



Waste & Recycling rate structure and funding model

14 April 2026

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Development of the residential cart service



Black, Blue, and Green carts were introduced individually through a phased approach over the past 17 years.



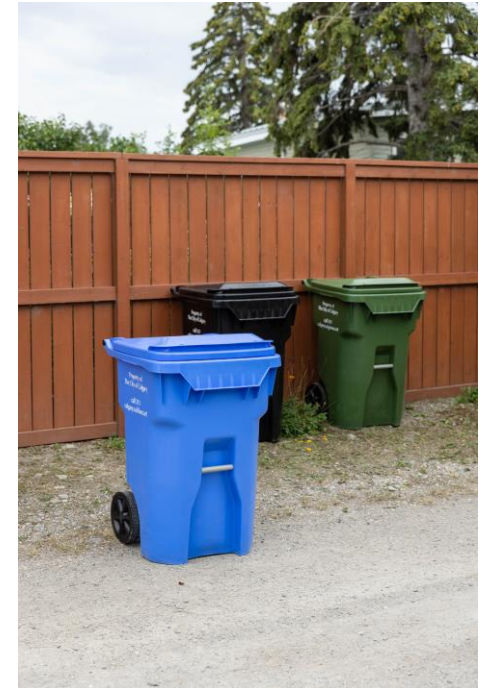
Funding for carts has progressed from being partially supported by property taxes to fully supported by program charges and funding received through Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) .



EPR has led to a significant change in Waste & Recycling's business and financial operations.

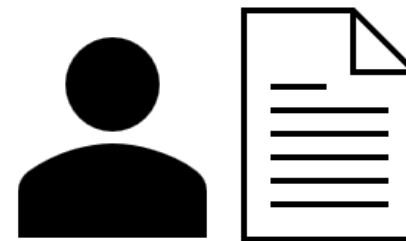
One consolidated cart program charge

- Communicates the integrated nature of the cart system
- Better represents costs of delivering cart services, including shared costs
- Reduces unnecessary complexity in financial model, and improves clarity for customers on program costs and funding



What this means for customers

- Simplified billing structure with single family households receiving one residential program charge for all three cart services on their monthly bill.
- Information on what the program charge pays for will be published.
- No impact on service level and cost, including customer service and business operations.



Waste & Recycling funding model

- Waste & Recycling's approach to funding services has matured over time, in alignment with Council direction and policies
- Waste & Recycling aims to complete the journey of becoming a fully self-supported business unit by 2030



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