bleach  
cleaning solvents  
disinfectants  
drain, toilet and window cleaners  
hot tub and swimming pool chemicals  
oven cleaners  
septic tank cleaners  
spot removers

### Gardening Products:

ant and rodent killer  
fertilizers  
weed killer

### Paint and building products:

alkyd, latex and oil-based paints  
asphalt and roof tar  
lacquers, stains and varnishes  
paint thinners, strippers and solvents  
wood preservatives

### Hobby and health products:

artist paint and inks  
glues and cements  
mercury thermometers  
nail polish and remover  
photographic chemicals  
propane tanks  
waterproofers

## LIGHTING PRODUCTS

### Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Since CFLs do not fall under Alberta's hazardous waste legislation, small quantities may be added to regular household waste. However, CFLs *do contain mercury* and are banned from landfills in many jurisdictions around the world. As such, Green Calgary recommends that residents use the available recycling opportunities when available. Ikea has created an extended producer responsibility program, taking back CFLs from their customers for recycling. For more information contact:

#### Ikea Canada Calgary

8000 11 St., SE (Deerfoot Meadows) - (403) 273-4338

•Accepts compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) from their customers.

#### Home Depot Canada

All Calgary locations



## Fluorescent Tubes

Since fluorescent tubes do not fall under Alberta's hazardous waste legislation, small quantities may be added to regular household waste. However, fluorescent tubes *do contain mercury* and are banned from landfills in many jurisdictions around the world. As such, Green Calgary recommends that residents use the available recycling opportunities when available.

### Ikea Canada Calgary

8000 11 St., S.E. (Deerfoot Meadows) - (403) 273-4338

- Accepts fluorescent tubes from their customers.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)** are 75 per cent more efficient than conventional bulbs. And while CFLs contain a small quantity of mercury (4 milligrams versus 25 milligrams in a watch battery), the benefits from switching to CFLs from incandescent bulbs far outweigh the costs. This is because **the vast majority of mercury found in our environment is from the burning of coal for electricity** and since CFLs are far more efficient, mercury pollution is reduced overall.

## METAL

### Aerosol Cans

Can be taken to hazardous waste centers if they contain product (see section on [Household Chemicals](#)); empty aerosol cans go into regular household waste.

### Aluminum

#### Shred A Can

3815 - 90 Avenue SE - (403) 279-2724

#### Rainbow Salvage & Demolition Ltd.

#300, 104 East Lake Blvd NE (Airdrie) - (403) 948-4901

#### Calgary Metal (1985) Ltd.

3415 Ogden Road SE - (403) 262-4542

#### Blackfoot Metal

4025 - 90 Avenue SE - (403) 720-5970

### Aluminum Foil

### Appliance Recycling (and Reuse)

#### Bo-West Appliances (2 locations)

6319 Bowness Road NW - (403) 286-0900

4310 – 17th Avenue SE - (403) 234-4949

- Accepts working / non working appliances
- Accepts fridges – fee charged

### **Blackfoot Metal**

3415 Ogden Road SE - (403) 720-5970

- Accepts large appliances (no fridges)

### **Calgary Metal**

4025 – 90 Ave SE - (403) 262-4542

- Accepts scrap metal
- Accept farm scrap
- Accepts any kind of metal

### **Federal Metals**

9715 - 52 Street SE - (403) 236-0402

- Accepts scrap and household metal such as tin, aluminum, copper, brass and stainless steel

### **Navajo Metals**

5857 - 12 Street SE - (403) 252-7787

- Accepts scrap metal, cars and appliances

## **Ferrous Metals (Steel, Iron) and Nonferrous Metals**

### **Shred A Can**

3815 - 90 Avenue SE - (403) 279-2724

### **Rainbow Salvage & Demolition Ltd.**

#300, 104 East Lake Blvd NE (Airdrie) - (403) 948-4901

### **Calgary Metal (1985) Ltd.**

3415 Ogden Road SE - (403) 262-4542

### **Blackfoot Metal**

4025 - 90 Avenue SE - (403) 720-5970

## **Propane Tanks**

Includes 1 lb green camping cylinders – see section on [Household Chemicals](#).

## **Tin or Steel Cans**

### **The City of Calgary Recycling Depots**

Many locations throughout the city

See section on [Recycling Depots in Calgary](#)

- Accepts household food cans
- Rinse and remove labels

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Carpet**

Several carpet manufactures have created an extended producer responsibility program whereby they will take back their own carpet for recycling. For more information see:

## **Invista Reclamation Program**

[www.antron.invista.com](http://www.antron.invista.com)

1-877-5-ANTRON

Contact the local representative for more information:

### **KBM Commercial Floor Coverings Inc**

Micheal Kulyk - (403) 274-5292

## **Cooking Oil/Grease**

Mix it with birdseed or for larger quantities contact a local restaurant and see if they would allow you to add it to their commercial waste-collection system. If you are really handy and are the owner of a diesel vehicle, make bio-diesel. There is a wealth of resources on the internet for bio-diesel processing.

## **Fire Extinguishers (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

## **Furniture (see Furniture in the [Reuse](#) section)**

## **Mattresses**

Can be taken to throw and go at City of Calgary landfills. For good condition mattresses, see [Reuse Organizations](#) below.

## **Medical Equipment**

### **Ecycle Solutions**

3121 16th St NE - (403) 945-2611

[www.ecyclesolutions.com](http://www.ecyclesolutions.com)

## **Mercury-containing thermometers and thermostats (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

## **Office Furniture**

### **Buds Office Furniture**

19 - 4th Street NE - (403) 265-1661

## **Paint (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))**

## **Running Shoes**

The Running Room Canada Inc. will accept good condition running shoes to distribute to the less-fortunate. All Running Room stores will accept running shoes year-round. Contact your local store for more details:

321 10 St NW – (403) 270-7317

118 – 1600 90 Ave SW – (403) 252-3388

59 Shawville Blvd SE – (403) 254-9696

435 Crowfoot Village – (403) 239-2991

500 Country Hills Blvd NE – (403) 226-8709

## Smoke Detectors

Ionization smoke detectors do contain the radioactive material Americium 241. In response to stringent regulations in some jurisdictions, the major smoke detector manufacturers have set up take-back programs to deal with ionization smoke detectors in an environmentally responsible manner.

- Send First Alert, BRK and Family Guard Smoke Detectors to BRK Brands, 25 Spur Drive, El Paso, TX 79906, (800) 323-9005; [www.firstalert.com](http://www.firstalert.com). On the front of the package, write “**For Disposal.**” Up to five smoke alarms are accepted for free.

- Ship American Sensors and Dicon Smoke Detectors by surface mail to Dicon Inc., 20 Steelcase Road West, Unit #3, Markham, Ontario L3R 1B2, Canada, (800) 387-4219. On the front of the package, write “**For Recycling, \$0 Value.**”

## Wine Corks

Glue them together to make a nifty little hot plate or tear the corks up and compost them! They function as the brown carbonaceous material.

## ORGANICS

### ANNUAL LEAF AND PUMPKIN COMPOSTING

Residents can take their **bagged leaves** and **pumpkins** to any of the specially marked Leaf and Pumpkin drop-off locations or three city landfills during the Annual Leaf and Pumpkin Composting Program. The East Calgary Landfill (68th Street and 17th Avenue SE) accepts leaves and pumpkins free of charge from residents throughout the year.

The City composts the leaves and pumpkins and uses the material to enrich to the soil in the City’s many parks, as well as the Calgary Zoo.

## Brush

Can be taken to the East Calgary Landfill Site (17 Ave & 68 Street SE) to be composted at their composting pad. It must be requested at the scale house that this material be added to the branch pile set up for landscapers. The cost is \$5 for 250kg or less, or if a person has more than 250kg, a fee of \$30/tonne must be paid (organics rate).

## Christmas Trees

The City of Calgary accepts Christmas trees free of charge at one of the many seasonal drop-off locations or at any of the three City landfills during the annual Christmas Tree Mulching Program. Please remove all decorations and tinsel, plastic and string. No artificial trees accepted. A list of the seasonal locations is available online for the duration of the program.

## Dirt (Soil)

Uncontaminated soil free from any other debris including grass/sod, branches, hedge clippings, large rocks (larger than a baseball) is considered clean fill and may be disposed of at any City landfill (charges may apply).

## Grass (see section on [Grass-Cycling](#) below)

### GRASS-CYCLING

This is the process of leaving the grass cuttings on the lawn. Roughly 20 per cent of the waste entering landfills comes from our yards, so grass-cycling can make a big impact. Grass-cycling has many benefits including:

- Keeping the lawn healthy by slowly releasing nutrients.
- Reduces the need for watering as the clippings decrease evaporation.
- Greatly decreases the amount of waste going to landfill.

Alternatively, grass clippings can be composted. For more information on composting please visit [www.greencalgary.org](http://www.greencalgary.org).

## Leaves (see section on [Annual Leaf and Pumpkin Composting](#) above)

## Organic Waste (see note on [Backyard Composting](#) below)

### BACKYARD COMPOSTING

It is estimated that about **35% of the total waste stream could be composted!** Compost is the highest form of recycling and is produced through the recycling of organic materials. Food scraps, leaves and yard trimmings, paper wood, manure, and the remains of agriculture crops can be transformed into compost through composting. It is a valuable soil amendment and is high in organic matter, helping to return many nutrients to the soil, which are lost over time.

If you are interested in learning more about composting please visit [www.greencalgary.org](http://www.greencalgary.org).

## Pumpkins (see section on [Annual Leaf and Pumpkin Composting](#) above)

### Sod/Loam

Can be taken to any City landfill, where charges may apply.

### Tree Trimmings

Can be taken to the East Calgary Landfill Site (17 Ave & 68 Street SE) to be composted at their composting pad. It must be requested at the scale house that this material be added to the branch pile set up for landscapers. The cost is \$5 for 250kg or less, or if a person has more than 250kg, a fee of \$30/tonne must be paid (organics rate).

## Weeds (see section on [Composting Weeds](#) below)

### Wine Corks

Glue them together to make a nifty little hot-plate or tear the corks up and compost them! They function as the brown carbonaceous material.

## Yard Waste

Can be taken to the East Calgary Landfill Site (17 Ave & 68 Street SE) to be composted at their composting pad. It must be requested at the scale house that this material be added to the branch pile set up for landscapers. The cost is \$5 for 250kg or less, or if a person has more than 250kg, a fee of \$30/tonne must be paid (organics rate).

### COMPOSTING WEEDS

**Seeds** are the real problem. If you don't want to see a particular plant again, make sure it has not gone to seed. The leaves, stems and flowers won't likely give you problems.

If you have weeds that spread through **roots** or **rhizomes** (a horizontal stem of a plant that is usually found underground, often sending out roots and shoots from its nodes) do not put these in your composter as they may take over. **Mint, blackberry** and **couch (quack) grass** are common weeds that spread through their rhizomes.

## PAINT PRODUCTS

**Paint Disposal** (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))

**Paint Thinners** (see section on [Household Chemicals](#))

## PAPER

**Book Recycling** (for book reuse see [Reuse](#) below)

**Hardcover Books:**

**Capital Paper Recycling**

Bay 10, 4155-75th Ave. SE - (403) 543-3322

**Softcover Books:**

**The City of Calgary Recycling Depots**

Many locations throughout the city

See section on [Recycling Depots in Calgary](#)

**Mixed Paper including:**

- Brown paper bags
- Cardboard
- Catalogues
- Computer paper
- Magazines
- Milk cartons
- Newspaper

- Paperboard
- Telephone directories
- White office paper

### The City of Calgary Recycling Depots

Many locations throughout the city

See section on [Recycling Depots in Calgary](#)

## PET WASTE

### FACT

In 2001, Calgary was home to 92,563 dogs and 90,137 cats.

*City of Calgary, 2007 Civic Census Overview*

### Cat and Dog Waste

This material can be placed in a [digester](#), whereby the waste is digested rather than composted and is primarily reduced to water. The nutrient-rich water enters the soil under the base of the unit and unlike traditional composters, there is no need to manually turn the waste. For a step-by-step guide on making your own pet waste digester [click here](#).

Alternatively, dog and cat waste can be flushed down the toilet. The Biosolids removed at the wastewater treatment plants are recycled on Calgary area farmlands through the City's innovative Biosolids reuse program called [Calgro](#).

### Cat Litter

The natural alternatives (see above) can be added to a digester with the other cat waste. Otherwise, if the litter is free of cat feces, the natural litters can be composted. It should be kept separate from compost that may be used on vegetable gardens to prevent the transmission of oocysts (the dormant stage of [Toxoplasmosis](#)), which is sometimes found in cat feces (oocysts is killed when digested properly). The finished product is perfect for ornamental gardens.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Most cat litter is made from bentonite clay, which is strip-mined. This extremely destructive technique uses heavy equipment to strip off layers of earth to uncover clay seams, many of which are quite thin. The process has wiped out thousands upon thousands of hectares of land and removed millions of tonnes of earth. Luckily, though, alternatives exist. Some of the alternatives available in Calgary include:

**[Swheat Scoop](#)** – a cat litter made from naturally processed wheat (non-food grade) and is 100% biodegradable and compostable. It is also “certified flushable” when used as directed.

**[Yesterday's News](#)** – Purina's cat litter made from recycled newspapers.

**[Feline Pine](#)** – a litter made from compressed sawdust reclaimed from sawmills. It is 100% natural and compostable.

## FACT

“Except for a small amount that’s been incinerated, every bit of plastic manufactured in the world for the last 50 years or so still remains. It’s somewhere in the environment.”

- Tony Andrady, author of *Plastics in the Environment* (Adapted from Alan Weisman’s *The World Without Us*)

With the exception of plastic milk jugs, clean plastic bags, bubble wrap and beverage containers for which a deposit has been paid, **plastics** are *not* collected at the City of Calgary recycling depots.

Mixed plastics including yogurt and margarine containers, laundry and dish soap containers, shampoo bottles, plastic egg cartons, etc. vary greatly in their **plastic grades** and quality, making the collection, sorting and processing uneconomical (at this point in time) in Calgary. There are limited markets for plastics in Calgary and some curbside recyclers (see **Curbside Recycling** above) *will* accept plastics.

## #1 - #7 Plastics

Contact your local **curbside recycler** to see what plastics they will accept.

## Generic Plastic

Contact your local **curbside recycler** to see what plastics they will accept.

## Oil Contaminated Plastic Containers:

### Evergreen Recycling

(403) 240-85683

- Used plastic oil containers and filters.

## Other Plastics

Contact your local curbside recycler to see what plastics they will accept.

## Packaging Peanuts (see section on **Reuse** below)

## Plastic Bags

### The City of Calgary Recycling Depots

Many locations throughout the city

See section on **Recycling Depots in Calgary**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Markets for low-grade recycled plastics are heavily concentrated in China as much of the plastic manufacturing occurs there. Many of the plastics collected by private curbside recyclers find their way to China. Shipping plastics half a world away has many environmental problems associated with it. If you are concerned about this, do your best to avoid plastics in the first place or, if there are no other options, purchase durable plastic products that can be reused.



## Plastic Milk Containers

### The City of Calgary Recycling Depots

Many locations throughout the city

See section on [Recycling Depots in Calgary](#)

## REUSE

### Appliances (see section on [Appliances](#) above)

### Bicycle Donation

#### Bow Cycle and Sports

6501 Bowness Rd. NW - (403) 288-5422

• From November 1st to December 1st Bow Cycle accepts children's bikes for their Bikes for Kids program, whereby staff refurbish bicycles and distribute them to local charities.

#### The Good Life Community Bike Shop

Eau Clair Market- Unit B5, 200 Barclay Park SW - (403) 984-4727

• The Good Life Community Bicycle Shop is a non-profit community bicycle repair shop, resource and learning centre, and community space. They accept donations of all bicycles and related parts for repair and reuse.

#### The Hub (formerly known as Wheels of Self-Reliance)

[Calgary Drop-In Centre](#) 423 - 4 Ave SE (S side of building, west end).

• A do-it-yourself initiative which provides bicycles and repairs to financially-challenged Calgarians. Drop off anytime at the loading dock

#### Two Wheel View

#207, 223 – 12th Ave SW - (403) 698-9418

870-RIDE (7433) – mobile

• Two Wheel View needs mountain bikes, parts and accessories. Donations are used to ride, fix and repair mountain bikes used for youth biking programs.

### Book Donation

#### Calgary Public Libraries

Visit [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com/library/branches.aspx](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com/library/branches.aspx) for a list of branches.

• Books (with the exception of encyclopedias) can be donated to any of the library branches in the city. Simply visit the central circulation desk to donate books.

#### Calgary Reads

(403) 777-8254

[www.calgaryreads.com/index.htm](http://www.calgaryreads.com/index.htm)

• Holds a book sale each year during the last week of May. Books are collected May 1st through until the final week of May.

## Servants Anonymous Society and Herald Literacy

• Books in good condition are collected at the fire halls beginning mid-May and are sold at the Crossroads Market in June.

## Building Materials (Reuse, Donation; see section on [Construction](#) above)

### Cassettes

#### Recordland Ltd.

1208 9 Avenue SE, Calgary - (403) 262-3839

### Cell Phone Donation

#### The EcoStore – Green Calgary

809 4th Ave S.W. - (403) 230-1443 ext 222

• Cell phones dropped off at The EcoStore support Clean Calgary's many environmental initiatives. Cell phone recycling boxes are available on a temporary or permanent basis free of charge. Visit [www.greencalgary.org](http://www.greencalgary.org) for more information. .

### FACT

In 2005 alone, over 15 million Canadians subscribed to a cell phone plan. According to INFORM Inc., cell phones are replaced every 18 months and less than 5% are recycled

### Clothing

#### Canadian Diabetes Clothesline

1-800-505-5525

#### Calgary Drop-in Centre

Clothing and small household items are accepted at any time at the loading dock.

423 - 4 Ave SE (South side of building, west end).

For more information visit: [www.cdics.com](http://www.cdics.com)

#### Cerebral Palsy Association of Alberta

1-800-300-8255 for free pick-up

Visit [www.cpalberta.com/clothing.htm](http://www.cpalberta.com/clothing.htm) for a list of drop-off locations in Calgary

#### Salvation Army

Visit <http://ab.salvationarmy.ca/calgary/index.html> for a list of clothing bank locations around the city.

#### Value Village

Southeast Calgary

104 – 58th Ave SE

(403) 255-5501

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

Northeast Calgary

3405 – 34th St NE

(403) 291-3323

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

South Calgary

Unit #1 – 240 Midpark Way SE

(403) 201-5350

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

## Computer Donation

### Alberta Computers for Schools

Ernest Manning High School (rear entrance backing onto the Westbrook Mall parking lot)  
3600-16 Avenue SW | Phone: (403) 243-6321 | Fax: (403) 243-6321 | [cfsclg2@telusplanet.net](mailto:cfsclg2@telusplanet.net)

### Calgary Drop-in Centre

Any computers are refurbished and given to low income Calgarians.  
423 - 4 Ave SE (South side of building, west end). Phone: (403) 699-8281

### WARNING

Investigations by the toxic trade watchdog organization, Basel Action Network (BAN), has revealed that large quantities of obsolete computers, televisions, mobile phones, and other used electronic equipment exported from USA and Europe to Lagos, Nigeria for “re-use and repair” are ending up gathering dust in warehouses or being dumped and burned near residences in empty lots, roadsides and in swamps creating serious health and environmental contamination from the toxic leachate and smoke.

Be wary of organizations that claim to send electronics to “developing countries” for reuse and recycling. For more information visit: [www.ban.org](http://www.ban.org).

## Computer Floppy Disks

Trying to source a solution.

## Eyeglass and Eyeglass Case Donation

**Lions Recycle for Sight** - In 2002, the CLERC distributed 257,550 pairs of recycled eyeglasses to: Angola, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, El Salvador, Ghana, Haiti, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Samoa, Tanzania, Togo, and Zambia.

### DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Alberta Justice Department

Zellers Pharmacy

Norampac

Wal-Mart Vision Stores

St. Georges Moving and Storage

Sears optical

Bay Optical

Co-op pharmacy

Iris

Lens Crafters

DHL Express

Loblaws

King Optical

James Fowler High School

Superstore eyewear

Crown optical

Pearle Vision

CNIB

## Furniture (must be in good condition; NO broken furniture)

### Habitat for Humanity

Visit [www.habitatcalgary.ca/users/folder.asp?FolderID=58](http://www.habitatcalgary.ca/users/folder.asp?FolderID=58) for locations and contact information.

## Goodwill Industries of Alberta

(403) 259-4297

Visit [www.goodwill.ab.ca/](http://www.goodwill.ab.ca/) for locations and contact information.

## Value Village

Southeast Calgary

104 – 58th Ave SE

(403) 255-5501

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

Northeast Calgary

3405 – 34th St NE

(403) 291-3323

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

South Calgary

Unit #1 – 240 Midpark Way SE

(403) 201-5350

Store Hours

Mon – Sat: 9 - 9

Sun: 10 - 6

## Women in Need Society

Visit [www.womeninneed.net/index.php?page=3](http://www.womeninneed.net/index.php?page=3) for locations and contact information.

## Hearing Aids

Trying to source a solution.

## Household Item Donation (see section on [Reuse Organization](#) below)

## Ink Cartridges

For ink cartridge recycling see under [Electronics](#).

### Island Ink Jet

8 Locations in Calgary (click below for list of stores)

[http://www.islandinkjet.com/locator/results\\_state.php?s\\_Dealer\\_State=AB](http://www.islandinkjet.com/locator/results_state.php?s_Dealer_State=AB)

## Material Exchange

The [Calgary Material Exchange](#) (CMEX) assists companies in finding alternative disposal options for operational waste. CMEX provides businesses in the industrial, commercial, institutional, construction and demolition sectors with the knowledge and tools required to reduce, reuse and recycle. CMEX meets the unique needs of your organization by providing one on one support to reach your waste diversion goals.

## Musical Instruments

Many music stores repair, rent, buy, sell, trade or handle consignment musical instruments. Make sure you call ahead for details.

## Packaging Peanuts

Some companies will take clean foam peanuts for reuse. The following companies have accepted foam peanuts at one time or another:

### Calgary Warehouse Equipment

#5, 3815-61st Ave. SE - (403) 236-8133

Call for details.

## UPS Store 17th Ave SE

#2, 3012 17 Ave SE - (403) 235-0064

Call for details.

## Paint Donation

### Habitat for Humanity

Visit <http://habitatcalgary.ca/users/folder.asp?FolderID=58> for locations and contact information.

- Paint cans must be sealed.

## Records

### Recordland Ltd.

1208 9 Avenue SE, Calgary - (403) 262-3839

## Safety Glasses

### Lions Recycle for Sight

[www.clerc.ca](http://www.clerc.ca)

• Accept reading, single vision, bifocal, children, safety, non prescription sunglasses (new and used) frames.

## Sporting Goods (see section on [Reuse Organizations](#) below)

## Sunglasses (prescription and non-prescription accepted)

### Lions Recycle for Sight

[www.clerc.ca](http://www.clerc.ca)

• Accept reading, single vision, bifocal, children, safety, non prescription sunglasses (new and used) frames.

## Toner Cartridges (see section on [Electronics](#) above)

## Tools (see section on [Reuse Organizations](#) below)

## Toys (see section on [Reuse Organizations](#) below)

## Vehicle Donation

Various charitable organizations will accept vehicles for donation as a way to fund their activities.

### Canadian Cancer Society

(403) 255-5204

- Free Towing
- Tax Receipt

### Kidney Foundation

(403) 279-7707

- Running or not
- Free towing
- Tax Receipt

## REUSE ORGANIZATIONS

### Goodwill Industries of Alberta

(403) 259-4297

Visit [www.goodwill.ab.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=216](http://www.goodwill.ab.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=216) for locations and contact information.

- Goodwill accepts donations of household items in working order including clothing, toys, books, accessories, shoes and boots, electronics, small appliances, furniture, art, music...

### Salvation Army Thrift Stores

Visit [http://ab.salvationarmy.ca/services/thrift\\_stores.html](http://ab.salvationarmy.ca/services/thrift_stores.html) for locations and contact information.

- Accept clothing and household items.

### MCC Thrift Shop

2946 32 Street NE in Calgary - (403) 272-0282

Visit <http://www.mcc.org/thrift/>

- Accepts donations of clothing, books, household goods, furniture, small appliances, electronics, etc. Will pick up furniture by appointment. Drop-off hours are Monday to Saturday from 9:30 - 4:30.

### Value Village

Visit [www.valuevillage.com/whoweare/canada/calgary.php](http://www.valuevillage.com/whoweare/canada/calgary.php) for locations and contact information.

- Accept clothing, books, shoes, bags and belts, electronics, toys, infant goods, kitchenware, plasticware, sporting goods, vintage items, suitcases and wicker.

### Women in Need Society

Visit [www.womeninneed.net/index.php?page=3](http://www.womeninneed.net/index.php?page=3) for locations and contact information.

- Each Thrift Store offers clean and gently used merchandise including clothing, dishes, cookware, household goods, furniture and books.

### Calgary Drop-in Centre

All donations to the Loading Dock. 423 - 4 Ave SE (South side of building, west end).

- Accepting Furniture, clothing, household goods and computers. No appliances please.

## REUSE WEBSITES

### Craigslist

Is a centralized network of online urban communities, featuring free classified advertisements (with jobs, internships, housing, personals, for sale/barter/wanted, services, community, etc) and forums sorted by various topics.

### Freecycle

A great resource for finding items or getting rid of items, and the best part is that everything is FREE! You must join the group to have access to the service but membership is absolutely free.

Free, local and easy to use classifieds.

## RECYCLING DEPOTS IN CALGARY

### MATERIALS ACCEPTED AT THE CITY'S RECYCLING DEPOTS

- **Glass Food Jars:** Please rinse the jar and try to remove the labels, caps & lids if possible.
- **Metal Food Cans and Lids:** Rinse contents and try to remove labels from container.
- **Milk Jugs and Cartons:** Before you recycle empty plastic milk jugs and milk cartons, rinse them with water and then flatten them. Milk jugs and milk cartons go in the same bin at the recycling depots.
- **Mixed Paper and Cardboard:** Include all household paper such as letter paper, envelopes, greeting cards, cereal/other paper boxes, cardboard, telephone books and brochures. Please flatten all boxes.
- **Newspapers and Magazines:** Recycle dry newspaper, inserts and glossy magazines only.
- **Plastic Bags:** All plastic bags including grocery/shopping bags, clothing/garment bags, bread bags, sandwich/lunch bags and bubble wrap are accepted.

### Northwest Neighbourhood Depots

**Beacon Hill** 11320 Sarcee Trail NW

(West side of Home Depot parking lot)

**Beddington** 8120 Beddington Blvd. NW

(Northeast corner of Safeway parking lot)

**Bowness** 7937 43 Ave NW

(North side of old Safeway parking lot)

**Confederation Park** 2807 10 St. NW

(North side of Rosemont Community Association parking lot)

**Crowfoot** 90 Crowfoot Way NW

(South side of the Rona parking lot)

**Dalhousie Station** 5005 Dalhousie Dr. NW

(Southeast side of parking lot)

**Hamptons** 1000 Hamptons Dr. NW

(North side of Co-op parking lot)

**Hillhurst/Sunnyside** 1320 5 Ave. NW

(East side of community association parking lot)

**Huntington Hills** 7020 4 St. NW

(West side of old Zellers parking lot)

**Market Mall** 3625 Shaganappi Tr. NW

(North east corner of parking lot)

**North Hill** 1901 16 Ave. NW

(East side of the mall parking lot)

**Silver Springs** 5720 Silver Springs Blvd. NW

**Trans Canada West** Southwest of the intersection between Stoney Trail North and Trans Canada Highway West

**Varsity Varley** Dr. NW

### **Northeast Neighbourhood Depots**

**Bridgeland** Centre Avenue between 9A and 10 St. NE

**Castleridge** 55 Castleridge Blvd. NE

(North side of Safeway parking lot)

**Country Hills** 400 Country Hills Blvd. NE

(Southeast corner of Home Depot parking lot)

**Horizon** 3550 32 Avenue NE

(Southeast corner of Safeway parking lot)

**Marlborough** 500 Block of 36 St. NE

(West side of mall parking lot, along 36 Street NE)

**Monterey** 2220 68 St. NE

(Southwest corner of Co-op parking lot)

**Renfrew** 16 Ave. & Russet Rd. NE

(Renfrew Athletic Park)

**Sunridge** 2525 36 St. NE

(Southeast corner of mall parking lot)

**Trans Canada East** #300, 1440 52 St. NE

(South side of the Safeway store)

**Village Square** 2520 52 St. NE

(South side of Co-op parking lot)

### **Southwest Neighbourhood Depots**

**Bridlewood** 2335 162 Ave SW

(Behind medical clinic)

**Chinook** 6455 Macleod Tr. SW

(South west corner of Chinook Shopping Centre parking lot)

**Connaught** 813 11 Ave SW

(East side of Safeway store)

**Glenmore Landing** 1600 90 Ave SW

(Northeast corner of Safeway parking lot)

**Lakeview** 6449 Crowchild Tr. SW

(East side of IGA parking lot)



**Millrise** 150 Millrise Blvd. SW

(East side of Sobey's parking lot)

**Oakridge** 2580 Southland Drive SW

(South side of Co-op parking lot)

**Richmond Square** 3915 51 St. SW

(North side of parking lot)

**Scarboro** 15 Ave. & 16 St. SW

(Southwest side of Tennis Club)

**South Calgary** 3130 16 St. SW

(community association parking lot)

**Spruce Cliff** 3400 Block of Spruce Dr. SW

**Strathcona** 555 Strathcona Blvd. SW

(Near Sobey's store)

**West Hills** 200 Stewart Grn. SW

(Northwest Corner of parking lot behind GAP)

**Woodbine** 2555 Woodview Dr. SW

(East side of Safeway parking lot)

## **Southeast Neighbourhood Depots**

**Acadia** 383 Heritage Dr. SE

(South east corner of the Acadia Shopping Centre)

**Deer Valley** 1221 Canyon Meadows Dr. SE

(North side of mall parking lot)

**Douglasdale** 11520 24 St. SE

(Behind Sobey's)

**Forest Lawn** 3330 17 Ave SE

(Northeast corner of the Co-op parking lot)

**Macleod** 9630 Macleod Tr. SE

(North side of Rona parking lot)

**Manchester Dartmouth Road**

(South of 25 Avenue SE)

**McKenzie Towne** 20 McKenzie Towne Ave SE

(Southeast side of the Sobey's parking lot)

**Midnapore Sundance** Bannister Road & 153 Ave SE

(In the Jackpot Junction parking lot)

**Ogden** 7740 18 St. SE

(West side of Safeway parking lot)

**Shawnessy Home Depot** 390 Shawville Blvd. SE

(West side of Home Depot parking lot)

**Southcentre** 11011 Bonaventure Dr. SE

(Northeast side of Safeway parking lot)

**South Trail Depot** 5125 126 Avenue SE

(Southwest corner of Home Depot parking lot)

**For a map for the above depots, click the following link:**

[http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/BU/engineering\\_services/emaps/recycling\\_depot\\_locations.pdf](http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/BU/engineering_services/emaps/recycling_depot_locations.pdf)

## CONTACTING YOUR ALDERMAN AND THE MAYOR

Since the waste problem is multivariate and the solutions are not always as simple as they appear, be sure to do your homework before attempting to influence change. Green Calgary is a great resource for gathering information on the topic of waste and recycling. Do not hesitate to contact your alderman once you have completed your homework. Civil engagement is a necessary part of influencing public policy and is a key element in a satisfying life. **Make your voice heard!!!**

### City of Calgary Address

The mailing and street address for city hall is the following:

**Box 2100, Station “M”**

**700 MacLeod Trail S.**

**Calgary, Alberta**

**T2P 2M5**

### City of Calgary Mayor’s Information

The City’s mayor, Dave Bronconnier, can be found on the 2nd Floor of 323 7 Ave, the Old City Hall, between the LRT station and City Hall.

You can phone his office at (403) 268-5622 or e-mail him at [mayorweb@calgary.ca](mailto:mayorweb@calgary.ca).

### City of Calgary Aldermen Contact Information

All City of Calgary representatives can be reached at (403) 268-2430 (if you are not sure which ward you are in, just ask or go the [City of Calgary’s website](#)). All of the Aldermen’s offices are located on the third and fourth floor of city hall.

#### CITY OF CALGARY ALDERMEN E-MAILS FOR GROUP SENDING

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Ward 2 (NW)	Gord Lowe	(403) 268-2430	<a href="mailto:gord.lowe@calgary.ca">gord.lowe@calgary.ca</a>
Ward 3 (NE-NW)	Jim Stevenson	(403) 268-2430	<a href="mailto:jim.stevenson@calgary.ca">jim.stevenson@calgary.ca</a>
Ward 4 (NE-NW)	Bob Hawksworth	(403) 268-2411	<a href="mailto:bhawkesw@calgary.ca">bhawkesw@calgary.ca</a>
Ward 5 (NE)	Ray Jones	(403) 268-2430	<a href="mailto:rjones@calgary.ca">rjones@calgary.ca</a>
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Ward 8 (SW)	John Mar	(403) 268-2430	<a href="mailto:john.mar@calgary.ca">john.mar@calgary.ca</a>
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Ward 10 (NE-SE)	Andre Chabot	(403) 268-2430	<a href="mailto:andre.chabot@calgary.ca">andre.chabot@calgary.ca</a>
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Ward 13 (SW)	Diane Colley-Urquhart	(403) 268-2430	<a href="mailto:dcolley@calgary.ca">dcolley@calgary.ca</a>
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## YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES OF GREEN CALGARY

*Empowering Calgarians to create healthy homes and communities by providing environmental education, products and services.*

Green Calgary offers a variety of programs to help achieve mandates of waste reduction and water protection including:

### Environmental Education

Green Calgary is pleased to offer a wide variety of presentations to businesses and employees to help answer tough questions about the environment, explain how to practically become green, and share Calgary-specific knowledge. These can be done as part of a staff meeting, as a 'Lunch and Learn' or any other time.

**Waste at Work:** Reducing your company's environmental footprint

**Green Procurement:** Using buying power to influence change

**Waste at Home:** How individuals can make a difference in daily life

**Getting There Green:** Environmentally friendly driving and alternative transportation

**Green Cleaning:** How to improve indoor air quality and choose green products

**Composting:** Learn how to recycle your organic waste and make great fertilizer

**Vermicomposting:** Don't have a yard? Learn to compost indoors with red wiggler worms!

Please contact the Education team at [403] 230 1443 ext 225 or [education@greencalgary.org](mailto:education@greencalgary.org) for more information or to book. Member discounts apply.

## Healthy Homes Calgary

The Healthy Homes Calgary program is our newest residential service, providing free home visits to Calgarians interested in creating a healthy living environment, while reducing the home's "eco-footprint". We will provide the tools and information needed to improve indoor air quality, energy and water efficiency, waste reduction, and more.

Please call Ashley at [403] 230 1443 ext. 223 or email [ashley@greencalgary.org](mailto:ashley@greencalgary.org).

## Commercial Environmental Services

Assisting companies to reduce their environmental impact associated with waste. We offer customized, one-on-one service and the information, education, resources and tools necessary to divert waste from landfill and help reach your waste-diversion goals.

Services include:

- Waste Reduction Solutions / Consultation
- Online Recycling Directory
- Waste Measurement Toolkit Assessments
- Calgary Materials Exchange - [www.cmex.ca](http://www.cmex.ca)

Please call Sarah at [403] 230 1443 ext. 226 or email [sarah@greencalgary.org](mailto:sarah@greencalgary.org).

## EcoStore - selling environmental products that reduce our environmental footprint

The Green Calgary EcoStore sells products that are environmentally sustainable and help to reduce waste and conserve water. Products include compost bins, recycling bins, rain barrels, water saving kits and much, much more. Visit the website for details: [www.greencalgary.org](http://www.greencalgary.org)

We are wheelchair accessible and located in downtown Calgary on the southwest corner of 4th Avenue and 7th Street SW.

**809 Fourth Avenue SW**

**[403] 230 1443 ext. 222**

Open Tuesday and Wednesday 10-5:30

Thursday 10-7

Friday and Saturday 10-4

Closed Sunday and Monday

## Information Services & E-newsletter

We respond to thousands of public requests for environmental information. Calgarians want to know how to recycle their household waste and otherwise reduce their environmental footprint.

Please contact Green Calgary if you would like more information about our programs or if you are interested in volunteering.

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