

THE CITY OF CORNER BROOK

GARBAGE AND REFUSE REGULATIONS 2026

PURSUANT to the powers vested in it under Sections 207, 208, 209, 210, 280.1, 280.2 and 280.4 of the City of Corner Brook Act R.S.N.L. 1990, c. C-15, as amended, and all other powers it is enabling, the Corner Brook City Council, in a session convened on the 26 day of January, 2026, hereby passes and enacts the following regulations.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the City of Corner Brook Garbage and Refuse Regulations.
2. For the purpose of these Regulations:
 - (a) "Approved Storage Container" means a garbage bin that is approved and issued and/or distributed by the City and is registered to each unit that receives garbage collection services from the City;
 - (b) "Bulk Items" means any item that is too large or bulky to be contained within a "Plastic Disposable Bag" as defined in s. 35 herein and/or has a weight in excess of 22.5 kilograms and includes but is not limited to stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, bed springs, mattresses, furniture, fencing, tree trunks or large branches, boxes and barrels and the like;
 - (c) "City" means the City of Corner Brook;
 - (d) "Commercial Property" means any property or building that is used or designed for use for business, commercial, industrial, or institutional purposes;
 - (e) "Commercial Waste" means waste from a commercial property;
 - (f) "Council" means Corner Brook City Council;
 - (g) "Director" means the department head of the City that is responsible for the administering of garbage collection operations;
 - (h) "Divertible Material" includes materials that can be diverted from landfill sites and recycled, reused or otherwise disposed of outside the provincial landfill sites. This includes curbside recycling. Hazardous materials, tires and other materials deemed as divertible by Western Regional Waste Management;
 - (i) "Excluded Material" means Corrugated Cardboard and fiber products that are contaminated with blood, grease, oil, food residue, wax or have polyethylene, polystyrene, foil, or other non-paper liners and those which are contaminated with material that will render the corrugated cardboard unmarketable;

- (j) "Fiber" Includes newspapers, flyers, magazines, office paper, shredded paper, books (with covers removed), corrugated cardboard, and boxboard;
- (k) "Garbage" includes:
 - (i) all rejected, thrown out, abandoned or discarded household, excrement of humans and animals, restaurant, hotel, shop, store or merchandise or industrial waste matter, ashes, glass, crockery, tin cans, metal, household utensils, garden refuse and waste including dead branches, leaves, bushes, weeds and plants, small and light household furniture or furnishings, bedding, wearing apparel, floor sweepings, barrels, and other discarded or thrown out receptacles, disposable undergarments and their normal contents from humans; and
 - (ii) All material contained in the definition of Excluded Material above;
But Excludes:
 - (i) Bulk Items, Household Hazardous Material, Industrial Waste, Commercial Waste, and Recyclable Material as defined in these Regulations; and
 - (ii) Non-collectable waste as described in "Materials Not Collected" section of these Regulations;
- (l) "Garden Waste" means waste material from gardens, consisting of grass clippings, dead branches, leaves, bushes, weeds, plants, and other similar materials;
- (m) "Household" means any residential dwelling unit designed and intended for occupation by a single family, whether occupied by a single family or not;
- (n) "Household Hazardous Material" includes hazardous materials originating from a household including but not limited to antifreeze, batteries, cleaners, fuels, motor oils and filters, paint and paint products, pesticides and herbicides, medications, propane tanks, aerosol cans, thermometers, and thermostats;
- (o) "Industrial Waste" means all materials produced as a byproduct of industrial processes including:
 - (i) plaster, wood, and stone from excavations, building construction, repair, alterations, maintenance, or demolition;
 - (ii) debris from any building removed, destroyed by fire, or any other cause; and
 - (iii) material from manufacturing processes, manure, slaughterhouse offal, fish offal, waste from garages and service stations, condemned matter or waste from factories, foundries, or commercial boiler furnaces;

- (p) "Inspector" means any Municipal Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to s.211 of the City of Corner Brook Act; or any person appointed by Council to act as an Inspector under this regulation;
- (q) "Multi-unit residential" means a registered residential building registered on the City tax roll as exceeding 5 units that share a common driveway entrance;
- (r) "Non-Profit Facility" means a property or premises operated by a registered non-profit organization, including charitable, community, or volunteer-based entities, that functions for purposes other than generating profit for owners or shareholders. Any surplus revenues are used to further the organization's objectives rather than distributed as profit.
- (s) "Occupant" of any property means a person who:
 - (i) owns the property;
 - (ii) resides at the property;
 - (iii) conducts business at the property;
 - (iv) is in physical possession of the property; or
 - (v) has responsibility for, and control over, the condition of the property, the activities conducted on the property and the people allowed to enter the property;and for purposes of these Regulations there may be more than one occupant of the same property;
- (t) Plastics/Metals: Includes recyclable plastic containers and metal cans deemed recyclable by Western Regional Waste Management. ;and
- (u) "Recyclable Material" means materials that are deemed recyclable by Western Regional Waste Management from time to time. This includes but is not limited to fibers, metals and plastics.

GENERAL PROHIBITION

3. No Occupant of a property in the City shall store or dispose of or permit or allow storage or disposal of Garbage, Recyclable Material, Household Hazardous Materials, Commercial Waste, Bulk Items, Excluded Materials, Recyclable Material, Divertible Material or Industrial Waste in the City except in accordance with these Regulations.

MATERIALS REMOVAL

4. No Occupant of any property in the City shall permit or allow any Garbage, Recyclable Material, Household Hazardous Materials, Bulk Items or Industrial Waste to accumulate, be, or remain in, on, or about any such property, except in a suitable container as set out in these Regulations and then only for the period permitted under these Regulations, or until directed to remove the same by an Inspector.

5. No Occupant of any property shall permit any receptacle containing Garbage or Recyclable Material to remain upon the property for a period longer than seven days without placing same for collection by the City in the manner herein provided.
6. No Occupant of any property shall permit any Industrial Waste to remain upon the property for a period longer than seven days.
7. No Occupant of any property shall permit any Household Hazardous Material to accumulate on the property.
8. No Occupant of any property shall permit any Bulk Items to accumulate on their property except in accordance with section 34 herein.
9. An Inspector may at any time, by a direction in writing, require the Occupant of any property in the City to forthwith clean up and remove at the expense of such Occupant, and to the satisfaction of such Inspector, all Garbage, Recyclable Material, Household Hazardous Material, Bulk Items, Commercial Waste, Excluded Material, Divertible Material or Industrial Waste from such property by a specific date, which date shall be not less than six days from the date of service of the written direction.
10. In the event of the failure or neglect of any Occupant of a property to clean up and remove all Garbage, Recyclable Material, Household Hazardous Material, Commercial Waste, Excluded Material, Divertible Material, Bulk Items or Industrial Waste from the property, after being directed by an Inspector so to do, such Inspector may cause all such Garbage, Recyclable Material, Household Hazardous Material, Bulk Items or Industrial Waste to be cleaned up and removed and the cost of the cleanup and removal shall be paid by the Occupant to the City and shall be collectable as a civil debt of the Occupant to the City.

SUITABLE CONTAINERS FOR STORAGE

11. The Occupant of every property in the City shall not allow Garbage and Recyclable Materials to accumulate from or on such property unless it is stored in accordance with the following and as otherwise set out in these Regulations:
 - (a) Such accumulation in no instance exceeds the permissible timelines as otherwise set out in these Regulations, including but not limited to those timelines specified in sections 5, 6, 7, and 8;
 - (b) The Garbage is kept in Plastic Disposable Bags as defined in section 12 herein and Recyclable Materials are kept in accordance with section 20 herein which Garbage and Recyclable Materials are then contained within an Approved Storage Container;
 - (c) The Approved Storage Container is kept in good condition of repair and in a sanitary condition; and
 - (d) Garbage is placed in the approved storage container such that the lid is able to fully closed, preventing pests and water from contaminating the refuse.

SUITABLE CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION

12. Garbage that has been placed for collection must be contained in Plastic Disposable Bags that are closed, securely fastened, and meet the following criteria:

- (a) have a volume capacity of not less than 20 liters and not more than 80 liters;
- (b) have a thickness of at least 1 millimeter;
- (c) have an overall length of not more than 1 meter when empty; and
- (d) are strong enough to hold 22.5 kilograms.

This includes small plastic bags commonly referred to as kitchen catchers but does not include small plastic bags commonly referred to as supermarket or shopping bags.

13. The City will provide Approved Storage Containers (ASC) for residents at no cost subject to the following:

(a) Ownership and Assignment

- (i) All ASC shall remain the property of the City of Corner Brook;
- (ii) Each ASC shall be registered to a specific property and must remain at that property, regardless of changes in ownership or occupancy;
- (iii) Each unit shall only receive one ASC, unless otherwise approved in section 15.;

(b) Maintenance and Repairs

- (i) The City or its designated contractor shall be responsible for repairs to damaged ASCs;
- (ii) Occupants shall report ASC damage or maintenance needs to the City within a reasonable period of time following the damage or requirement of maintenance.

(c) Lost or Missing ASCs

- (i) In the event of a lost or missing ASC, Occupants shall be responsible for the replacement of lost ASCs;
- (ii) Replacement ASCs will be issued by the City, and the applicable replacement fee will be charged to the Occupant at the City's Replacement rate in effect at the time the ASC is reported lost or missing.;

(d) ASCs for Collection

- (i) Only garbage and refuse contained in ASCs issued by the City will be collected curbside; and
- (ii) Occupants are not permitted to use garbage receptacles that are not ASCs unless explicitly authorized through the exemption process outlined in section 22 of these Regulations.

14. Garbage must be placed curbside in the ASCs provided by the City. ASC lids MUST be fully closed when placed curbside. ASCs with lids that are opened or partially opened may not be collected.
15. Occupants of a unit may submit a request for an additional ASC to the City for consideration. Requests for additional ASC's will be reviewed based on the following considerations:
 - i. Whether the number of occupants regularly residing in a unit exceeds 5 persons;
 - ii. Whether there are specific household needs such as medical or developmental needs that generate additional non-hazardous waste (e.g., bandages, packaging, diapers);
 - iii. Whether the unit contains an approved home-based business that produces excess household-type waste; and
 - iiii. Whether there is sufficient room for the Occupant to place the additional bin curbside.
 - (a) In order to be considered for an additional ASC, Occupants must submit a signed request form to the City with such back up documentation and other evidence as the City may require to confirm the legitimacy of the necessity of an additional ASC, including but not limited to confirmation of the number of dwelling units in the building, confirmation of the number of Occupants in a unit, and confirmation of special needs. A development inspector may be required to verify this information.
 - (b) If a request for an additional ASC is approved, the property owner shall pay the City for the additional bin at the prescribed replacement cost, prior to issuance of the additional ASC.
 - (c) The City will not approve more than one additional ASC per unit.
16. Only Garbage that has been placed in accordance with sections 12 and 13 herein will be collected.
17. Occupants shall ensure that the Approved Storage Containers used to contain garbage placed for collection are removed from curbside no later than 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection.
18. Garbage shall not be stored or placed for collection in any paper, cardboard carton, cardboard box, or any receptacle other than those Approved Storage Containers as prescribed by sections 11, 12, and 13 herein.
19. Excretes or litter from domestic animals including household pets such as dogs and cats must be double bagged and securely tied in watertight bags and mixed with other Garbage.
20. Recyclable Materials shall be stored and collected as follows:
 - (a) In two separate streams comprised of :
 - (i) Fibers; and
 - (ii) Plastics/metals;

- (b) In Translucent Blue Plastic Disposable Bags which meet the following criteria:
- (i) have a volume capacity of not more than 80 liters;
 - (ii) have a thickness of at least 11/2 millimeter;
 - (iii) have an overall length of not more than 1 meter when empty;
 - (iv) are strong enough to hold 22.5 kilograms;
 - (v) are -translucent; and (vi) are not small plastic bags commonly referred to as supermarket or shopping bags or kitchen catchers; or
- (c) By being tied in neat bundles not exceeding 22.5 kilograms.

21. All wet Garbage that is stored or placed for collection shall be thoroughly strained, wrapped in paper, and securely tied before placing in Plastic Disposable Bags.
22. Occupants with mobility or accessibility challenges who are unable to manage the City-provided ASC may apply for an exemption from the City. Occupants who are approved for an exemption must place their garbage curbside in a secure manner that prevents access by pests and avoids contamination or scattering due to wind or water. All other waste disposal regulations outlined in this policy remain applicable to exempted households.

COLLECTION OF MATERIALS

23. The Occupants of any property in the City shall ensure that only bagged garbage able to be placed in the provided Approved Storage Containers are placed curbside. No garbage is to be placed curbside other than that contained within the Approved Storage Container save and except for during the annual spring cleanup or other special collection days as described in s. 24. Approved Storage Containers placed curbside must have the lid fully closed.
24. Annual spring cleanup week and other special collection days will be fixed by the Director from time to time.
25. No Garbage or Recyclable Materials shall be put out for collection prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day before the date designated for collection in the area.
26. Sharp objects shall only be disposed of in sealed and puncture resistant containers and hypodermic needles or sharp devices or instruments designed and intended for medical use shall only be disposed of in a sealed container which is designed for the disposal of medical sharps.
27. Approved Storage Containers and Recyclables intended for collection by the City shall be placed as per the curbside instructions posted on the City's website. Approved Storage Containers placed curbside not adhering to these guidelines will not be collected.
28. No person, other than people authorized by the City so to do, shall pick over, remove, disturb or otherwise interfere with any Garbage or Recyclable Material placed for removal by the City, whether or not the same is contained in ASCs.

29. No person shall permit any animal owned by such person or under that person's control to pick over, interfere, disturb, remove, or scatter any material placed out for collection.
30. The Collection Commencement Time for Garbage and Recyclable Materials is 8:00 a.m. on such days as set by the Director from time to time. Garbage and Recyclable Material shall not be left out for collection later than 12 hours after the Collection Commencement Time.

MATERIAL NOT COLLECTED

31. All Garbage or Recyclable Materials placed for collection in a manner not permitted by these Regulations will not be collected and such Garbage or Recyclable Materials shall be removed by the Occupant not later than 12 hours after the Collection Commencement Time.
32. If for any reason the contents of any container shall become wet and of a fluid consistency the same shall not be collected by the City.
33. Industrial Waste will not be collected by the City but shall be disposed of by the Occupant of the property where the Industrial Waste is created or stored.
34. Automotive tires, sheet iron, scrap metal, car bodies and the carcasses of any animal shall not be collected by the City.
35. Bulk items shall not be included with Garbage or Recyclable Materials placed for collection but may be stored until spring clean-up week or other special collection day, unless otherwise directed by an Inspector under the provision of Section 9 of these Regulations. Broken or discarded household appliances and household furniture or furnishings shall be picked up during the cleanup period.
36. Commercial waste will not be collected by the City and shall be disposed of by the Occupant of the property at the landfill in accordance with the hours of landfill operation.
37. No person shall park in front of Garbage or Recyclable Materials placed at curbside for collection or otherwise block or obstruct the convenient viewing and/or access to the Garbage or Recyclable Materials placed for collection.
38. Waste from multi-unit residential properties with 5 or less units will be collected by the City in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (a) The frequency of collection shall be weekly or once per waste collection cycle;
 - (b) Garbage will only be collected from the City issued Approved Storage Containers set out in Section 13 of these Regulations as approved by the Inspector and placed at the curb with the lid completely closed. Each unit will be provided with an Approved Storage Container registered to the corresponding unit;
 - (c) There shall be no parking in front of or otherwise obstructing convenient access to the Approved Storage Containers;

- (d) The collection location if not at curbside must be approved by the Director or his/her designate and must be level and have adequate room to safely allow a collection vehicle to enter the site, collect the waste and exit without backing up on a municipal road; and
- (e) The area must be kept clear of snow and ice so as not to pose a danger to the collection vehicle or property during collection.

All other provisions of these Regulations apply to multi-unit residential properties.

CITY LANDFILL

- 39. No person shall place or dump or cause to be placed or dumped any Garbage in the City other than for collection in accordance with these regulations or at the landfill or landfills provided for that purpose by the City.
- 40. No person shall, at any time, place, or dump, or cause to be placed or dumped Recyclable Materials in the City other than for collection in accordance with these regulations or at a lawful recycling operation.
- 41. No person shall place or cause to be placed on a landfill any Recyclable Material or any Divertible Material that has been discarded by the Occupant of any Commercial Property.

DIVERTIBLE MATERIALS

- 42. The Occupant of any Commercial Property shall not place for collection or cause or permit to be sent to any City landfill any Divertible material.
- 43. Where the Occupant of any Commercial Property places for collection or causes or permits to be sent to any City landfill any Divertible Material in any amount, the Occupant shall pay any divertible material surcharge as is required by the Western Regional Service Board.

NON-PROFIT FACILITIES

- 44. Curbside waste collection services may be provided to non-profit organizations, provided there is a safe and accessible area for the collection provider to access the garbage ASC's.
 - (a) Each non-profit facility will be charged the applicable waste management levy and will be provided one ASC.
 - (b) Additional ASCs can be requested by the organization and will be supplied at the City of Corner Brook's current bin replacement cost.
 - (c) Only non-profit facilities generating residential waste will be eligible for City collection services. Facilities that generate waste consistent with commercial or industrial waste are not eligible for city collection services.

ENFORCEMENT

45. Where any person contravenes any provision of this Regulation or any Direction or Order issued under this Regulation:
- (a) such person is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine or to a period of imprisonment in accordance with the City of Corner Brook Act; and
 - (b) such person may be issued a violation notice pursuant to section 280.1 of the City of Corner Brook Act.
46. All Inspectors are designated people employed by Council who may issue a violation notice pursuant to section 280.1 of the City of Corner Brook Act for any contravention or failure to comply with these Regulations.

SCHEDULE

47. Collection schedule shall be as determined by the City in its sole discretion from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these regulations are sealed with the Common Seal of the City of Corner Brook and subscribed by and on behalf of the Council by the Mayor and City Clerk at Corner Brook, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 29 day of January 2026.



Mayor



City Clerk

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