CURBSIDE & DEPOT RECYCLING PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

The City of Yorkton includes a $12 **Recycling Levy** on your bi-monthly residential utility bill which breaks down to $6 per month per residential household. Of the $6 collected each month, $2 provides funding to the residential curbside collection program provided by **Prairie Harvest Employment Program (PHEP)** and the remaining $4 supports the **SaskAbilities' RecyclAbility Enterprises** for operating the four community depots, processing, and shipping the recyclable material collected.

"I like working at SaskAbilities because they make me feel like I am part of a family. I feel good about recycling and I am able to help teach others the proper way to recycle which gives me a sense of pride." – Bev Schrader, SaskAbilities

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Residents put their recyclables into a blue or clear bag and set it at the curb for pickup. The City of Yorkton is divided into four zones which determines which day your garbage & recyclables will be picked up. PHEP then comes around with the Green Sweep truck and trailer, picks up all the bags and takes the bags to their facility for pre-sorting.

- When the truck and trailer are full, they go to the landfill weigh scale, weigh the recyclable product, and then take the product to RecyclAbility Enterprises.

- The truck and trailer back into RecyclAbility Enterprises, unloads the cardboard and paper by hand and the household material, which has been sorted into totes, are dumped at the facility.

- RecyclAbility Enterprises staff then go through all the products dumped on the recycling floor and sort by material types for baling (i.e. cardboard, mixed fiber, etc.). Unfortunately, some residents end up contaminating the community depots by throwing garbage and other non-recyclable products into them. Staff attempt to remove non-recyclable materials or reject the load by diverting it to the landfill. The household items are then pushed onto a sort-line where staff separate everything into different commodities. The different types of sorted commodities are: #2 plastic, #3 to #7 household plastic, milk jugs, milk cartons, deposits, and tin. Once sufficient materials are sorted, they are baled and then await shipping once a market for that product is secured.

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IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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The terrific partnership SaskAbilities has with the City of Yorkton has allowed them to run a successful social enterprise for the past 24 years. As a social enterprise, they have a triple bottom-line in that they employ people experiencing disability (employment), they divert material from the landfill (environment), and they operate as a business (economic).

PRAIRIE HARVEST EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM   306.786.1840

Prairie Harvest Employment Program (PHEP) has been operating in Yorkton since June of 2004 and has been carrying out the citywide curbside recycling program since 2005. As a program, they hire young men between the ages of 15 and approximately 40 years of age with the goal of instilling core employment related skill into them including; consistent attendance, punctuality, communication with supervisors and co-workers, work related attitude and work ethic.

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With adhering to new regulations and constructing new cells at the City landfill, it is becoming more costly to handle and dispose of garbage. The more residents can recycle and divert material from the City's landfill, the more sustainable the landfill will become which helps keep costs and levies to a minimum.

Through the PHEP, 96% demonstrate an increase in life skills, self confidence and ability to communicate and 54% secure employment upon completion of the 4-month period.

Want to be a better recycler? Download the free Recycle Coach app on your smartphone or visit yorkton.ca/waste. View your recycling & garbage collection schedule, sign-up for reminders, and use the "What Goes Where?" tool to find out how to properly dispose of an item.

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