

## What can you do to reduce solid waste?

- This by-law was passed because we have many ways in which we can reduce and divert our solid waste. The cost of solid waste is rising, and the municipality is recovering the cost from people who do not practice waste reduction, rather than by taxing everyone more for the actions of a few. This strategy has resulted in greater levels of waste diversion in other jurisdictions.
- The municipality offers curbside compost pickup every Wednesday morning, and has provided every household with a green bin. Please use this service.
- Our recycling centre is available 24 hours/day.
- Shopping habits are responsible for a major portion of our residential waste. Consider buying reusable products rather than disposable, with less packaging, for example.

*If you have questions about the 2-bag limit, or about composting, recycling, or municipal waste issues in general please contact the Municipal Office at (204)636-2431 or [admin@ericksonmb.ca](mailto:admin@ericksonmb.ca).*



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## Curbside Garbage Bag Limit

**Important Changes Coming  
to Residential and  
Commercial Garbage  
Collection in Erickson on  
February 1, 2021**

## Why are we making changes?

- These changes were not arrived at lightly. Solid waste is becoming difficult and expensive to manage, with more strict regulations recently becoming enacted by the provincial government.
- Our landfill is filling up, and we will soon be converting it to a transfer station, hauling our garbage to a regional landfill. This is far more expensive than burying it, as we have been able to do for decades.
- Garbage can be easily diverted from the landfill, but the programs that we offer are underused in the community.
- Our free organic waste green bin pickup program in Erickson has the ability to reduce waste from the community by 25%, but very few people are using the program.
- Approximately 30% of waste can be dropped off at our recycling centre, but a recent study showed that only 3% of waste in our municipality is actually being recycled.

## What is changing?

- Council has given third reading to Curbside Garbage Collection By-Law No.70-20
- **Beginning on February 1, 2021, our Public Works staff will be picking up a limit of TWO (2) garbage bags per residential and commercial unit.** Bags can be any size but must be no more than 25 pounds each.
- As an alternative to bags, a single waste container/bin not more than 120 litres may be used. This container should not weigh more than 50 pounds including garbage it contains.
- Any additional bags placed at the curb will not be picked up unless they have a sticker, which can be purchased at the Municipal Office for \$2.00 each. If you prefer not to purchase stickers, you have the option to take your excess residential waste to the waste site at no charge.