



Recycling Q & A - Town of Swan River

Does the Town of Swan River provide recycling services to residential customers?

Yes, the Town provides recycling services. Each household is provided with one 96 gallon blue recycling cart.

How are residential customers charged for recycling services?

Each household is provided with one cart and the cost is covered through your tax bill. The cost for 2020 is approximately \$140/year per residential dwelling unit.

What if I have more recyclable material than my cart has room for?

Each household is charged for one bin. If you have more recyclables than fit in your cart bi-weekly, then you can use the overflow bins at the landfill. There is an additional charge to the Town of Swan River for pickup of these bins which is why they are now being placed on the other side of the scale. Unfortunately, we tried to offer the overflow bins at no charge for Town of Swan River taxpayers, but the service was being misused.

Does the Town of Swan River provide recycling services to business owners?

Businesses are no longer being charged for recycling services on their taxes. They now have the option to use OSS through the Town which they are invoiced for or pay for the service on their own.

Why do Saskatchewan residents get money back when they return their recyclables and we do not in Manitoba?

Manitoba uses a different model to encourage recycling. Instead of providing the refund directly to the consumer, they provide the refund to the municipalities who recycle to help offset the costs. We do receive a yearly rebate from WRARS (Waste Reduction and Recycling Support). This rebate is based on the weight of how much we recycle. Our rebate covers approximately 11% of our residential recycling expenses which reduces the amount charged to our taxpayers.

What if I don't live in the Town of Swan River? Where do I take my recycling?

Please contact your local municipality to inquire on the recycling services they may provide.

Are there items that I am not charged to recycle for?

Yes, the following items can be taken to the landfill at no cost to you:

Compost, E-waste, household hazardous waste, metal, appliances, tires and items accepted at the paint and oil depots.