



# **GARBAGE,** **RECYCLING** **& COMPOST** **SERVICES**

Harmony is pleased to offer its residents a curbside Garbage and Recycling program. As Albertans, we are doing a great job of recycling more than ever, and we want to carry that same spirit of sustainable living to your new residence in Springbank. Each resident will be provided with three carts, which are a safer, cleaner and more efficient way to take out the trash and recycling. The Garbage and Recycling program is currently paid through your HAWSCo monthly utility bill.



## SCHEDULING

Curbside pickup scheduling dates are available online at [harmonyowners.com](https://www.harmonyowners.com) and your Harmony Owner's Package.

## CURBSIDE GARBAGE & RECYCLING PROGRAM – TIPS AT A GLANCE

- You don't have to separate out your recyclables, and you don't have to put them in a bag either. Just rinse and throw them all into the blue container together.
  - Please rinse out any food containers before you put them in the cart—food waste can spoil the whole load of recyclable material.
  - Don't overfill the container. The lid must remain closed and must garbage must easily fall out of the cart when tipped into the truck.
  - Make sure not to put anything dangerous in your cart, including hot ashes, coals, paint, chemicals, etc. These can not only damage the equipment or potentially start a fire in the truck, but it will also spoil the whole recycling load.
  - Do not mix leaf and yard waste, recyclables and garbage together.
- ### HOW TO PACKAGE YOUR GARBAGE
- Do not put recyclables, organics or yard waste in plastic bags. Just put them loose, into your cart.
  - Do not use shopping bags, small white garbage bags or cardboard boxes for garbage. Recycle them.
  - Make sure material is packaged or contained securely to avoid loose debris.
  - Sawdust, ashes and other material of similar nature go in your green bin. NO hot ashes please.

## OTHER RECYCLING NEEDS

Harmony residents will need to access the Calgary community recycling depots for electronics recycling, tire recycling and drop off locations for household hazardous waste. Please visit [calgary.ca](https://www.calgary.ca) for these specialized depot locations.

## Blue Recycling Bin

Harmony's blue recycling bins make it easy and convenient to repurpose many common household materials into new goods. Simply follow the guide below to help keep our community beautiful and our future bright.

### Here's what you can put in your Blue Recycling Bin:

#### PAPER & CARDBOARD

Paper includes:

- flattened cardboard
- newspapers
- inserts
- office paper
- magazines
- paperback books
- mail
- phone books

#### PLASTICS

- Any plastic that has a recycling number of #1–7 symbol on the container. This could include: plastic jugs and bottles, bags, packaging and food containers.
- Please ensure it did not contain a harsh chemical, such as a pesticide, weed killer, etc.

#### METAL CANS & CONTAINERS

- Any clean tin, steel, or aluminum cans.
- Please no paint cans.

#### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

- Any rinsed green, brown, or clear glass bottles can be recycled.
- Please don't put any auto glass, window glass, or dishes in the cart.

## Green Organics Recycling Bin

Organics recycling is an important part of Harmony's long term Waste Strategy. Diverting residential organic waste away from landfill saves the county millions of dollars and reduces the need for additional landfill sites.

### Here's what you can put in your Green Organics Recycling Bin:

#### FOOD WASTE

Anything you cook and/or eat, including:

- baking ingredients
- candy
- eggs
- herbs
- pet food
- tea bags
- beans
- coffee grounds and filters
- fruits and veggies
- leftover cooking oils
- rice
- Basically if you can eat it, it can go in the green bin!
- breads
- dough
- gum
- pasta
- seeds
- spices

#### OTHER ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- animal bedding (e.g. bird and hamster cages)
- cold fireplace ash
- food-soiled pizza boxes only (clean pizza boxes should go in the black box)
- kitty litter
- plates and muffin wrappers
- toothpicks
- barbecue ashes
- cotton balls
- dryer lint
- microwave popcorn bags
- vacuum bags and vacuum contents
- butcher's meat wrap
- floor sweepings
- food-soiled paper towels, napkins and tissues
- paper coffee cups
- waxed paper
- cardboard
- cold drink cups
- household plants
- including soil
- pet fur, hair and feathers
- sugar, flour and potato paper bags
- wooden popsicle sticks

#### YARD WASTE

- branches
- plants
- grass clippings
- twigs
- hedge trimmings
- weeds
- leaves

#### ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN YOUR GREEN BIN

- Plastic bags of any kind—plastic impedes the composting process and prevents the flow of air through the organic material, causing it to smell. It also reduces the quality of compost and increases the cost for processing. Plastic residue still needs to be disposed of after composting and increases the amount of material that must be screened out of compost and sent to the landfill.
- Diapers and sanitary products (as they contain plastics).
- Dog and other pet bio-waste.

*When Everything Falls Into Place,  
You're In Harmony.*

