



POLICY No. PUBW - 04: CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICKUP

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for curbside garbage collection that is picked up by public works staff in the Municipality of Grassland. The goal is to provide a safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible service to all residents, ensuring that waste is collected in a timely manner while promoting sustainable waste management practices.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to all residential properties within the Municipality of Grassland that are eligible for curbside garbage pickup by public works staff. It includes guidelines on the collection schedule, waste container requirements, acceptable waste materials, and enforcement of waste disposal regulations.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

1. Curbside Collection Schedule

- 1.1. Each community will have a fixed collection day, which will be communicated to residents through the municipal website, social media, Grassland news and mailouts.
- 1.2. Garbage must be placed at the curb by 8:00am on the designated collection day. Containers should not be left at the curb overnight.
- 1.3. Should a collection day fall on a statutory holiday, collection will be rescheduled and a notice posted to the municipal website and on social media.

2. Waste Containers and limits

- 2.1. All household garbage must be contained and preferably placed in an approved, sturdy, container with a secure lid. Containers should be no larger than twenty-five (25) gallons.
- 2.2. The maximum weight of any garbage container loaded is fifty (50) pounds.
- 2.3. Containers will not be provided by the municipality except for specific programs such as recycling.
- 2.4. A maximum of six (6) garbage bags will be picked up per day. Bags exceeding the limit will not be collected and will be the responsibility of the owner to remove.

3. Waste Materials

- 3.1. Only household garbage that cannot be recycled should be placed out for curbside pickup. Items may include household waste such as food scraps, non-recyclable packaging, broken items, diapers, sanitary products and other general waste.
- 3.2. Hazardous waste (paint cans, batteries), electronic waste (computers, TVs) and yard waste (grass clippings, leaves) must be packaged separately from regular household garbage.

4. Bulk and Special Item Collection

- 4.1. Large items such as furniture, mattresses, and appliances will not be picked up with regular garbage. These items must be scheduled for special collection by contacting the Municipal Office.
- 4.2. A fee for service will apply for all large item pickups (as per Schedule A). Fees must be paid in advance and a collection time arranged with the Municipal Office. Items must be placed at the curb by the scheduled date and time. Public Works staff will not assist with removal from buildings or private property.
- 4.3. A spring clean-up week and fall clean-up week will be designated each year. During these periods, Public Works will pick up all branches and trees that are piled neatly at the curb, free of charge.
- 4.4. Outside of these clean-up weeks:
 - Large branches (requiring more than one person to load) or excessive volumes must be scheduled for a special collection, subject to a fee-for-service.
 - Small branches and twigs that are securely bundled and manageable by one person will be picked up on the regular garbage collection days throughout the year at no additional cost.
- 4.5. The decision to pick up any item will be at the discretion of the Public Works employee performing the collection.

5. Recycling

- 5.1. The Municipality encourages recycling, and residents should separate recyclables and place them in the designated bins for curbside pickup.

6. Violations

- 6.1. Containers weighing more than the approved amount as per section 2.2 will not be handled by public works staff. The container will be labelled "HEAVY", and the resident must dispose of the waste themselves at the appropriate landfill.
- 6.2. Garbage containing live insects, maggots, or other pests will **not be collected**. Residents must ensure that waste is securely contained in bags or containers to prevent the attraction of insects.

7. Exceptions and Changes

- 7.1. The municipality may adjust the garbage collection schedule or procedures in response to unforeseen circumstances, such as weather events, emergencies, or changes in waste management practices.
- 7.2. Any temporary or permanent changes to the policy will be communicated to residents in advance through official channels.

8. Public Awareness and Communication

- 8.1. The Municipality of Grassland will provide information about curbside garbage collection through its website, social media channels and mailouts.
- 8.2. Residents are encouraged to contact the Municipal Office any questions or concerns about the collection process (including any missed pickups).

Schedule A

Fee Schedule

SERVICE	FEE
Large household items (ex: mattress, appliance, furniture)	\$50 per item
Large branches or excessive yard waste	\$50 per load
Special pickup (nonstandard item)	\$30 minimum (subject to review)

Note: Fees must be paid at the Municipal Office prior to the scheduled pickup.