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Municipality of Red Lake

Waste Management Information Guide

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Frequently Asked Questions



1. How much do bag tags cost?

Bag tags are purchased in sheets of 10 tags at a cost of \$25.00 (\$2.50/tag). One bag tag is required for each bag of waste.

2. Can I use clear or translucent blue bags for setting out my recycling?

No, the only recyclable item that may be placed in a clear or clear blue translucent bag is shredded paper.

3. What type of container do I use for my recyclables?

Recyclables can be placed at curbside in any type of container, but not in plastic bags.

4. Do I put my glass in the one stream recycling system?

No, glass shall be included with your regular household waste.

5. Can I bring a fridge or freezer to the Transfer Station?

Yes, the Transfer Station will accept items containing Freon as well as propane fridges and freezers for a fee.

6. Can I put reusable items out for curbside collection or drop off at the Transfer Station?

No, reusable items are not accepted for curbside collection nor are they accepted at the Transfer Station.

7. Can disposable coffee cups be recycled?

Tim Horton's coffee cups can – but not the lids. All other disposable coffee cups' paper is chemically treated.

8. Do I have to sort my recyclables?

No. Recyclables do not need to be sorted. Rinse all items and toss in a container loosely. Do not stack or stuff recyclables inside each other.



Contact Information



Waste Information

Transfer Station – 729-4023 / transfer.site@redlake.ca
Municipal Office – 735-2096 / www.redlake.ca

Recycling Information

GFL: (705) 945-7554 / CM35@gflenv.com

Waste Disposal Site Hours of Operation

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – CLOSED

Household Hazardous Waste Hours of Operation

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Curbside Collection Schedules are posted on the Municipal Website. Subscribe online to add a schedule to your calendar!

Municipal Transfer Station



The Municipal Transfer Station is a waste and recyclables transfer site located on Highway 125 between Red Lake and Balmertown.

Various types of refuse are accepted. Some items can be dropped off at no charge (see list below) and some items require a disposal fee.

When entering the Transfer Station be mindful of the attendants and obey the traffic light before entering the scale house area.

Free Disposal Items

- Clean Wood & Brush
- E-Waste
- Scrap Steel/Metal
- Yard Waste
- Recyclables
- Tires (private vehicles only)

Bag Tags

Can be purchased at the following locations:

- Municipal Office
- Mitchel's Midtown
- Clark's Corner Gas
- Station 105 Gas Station
- Waste Transfer Station
- Red Lake Community Centre

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste is hazardous materials used during the **normal** operation of a household.

If the hazardous material is **unknown or mixed** with another hazardous material it **will not be accepted** at the Waste Transfer Station.

Household hazardous materials **shall be in its original container**.

Household Hazardous Waste that will be accepted at the Waste Transfer Station for a fee shall include:

- Paint & Paint Thinner
- Herbicides & Pesticides
- Oil containers
- Fuel (gasoline)
- Antifreeze containers
- Used petroleum oil and filters
- Aerosols
- Cleaners
- Propane tanks
- Fluorescent & LED light bulbs
- Flammable liquids
- Batteries

E-Waste (Free Disposal Items)

- Computers & computer related equipment
- Printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines
- Radios, stereos, disc players
- Equalizers & amplifiers
- Speakers & receivers
- Telephones, pagers & answering machines
- Cameras, video players & video recorders
- Televisions & computer monitors

Accepted Methods of Payment at Transfer Station

Cash ~ Debit ~ Major Credit Cards ~ Bag Tags ~ Waste Disposal Tickets

Curbside Collection Information

Domestic household waste and recyclables can be placed at curbside for collection on regularly scheduled collection days (see the Waste & Recycling Collection Schedule attached).

This page outlines some of the limitations and restrictions related to curbside collection.

Non-Collectable Waste (Curbside)

The following items will not be collected curbside and must be brought directly to the Transfer Station:

- Manufacturers/Trade Waste
- Construction/Demolition Material
- Explosive or highly combustible materials
- Hay, straw and agricultural manure
- Compostable material from yards or gardens such as plants, leaves, grass clippings and small bushes
- Trimmings from hedges, trees and shrubs
- Material that has become frozen to the container and cannot be removed by shaking
- Discarded furniture, household items and appliances
- Asbestos
- Automotive parts, scrap metal
- Smoke detectors/alarms
- Waste containing recyclable material

Curbside Placement

- Waste and recyclables shall be placed at the curbside on the day of collection and not be placed at curbside overnight.
- All waste shall be placed in a garbage bag (up to 120 litres capacity). Each bag shall be securely tied and weigh no more than 15 kg.
- All waste bags shall have a bag tag attached.
- Bags shall be placed at the curb in either a covered container or securely covered with a blanket.
- All waste & recyclables shall be placed within 1 metre from the curb.

Why were my Waste or Recyclables not collected?

The collection contractor may not pick up your waste and/or recyclable materials for the following reasons:

- Waste contains recyclable materials
- Recyclables are mixed with non-recyclables or waste
- Waste does not have a bag tag or the bag tag is damaged
- Waste is more than 15 kg
- Waste and/or recyclables have been placed further than 1 metre from the curb
- Waste and/or recyclable container is blocked (ie. snow bank, parked vehicle)
- Waste and/or recyclables contain contaminated material
- Waste is not placed in a covered container or securely

Dumpsters

All dumpsters located on **private property** are the responsibility of the property owner for the collection and removal of such waste and recyclable materials.





What can I Recycle?



The Municipality of Red Lake's recycling program is managed by a not-for-profit organization: Circular Materials. For more information visit www.circularmaterials.ca/redlake

YES

These items can be placed in your recycling – no sorting required. Toss all items in loose (do not stack or stuff into each other)

NO

You cannot put these items in your recycling

Paper

Newspapers, flyers, magazines, books (with hard covers removed), paper, brown paper bags, shredded paper (placed in a clear or blue translucent bag), envelopes (with windows removed)

Paper

Tissue paper, wrapping paper, bows, hard covers of books, paper towel/tissues, wax paper

Boxboard & Cardboard

Gable top juice/milk cartons, Tetra Pak containers, cereal/cracker boxes, tissue boxes, paper rolls/tubes, shoe boxes, cardboard egg cartons, Tim Horton's disposable cups ONLY - not plastic lids), corrugated cardboard boxes (folded flat - no larger than 1m x 1m cubed), pizza boxes

Boxboard

Disposable coffee cups (other than Tim Horton's brand), frozen juice containers, containers with metal bottom or trim (ie. Pringles, coffee containers, iced tea mix containers)

Metal

Aluminum foil and containers (ie pie plates), bottles, food & beverage cans and lids, tin cans caps and lids.

Metal

Pots & pans, cookie sheets, metal hangers

Plastic

Plastic bottles, jugs, containers and lids, wrappings for food products, drinks, cosmetics, personal hygiene products and household cleaning products with the following numbers:



Plastic

Plastic shopping bags, ziplocs and plastic lined bags (ie. dog food bags, chip bags, candy wrappers), plastic wrap, cutlery, toys, hoses, bubble wrap, planting flats and pots

Glass

None

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All glass, ceramics, mirrors

Styrofoam

None

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All styrofoam packaging, cups, egg cartons, meat trays, containers, packing peanuts

Other local recycling programs

- Liquor, beer & wine containers can be returned to the Beer Store or Balmertown Food Fair for a refund
- Household batteries can be returned to deposit boxes located at the Municipal Office or the Transfer Station
- Ink and laser printing cartridges can be returned to Wilson's Business Solutions
- Single use plastic shopping bags can be dropped off for re-use at the 2nd Chance Thrift Store and Encore Kidz Warehouse

2025 Waste & Recycling Collection Schedule

January				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	Dec. 31	1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

February				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

April				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

May				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

June				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Red Lake - Residential Garbage

Madsen/Starratt Olsen - Residential Garbage



McKenzie Island - Residential Garbage

Red Lake - Commercial Garbage

Balmertown - Commercial Garbage

Cochenour - Commercial Garbage



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Balmertown - Commercial Recycling

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Red Lake - Commercial Recycling

Chukuni Subdivision - Residential Garbage



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Cardboard

cereal boxes, egg cartons, corrugated cardboard, paper towel rolls, tetra paks



Papers - envelopes, newsprint, paper

Metal - food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and containers, caps and lids



Plastics - containers, bottles, wrapping for food products, drinks, cosmetics, personal hygiene products (#1, 2, 5 and 7 ONLY)



Recycling & Waste Collection tips

- ✓ Sort recyclable materials from garbage and organics
- ✓ Flatten and bundle cardboard
- ✓ Empty and rinse containers
- ✓ Keep materials loose
- ✓ Place items 1m from roadway
- ✓ Place waste in a bin with bag tag or cover with blanket the morning of pickup

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