

Curbside recycling – frequently asked questions

What you need to know about the new curbside recycling program coming to some Lethbridge County communities in fall 2026.

More details about the program will be available soon!

About the program

What is curbside recycling and why is it coming to Lethbridge County?

Curbside recycling is a service that allows residents to place recyclable materials at the curb for pickup, instead of driving to a recycling trailer to drop them off. Starting this October, curbside recycling is coming to six Lethbridge County communities as part of Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulation.

EPR requires the companies that produce packaging, single-use plastics, and paper products to take financial responsibility for recycling, meaning this program is not paid for by taxpayers.

Which communities are receiving curbside recycling?

The following six communities will have curbside recycling starting October 2026:

- Deer Run Estates
- Diamond City
- Fairview
- Monarch
- Mountain Meadows
- Shaughnessy

Who is running the curbside recycling program?

The program is administered by Circular Materials, a national not-for-profit organization managing Alberta's transition to EPR recycling. Lethbridge County's role is to ensure residents are aware of this program, but we do not provide the recycling service.



More detailed information will be available soon. Visit the Circular Materials website:

<https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/alberta/>.

Will this cost me anything?

No. This program is funded by the companies that produce packaging and single-use plastics, not taxpayers. Your property taxes are not paying for curbside recycling, and you will not pay a fee to receive this service.

Why are these communities receiving curbside recycling services?

To receive curbside recycling, a community needs existing curbside collection infrastructure — specifically, curbside garbage pickup already in place. The six communities listed above already receive curbside garbage pickup, which makes adding curbside recycling routes practical and efficient.

Communities not receiving curbside service will continue to have access to recycling trailers and transfer stations.

Will more communities be added to the curbside program in the future?

There are currently no plans to expand the program in the near future, but we will continue to monitor the program to determine if more communities could receive curbside services. In the meantime, recycling trailers and transfer stations will continue to serve all County residents.

For residents receiving curbside recycling

When does curbside recycling start?

Curbside recycling pickup begins the week of October 5, 2026.

- **Monday, October 5** for Deer Run Estates, Diamond City, Fairview, Mountain Meadows, and Shaughnessy
- **Tuesday, October 6** for Monarch

When will I receive my cart?

Carts will be delivered to participating households in September. More details will be available soon.



How often is recycling pickup?

Recycling is collected every two weeks (biweekly).

Will my garbage pickup schedule change?

No. Your curbside garbage pickup schedule is not changing. Garbage collection continues as it always has, provided by the Town of Coalhurst. For any questions about garbage pickup or a missed collection, contact the Town of Coalhurst at 403.381.3033.

For residents not receiving curbside recycling

I am not in one of the communities receiving curbside recycling pickup – what changes for me?

Your recycling options are not going away. You will continue to use the recycling trailers across the County. Starting October 1, 2026, you will be able to recycle more materials at trailer and transfer station locations. For the full list, visit [circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/alberta/](https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/alberta/).

Sorting will also no longer be required.

Where can I find my nearest recycling trailer or transfer station?

A map of recycling trailer and transfer station locations is available on the County website at [Lethbridge County - Transfer Stations](#).

More information on Circular Materials and recycling changes in Alberta:

- <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/alberta/>