

Bi-Weekly Refuse Collection **FAQ'S**

How will bi-weekly Refuse Collection work?

- Weyburn residents who receive weekly curbside pickup will switch to every other week beginning January 1st, 2018.
- Garbage days will now be on one set day per week per area unless your day falls on a holiday. If it falls on a holiday it will be picked up the next business day.
- Both the Refuse pick up and the Recycling pick up schedules are available at weyburn.ca.

Why are we moving to bi-weekly collection in the winter?

- Bi-weekly pick up ensures that less waste goes into our landfill and strongly encourages citizens to recycle their paper, plastic and cardboard products.
- Choices needed to be made in order to accommodate the rising cost of landfill operation and to prolong the lifespan of our landfill.
- City of Weyburn is committed to maintaining a sustainable community and this is the perfect time to test bi-weekly pick up.
- By testing during the winter we can assure that there is no odour or pest problem.

Am I able to switch to a larger cart or get an extra one?

- Not at this time. If you are finding your weekly garbage has not decreased since the implementation of curbside recycling, the city really encourages you to think about the waste you are generating and how you can manage it responsibly.

What do I do if I miss my collection?

- It is the responsibility of our citizens to remember to put their carts out for pick up and unfortunately if you miss collection it will be up to you to transport any refuse that cannot wait two weeks to the city landfill.
- A tip we recommend is setting a reminder on your smartphone or writing a reminder on your calendar.
- Putting your refuse pick up schedule somewhere visible and easy to see on a regular basis will also help you to remember.

Will my fee be reduced now that my garbage is not being picked up weekly?

- Not at this time. Each household is currently charged an environmental fee of \$4.45. Revenue collected from the environmental fee does fund refuse collection, but it also funds landfill operation and maintenance and other environmental services such as Hazardous Waste Day.

What do I do if I have a large family which results in more garbage than my cart will hold every two weeks even though I am recycling responsibly?

- Please contact the City of Weyburn Engineering Department (306.848.3221) and someone will be happy to contact you about your options.

How will a change to bi-weekly pick up benefit residents?

A cut in the cost of operation for refuse pick up means an increase in other services, such as improvements to the landfill.

