

Utility Charges for Waste Services in Canadian Municipalities in 2023

Table 1: Canadian cities with waste utility programs demographics

City	Province	Population ¹
Vancouver	British Columbia	662,248
Burnaby	British Columbia	249,125
Surrey	British Columbia	568,322
Victoria	British Columbia	91,867
Coquitlam	British Columbia	148,625
Red Deer	Alberta	100,844
Calgary	Alberta	1,481,806
Edmonton	Alberta	1,010,899
Lethbridge	Alberta	98,406
North Battleford	Saskatchewan	19,375
Warman	Saskatchewan	12,419
Saskatoon	Saskatchewan	317,480
Regina	Saskatchewan	249,217
Winnipeg	Manitoba	834,678
Toronto	Ontario	6,202,225
Ottawa	Ontario	1,017,449
Beaconsfield	Quebec	19,277

Vancouver, BC

Garbage and organic fees together range from \$23.20 to \$39.33 with no charge for recycling (Recycle BC provides and pays for recycling collection). Fees are based on the size of a customer's garbage cart. Green cart collection for food and yard waste has an additional charge which is also based on the size of the cart.

Monthly Utility Fees	X-Small (75L)	Small (120L)	Medium (180L)	Large (240L)	Extra-large (360L)
Garbage (biweekly)	\$8.83	\$10.08	\$11.83	\$13.58	\$17.00
Organics (weekly)	NA	\$13.12	\$15.50	\$16.67	\$22.33

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Burnaby, BC

Operates under a mix of utility and tax funding. Solid Waste revenues accounted for 35% of expenses in 2020. Garbage fees together range from \$4.12 to \$33.33 with no charge for recycling (Recycle BC provides and pays for recycling collection). Fees are based on the size of a customer's garbage cart. Weekly organics collection for food and yard waste is provided at no extra charge.

¹ Statistics Canada 2021. Census Profile 2021 Census.

Monthly Waste Utility Fees	120L	180L	240L	360L
Garbage (biweekly)	\$4.12	\$10.83	\$11.67	\$33.33

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Surrey, BC

The City of Surrey charges an annual Waste Management Fee of \$333.59/year (\$27.79/month) as a flat rate charged through property taxes for a standard level of service which includes biweekly garbage, biweekly recycling, and weekly organics (Recycle BC provides and pays for recycling collection).

Customers can request extra carts or upgrade to a 360L cart for additional fees.

Monthly Utility Fees	Base Fee (Included in Property Taxes)	Additional Cart (120L)	Additional Waste (180L/240L)	Additional Waste (360L)	Replacement (upgrade) to a 360L cart
Garbage, Organics	\$27.79	\$13.86	\$27.80	\$41.11	\$13.86

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<https://www.surrey.ca/services-payments/waste-collection/collection-carts-bags-stickers>

Victoria, BC

The City of Victoria charges a separate garbage utility fee based on the size of the garbage cart. Fees range from \$17.72 to \$24.12 monthly depending on the cart size with no charge for recycling (Recycle BC provides and pays for recycling collection). Green cart collection has only one size which is 120L and the monthly cost for that is \$20.28. Extra garbage tickets can be purchased for \$4 each. Cart exchange fees are \$30 per request.

Monthly Utility Fees	Small (80L)	Medium (120L)	Large (180L)
Garbage (bi-weekly)	\$17.72	\$20.28	\$24.12
Organics (bi-weekly)	N/A	\$20.28	N/A

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Coquitlam, BC

The City of Coquitlam charges a combined utility for biweekly garbage collection and weekly organics collection. Waste fees together range from \$22.92 to \$42.83 annually depending on the cart size with no charge for recycling (Recycle BC provides and pays for recycling collection). Fees are based on the size of a customer's garbage cart. Green cart also has 3 cart options which is the small(120L), medium(240L), and large(360L). The medium size is however the standard size.

Monthly Waste Utility Fees	Small (120L)	Medium (240L)	Large (360L)
Garbage (bi-weekly), Organics (weekly)	\$22.92	\$30.33	\$42.83

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Red Deer, AB

The City of Red Deer charges a combined utility fee based on garbage size. Single-family households have weekly collection of garbage, recycling, and organics (including both food and yard waste) collection. Residents may request a different blue or black cart size with a \$51.75 cart exchange fee charged when residents request a cart size change.

Monthly Waste Utility Fees	Small (120L)	Medium (240L)	Large (360L)
Garbage (weekly)	\$19.50	\$23.75	\$30.00

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Calgary, AB

The total monthly utility charge for garbage, recycling, and organics collection is \$25.00. The City of Calgary had a phase plan to transition to the utility with the property tax subsidy removed from these fees. Flat fees are charged for weekly organics collection during the summer, bi-weekly in the winter (\$9.03/month per household); biweekly recycling (\$8.98/month per household) and garbage collections (\$6.99/month). Food waste, yard waste, and pet waste is accepted in green carts. Bag tags are available for extra garbage.

Monthly Utility Fees	240 L
Garbage (biweekly)	\$6.99
Organics (weekly)	\$9.03
Recycling (biweekly)	\$8.98

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Edmonton, AB

The City of Edmonton charges a combined utility fee per household for garbage, organics and recycling collection based on the size of the garbage cart. Single-unit homes are provided with a garbage cart, and an organics cart (food scraps). Yard waste is collected twice in Spring and twice in Fall in clear or double-ply bags. Recycling is collected in blue bags all year round on a weekly basis. A second or any subsequent cart size exchanges by an account holder for the same service address is subject to an \$18.50 service charge. In 2021, Edmonton rolled out organics and garbage carts to over 250,000 single unit homes as part of the transition to automated cart-based collection and implementation of an organics program.

Monthly Waste Utility Fees	Small (120L)	Large (240L)	Excess (360L)	Communal
Garbage (bi-weekly)	\$43.75	\$48.75	\$58.75	\$30.97

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/garbage_waste/rates-fees.aspx

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<https://pub-edmonton.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=126828>

Lethbridge, AB

Residents pay a variable fee of \$10.23 or \$11.94 depending on the size of their garbage cart; the fee covers the cost of garbage. Standard monthly Waste & Recycling Services bill is broken down into four components: Cart (Collection) Fee, Recycling Fee, Landfill Fee, Waste Program Fee. Recycling is a fee of \$8.88 per month. Lethbridge is piloting a curbside organics program with Spring 2023 implementation the cost is \$5.00 per month for weekly collection during the summer, biweekly in the winter. The green cart is a 240L cart. The cost of a replacement cart is \$100.00.

Monthly Garbage Utility Fees	Reduced Size (240L)	Standard Size (360L)	Additional Cart	Waste Reduction Fee	Landfill Fee
Garbage (weekly garbage)	\$10.23	\$11.94	\$9.77	\$3.54	\$0.99

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North Battleford, SK

A \$11.32/month per household flat fee is charged for biweekly garbage collection, and \$7.48 for biweekly recycling collection. There are no collections for organics. Each household receives one 360 L garbage cart, and one 360 L recycling cart.

Monthly Utility Fees	360L
Garbage (biweekly)	\$11.32
Recycling (biweekly)	\$7.48

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Warman, SK

The City of Warman offers curbside garbage and recycling collection at a monthly cost of \$14.55 (Recycling is \$5.70/ month). The city also offers an optional subscription program for curbside organics service provided by Loraas Organics. The program runs from May 1st through October 31st. A \$10.00/month (\$60.00 annually) per unit flat fee is charged for organics collection. Charges will be applied to the City of Warman Utility bill.

<https://www.warman.ca/523/Your-Utility-Bill>

<https://www.warman.ca/526/Curbside-Organics>

Regina, SK

A Curbside Waste Services Fee (recycling, food and yard waste and garbage) will take effect on January 1, 2024. Recyclables are collected bi-weekly in a 360L cart. Garbage collection will be collected biweekly year-round. The annual fee for garbage, recycling and organics services are \$154.80/year for a 360L cart or \$115.20/year for a 240L cart. Organics collection will begin in September of 2023, with a 240 L cart. Organics collection will be weekly in the summer and biweekly in the winter.

Monthly Utility Fees	Additional Cart (240L)	Additional Cart (360L)
Garbage (bi-weekly)	\$9.60	\$12.90

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<http://reginask.igm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=4630&Inline=True>

Winnipeg, MB

Most of the waste collection, recycling, and yard waste collection is funded through property taxes. Customers pay an additional waste diversion fee of \$69.46/year for new waste diversion programs. Standard cart size of 240L is available to single-family households. They can upgrade to a larger, or additional cart, for an additional fee. A cart delivery fee of \$30.00 is applied or resident can pick up the cart at no additional cost.

Fees	Additional Cart (240L)	Additional Cart (360L)	Replacement (upgrade) (360L cart)
Additional waste fees	\$9.00	\$11.33	\$7.33

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Ottawa

Residential garbage collection costs are recovered through a flat fee set annually based on a full cost recovery model. The rate for curbside collection services is \$130 per residential household per year (\$10.83 per month). The City of Ottawa is currently reviewing its waste costs and potential to move to a utility program due to increasing landfill life concerns.

<https://ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/garbage>

<https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-finance-and-corporate-planning/2023-budget-information#section-c030995e-8e5d-4c91-b71e-a4ee15d9a0a3>

<https://pub-ottawa.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=132157>

Toronto, ON

Utility fees are based on the size of a customer's garbage cart. Services include collection of garbage, recycling, food and yard waste, and household hazardous waste. Garbage and recycling are collected biweekly, organics is collected every week. For several years, many Solid Waste Management Services single-family ratepayers received a rebate or credit on each utility bill, funded from the property tax base. In 2019, Council approved a three-year plan to phase out the rest of the single-family garbage cart rebates. Customers can also purchase extra bag tags for \$6.14/bag. A fee of \$26.42 will be charged when upsizing your garbage bin

Monthly Waste Utility Fees	Small (75L)	Medium (120L)	Large (240L)	Extra-large (360L)
Garbage (biweekly)	\$23.89	\$29.00	\$39.39	\$45.69

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Beaconsfield, QB

The smart collection is based on pay as you throw principles and is established according to the size and frequency of collection.

The fixed tariff covers the overall fixed cost of all collection services for waste and recyclable materials. This tariff includes the cost of one garbage cart collection per month (12). It is established based on the size of cart chosen. The variable tariff is calculated based on the number of additional garbage cart collections made during the year.

The cost of each collection is established based on the size of cart chosen. The weight of the cart is not applicable.

Monthly Utility Fees	Small (120L)	Medium (240L)	Large (360L)
Monthly Fixed Portion	\$15.00	\$16.25	\$17.50
Variable Portion (\$/bin pick-up)	\$1.40	\$2.20	\$3.00

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