



# CITY OF QUESNEL

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## Quesnel City Council Cost Control FAQs

### Cost Control Changes:

- The Quesnel Landfill will be closed Mondays and all statutory holidays except Boxing Day starting November 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- Residential Garbage will change to bi-weekly pickup starting November 16<sup>th</sup> (no pickup that week) (the first pickup will be the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>)

### Why is this happening?

Council has continued to focus on reducing the City's operating costs that will help them achieve the City's target of \$525,000 in cost reductions for the 2016 budget

The changes to garbage pick-up frequency and landfill operating hours are the first steps in Council's review of the City's entire waste management system. Council's overarching goal is to develop and implement a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling strategy that will simultaneously achieve environmental, climate change, and cost reduction objectives.

### When will the changes happen?

Biweekly garbage pickup will begin the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> – no garbage will be picked up that week. Garbage will be picked up the same week that recycling is picked up by Emterra.

The Landfill will be closed on Mondays, starting November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Will there be any changes to commercial garbage?

There will be no changes to commercial garbage.

### How will I know my collection week?

The garbage collection days will match the schedule of Emterra. The City will post on the City's website the pickup weeks for ease of reference.

### How will the change to bi-weekly garbage collection benefit residents?

Reducing waste and diverting garbage away from the landfill is good for residents and the City from both a financial and environmental perspective. By diverting as much garbage as possible by taking



advantage of the various recycling options, the life of the landfill can be extended, saving significant costs.

## How can I reduce the amount of garbage at my home?

If we can avoid producing garbage in the first place, we don't have to worry about disposing of it as waste or recycling later. When possible, choose products with little or no packaging or recyclable packaging, buy in bulk, use reusable containers, and donate or sell unwanted items rather than throwing them away.

Any recyclable material can be recycled through the following:

- 1. Emterra Recycling Program, <http://recyclinginbc.ca/quesnel/>**
- 2. Main Recycling Depot**  
Quesnel Municipal Landfill  
830 Carson Pitt Road  
Hours of operation: Tuesday – Sunday, 8 AM – 6 PM  
(Closed Mondays and all statutory holidays EXCEPT Boxing Day.)
- 3. Satellite Depots**  
West Quesnel Drop-off (Behind West Park Mall)  
9-155 Malcolm Street  
Hours of operation: 24/7  
  
Downtown Drop-off (Moffat Bridge Loop)  
72 Front Street  
Hours of operation: 24/7  
  
South Quesnel Drop-off (behind Maple Park Mall)  
2222 Maple Drive  
Hours of operation: 24/7
- 4. Re-Use Building**  
980 Carson Pit Road  
Hours of operation: Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Clean, re-usable items may be dropped off. Mattresses or Couches are NOT accepted. Some items may be purchased, while others can be obtained at no cost.
- 5. Recycling Hazardous Material**  
Visit the Provincial Government's website to find information:  
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=4C31A8F4F63B414D807AE4CF35EF9E36>



### **Will my garbage fee go down?**

Residential garbage fees will stay the same. Any savings will be used towards helping to extend the life of the landfill through waste reduction strategies.

### **Can I get a larger garbage cart?**

There are two garbage cart sizes – 250 L and 360 L. The 250L cart costs \$75 per year. The 250L carts are larger than carts provided in many other communities, including those with bi-weekly pickup. The City recommends that you try to make do with the 250 L cart.

If that is not possible, residents can request a larger cart. The 360L cart costs \$142.80 per year. The normal service fee for switching carts will be waived until December 31, 2015.

Please contact Public Works at 250-992-6330 to inquire about garbage carts.

### **Can I get a second garbage cart?**

We recommend that you try a larger cart 360L for a few months to see if that meets your needs. At any time if you have excess garbage you can take it to the landfill where residential garbage up to 350Kgs is free to drop off.

### **Where can I find more information?**

[www.quesnel.ca](http://www.quesnel.ca)