



Green Cart Food and Yard Waste program: Cart Delivery Media Backgrounder

Cart delivery process

- Green Cart food and yard waste collection will be provided to approximately 320,000 single-family homes, up to and including fourplexes.
- Cart manufacturer IPL Inc. and its subcontractor Sentinel Distribution will deliver carts over a 17 week period. They estimate they will deliver 20,000 carts per week.
- Youth between the ages of 12-18 from Calgary's Youth Central organization are volunteering to assemble the 320,000 starter kits that all Calgary homeowners will receive.

Using the green cart

- All food and yard waste can go in the green cart. This includes meat, bones, dairy, grass clippings, branches, paper plates and pet waste that is collected in a compostable bag.
- For ease and cleanliness when collecting food scraps, residents have the option of lining the kitchen pail with a certified compostable bag, newspaper or paper bag, though it is not required.
- Yard waste should be put inside the green cart. Paper yard waste bags should only be used for any extra yard waste that doesn't fit inside the cart.
- Residents should start filling their green carts approximately one week before collection starts in their quadrant.

Collection start dates

- Green cart collection will be rolled out by quadrant, with service in an entire quadrant beginning on the same week.

Southwest	Northwest	Northeast	Southeast
Week of July 17	Week of August 14	Week of September 4	Week of October 2

- Residents will have new collection days for their green, blue and black carts. Green and blue carts will be collected every week on the same day. Black carts will be collected once every two weeks on a different day than blue and green carts.
- A collection schedule will be delivered with the cart and is available at calgary.ca/collection.
- Residents can download The City's Garbage Day App or sign up to receive other free automated reminders the day before their collection day at calgary.ca/collection.

Pilot results

- 7,500 homes in four communities (Abbeydale, Brentwood, Cougar Ridge and Southwood) have participated in the Green Cart pilot since March 2012.
- Black cart garbage was reduced by nearly half in the pilot communities. On a city-wide basis that would translate into over 85 million kilograms of annual waste being turned into nutrient-rich compost rather than being buried in the landfill.
- 89 per cent of pilot participants were satisfied with the Green Cart program and 91 per cent supported the city-wide launch.