

COMPOSTING

Composting is a natural process of decay in which soil organisms break down organic material into dark, nutrient-rich soil conditioner called compost or humus. Composting is an easy way to recycle organic waste and can reduce the amount of household garbage by 30 percent. It also produces a valuable soil additive that can be used in gardening and landscaping.

GETTING STARTED...

There are many different ways to compost at home. Install a mulching blade on your lawn mower and you can directly compost grass clippings back onto your lawn! Another effective way to compost is by using a backyard composter, like the Earth Machine. Check out www.steinbach.ca for details on where to buy an Earth Machine.



WHAT'S IN THE MIX?

All you need to achieve nutrient-rich compost is a 50:50 ratio between 'brown' and 'green' materials, a layered balance, and the right amount of moisture.

IS IT FINISHED YET?

The composting process can take anywhere from two months to two years, depending on materials used and effort involved. Compost is ready when it is dark in colour, crumbly and smells "earthy."

If you do not have room to compost all your compostable materials, bring it to the landfill's compost pile at 104 Hanover Rd. E. and pick up some finished compost for your yard the following summer for free!

BROWN MATERIALS (HIGH IN CARBON)

- Dried grass clippings
- Leaves
- Sawdust
- Dried bread
- Shredded newspaper
- Coffee filters

GREEN MATERIALS (HIGH IN NITROGEN)

- Fruit & vegetable scraps
- Egg shells
- Tea bags
- Coffee grounds
- Plants, weeds & green grass clippings

DO NOT include:

- Meat
- Fish
- Bones
- Fats and oils
- Dairy products
- Plastics
- Metals
- Pet waste
- Pressure treated wood products
- Other non-organic materials

More information about composting and other environmental initiatives is available at www.resourceconservation.mb.ca.

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City of Steinbach

Solid Waste Department



Info to help you live greener and reduce waste through composting, recycling, and other initiatives.

WASTE PICK-UP

The City of Steinbach's Solid Waste Department performs regular residential and commercial pickups based on a five-day cycle.



RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES

1. Garbage intended for pickup must be placed curbside by 8am on the day of pickup, but not more than 24 hours before. Garbage brought out after the truck has passed will not be picked up until the next cycle.
2. Use garbage bags or proper garbage containers with handles.
3. Maximum weight per garbage container is 50 lbs. Overweight garbage bags or containers will be tagged and left behind.
4. Items measuring more than 3 feet in dimension in any one way may not be picked up, i.e. mattresses and furniture.
5. Small tree branches, twigs and other garden refuse must be tied in bundles, or placed in boxes, not to exceed 3 feet in length.
6. Unacceptable waste includes building materials, sod, concrete, shingles, fluorescent bulbs, full or partially full paint cans, batteries (all sizes), used oil. These items are accepted at the Landfill Site or Eco Centre.
7. Residents are encouraged to bring all broken electronic items to the E-waste collection depot at Eastman Recycling Services, 60 Industrial Road. The MCC Thrift Store at 417 Main Street is another excellent drop-off option for items in good, working condition.

PROVINCIAL WASTE LEVY

As of January 2010, Steinbach's Landfill will be subject to a provincial Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) levy. As a result, all vehicles that are not scaled at the landfill will be assessed a \$5 flat fee for both residents and non-residents.

The Province has indicated that the purpose of the WRARS levy is to encourage sustainable waste management practices and to improve waste diversion activities such as recycling and composting.

RECYCLING & E-WASTE

In both 2007 and 2008, Steinbach was awarded an A+ community recycling grade by the MPSC. The City of Steinbach contracts pickup of recyclables to Eastman Recycling Services (ERS). ERS follows the City's residential five-day cycle and does most of the commercial recycling pickups on Wednesday each week.

Another exciting initiative led by the Province of Manitoba is the E-waste Program. E-waste refers to any old or broken electronic items you may have that you would like to dispose of properly. Items accepted include televisions, radios, and computers.

The program runs year-round in Steinbach and items can be dropped off at ERS on 60 Industrial Road.



OIL RECYCLING

The Steinbach Landfill held its first Oil Recycling Day in June 2009. It is now an annual event where the



public can drop off their used oil in exchange for new oil. This program is run in cooperation with the Manitoba Association for Resource Recovery Corporation (MARRC). Note: Used oil is accepted at the Eco Centre, located at the landfill site, during regular landfill hours.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY



Together with Miller Environmental and the Steinbach Fire Department, the Solid Waste Department has conducted HHWD for the past four years.

Common household items that will be accepted include: disinfectants, cleaners, paints, solvents, preservatives, kerosene, lighter fluid, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, car batteries, waxes, polishes, antifreeze, gasoline, brake & transmission fluid, hair dyes & sprays, medicine, polish remover and other hazardous waste items.

Visit www.steinbach.ca for info on future Oil Recycling and HHWD dates.