



CITY OF  
*Lethbridge*

January 14, 2019

**Re: Inspections and surcharges for commercial and industrial waste starting July 1, 2019**

**Dear Business Owner, General Manager or Property Manager;**

This letter is an update on the City of Lethbridge Business Waste Diversion Strategy, a plan approved by City Council to reduce commercial and industrial waste in Lethbridge by 50% by 2030. The strategy, along with new residential curbside recycling programs, ensures that everyone works together to reduce waste in our city.

Businesses in Lethbridge currently generate over two-thirds of the waste brought to the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre (landfill). Our goal is to have businesses and organizations recycling the same materials that residents do plus materials specific to commercial waste such as scrap metal, asphalt shingles and unprocessed wood. The Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre has a new Commercial Drop-Off (CDO) area for all of these recyclable materials.

**What's changing?**

As of July 1, 2019, we will begin inspecting loads from businesses at the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre for recyclable materials (referred to as Designated Materials in Bylaw 6146). A three month grace period will run from July through the end of September. During this grace period, inspections will take place and feedback will be provided to waste haulers, but no surcharges will be given.

As of October 1, 2019, businesses unloading waste at the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre will be charged \$50 per tonne on the entire load if the load contains a combination of more than 25% commercially recyclable materials.

The Business Waste Diversion Strategy calls for surcharges on organic materials such as food waste, tree branches, leaves, etc. in 2022. Further notifications will be made prior to adding new materials to the recyclables list.

**How will this work?**

When you or your waste hauler bring a load of garbage into the facility, the load may be inspected for recyclable materials that shouldn't be in the garbage. Loads containing more than 25% of recyclable materials, measured on a weight or volume basis, will be assessed a surcharge of \$50 per tonne for the entire load.

**What do I need to do?**

If your business does not haul waste to the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre, this change will still likely affect your waste hauler. If you have questions about how this will impact your service, please contact your waste hauler directly for more information.

For more information about the inspections and surcharges, please visit [www.lethbridge.ca/businesswaste](http://www.lethbridge.ca/businesswaste) or call 403-320-3111.

Waste & Recycling Services  
City of Lethbridge