



Backgrounder on Bi-weekly garbage collection

Village of Telkwa Council

Aug/24 Staff directed to engage with residents about switching to biweekly garbage collection. Why?

- encourage waste reduction and increase recycling
- promote the Telkwa ICSP Strategic Plan for energy and waste
- part of larger plan that includes buying a larger collection truck to pick up garbage and recycling faster and improve staff safety.

Telkwa's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) was developed with community input and includes:

- More green spaces and eco-friendly infrastructure.
- Sustainable housing and renewable energy projects.
- Improved public transit and active transportation options.
- Local food production and markets.
- Community spaces for social interaction and arts.
- Better waste reduction and recycling programs
- A strong, vibrant business centre

Regulations and Targets

Federal waste reduction target of 30% by 2030 compared to 2014 levels.

- BC's target is to limit municipal solid waste to 350 kg per person (Telkwa is at 600 kg)
- Municipalities are expected to align through expanded diversion programs, biweekly garbage collection, and education-driven behaviour change.

RDBN has a Solid Waste Management Plan that governs regional programs and facilities including the Transfer Station.

BC Recycling Regulation (2004) requires all producers to have an approved plan and comply with the approved plan in order to sell, offer for sale or distribute the product in BC.

Recycle BC (an industry association) provides recycling to 99.4% of BC residents through community partners and is a direct result of the 2004 Regulation.

What's in your garbage

The typical household garbage can contains

- 5% metal,
- 6% glass
- 7% plastic,
- 32% paper
- 32% yard and kitchen waste,

Most garbage can be recycled and/or composted. The other 18% consists of items that need to be taken to the Transfer Station which is open:

- Monday - Friday, 8 am to 6 pm
- Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm
- CLOSED Stat Holidays

Bylaw 750, 2022
Limit of 2 extra bags
plus cart if \$3 tag
attached



30% by
2030



82% is not
garbage

