## **Automated Cart—Waste Collection Information Sheet**

Following a competitive bidding process, the Town received qualified bids from various waste removal service providers including manual curbside pickup and 64-gallon automated cart waste removal services. The Town has contracted GFL Environmental Inc. for waste removal services in the Town of Mayerthorpe, saving ratepayers on their monthly bills and standardizing non-residential front-load bin pricing.

Ratepayers currently pay \$17.50 per month for waste removal including costs for Spring Cleanup, Fall Cleanup, Roll Off Bins (3 - Wood, Metal, White Metal), and the Compost Facility. Of this fee, \$8 per month is allocated for waste removal services. Under the Town's new contract, the waste removal fee will drop to \$5 per month representing a reduction of 37.5%.

Most ratepayers can expect to see a \$3 per month reduction in their monthly fee, along with a one-time reduction of \$8 for the month of August 2021. Front-load bin waste removal services for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional properties will be standardized in lieu of individual pricing negotiations for waste removal services.

The new 64-gallon cart system should be capable of holding four to five regular garbage bags. Those requiring more than one cart can rent a second cart for increased capacity at an additional \$5 per month. GFL is providing initial carts free of charge. Each cart has a serial number which is assigned to each specific address. Carts can be serviced between vehicles when there is 1m on each side of the cart, including gravel roads. Servicing carts in winter conditions is routine, however pickup dates can be altered to enable the Town to first clear the streets.

"The opportunity to standardize our services with one provider allowed the Town to negotiate better rates for residential pick-up, while ensuring commercial/industrial/institutional rates were fair and competitive," states Mayor Janet Jabush. "It also ensures the Town can mitigate any infrastructure damages by dealing with a single provider." GFL added, "[the new service] provides residents with the most efficient residential collection method while reducing [the Town's] environmental footprint."

Waste Carts will be delivered to Residential and Commercial subscribers the first week of August 2021.

## **Be Cart Smart Remember**



➤ Waste Carts shall be placed on the street or avenue with wheels facing the curb at the designated location where carts were positioned at the time of delivery. There must be 1 meter clearance on all sides of the Waste Cart including above. Waste must be put out no earlier than 7:00 p.m. prior to waste collection day, and no later than 7:00 a.m. on Waste Collection Day.

- If a Waste Cart has been stolen or damaged the Owner may be subject to a \$100.00 replacement fee for a new cart.
- Waste shall be placed in bags and then placed in the Waste Cart. Waste Carts must have the lids closed. Overflowing Carts will not be collected. No Waste shall be placed on top of the cart.



- > Waste carts are to remain at the current property and should not be moved. Each cart has a code which is associated to the residential address to which it was delivered.
- ➤ If you move, empty the cart and leave it at this residence. Ensure that it is in a secure location, such as a garage or shed.
- All House Holder and Building Holders Waste shall be deposited in any color garbage bags, except blue.
- All Carts must be removed from the street or avenue no later than 11:00 p.m. on Waste Collection Day and stored on the Landowners property.
- ➤ The pickup location for Blue Bag Recycle items will be beside the Waste Cart. Recycle schedule remains the same.
- > Waste Stand/Waste Enclosures, e.g. freezers, old wooden boxes etc. must be removed from collection units on or before October 15, 2021.

At the July 26, 2021, Council meeting, Council passed Bylaw No. 1145 being the Waste Collection Bylaw. You may pick up a copy at the Town Office or view it online at <a href="https://www.mayerthorpe.ca/engage/bylaws">https://www.mayerthorpe.ca/engage/bylaws</a>

For more information and inquiries please contact GFL Environmental Inc. at 780-778-4888 or the Town Office at 780-786-2416.