GET INVOLVED

Waste is what goes in our garbage bags – the things we no longer use. But when it comes to the City's waste management system, it also includes the things we put out for recycling or yard waste, or bring to depots for recovery, like old toilets, bikes, and clean lumber.

What we collect and how it is managed is set out in our Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Strategy (CIWMS), also known as the Garbage and Recycling Master Plan.

We want to hear from you. Share your thoughts on what is working, or not, with the programs, services, and facilities in our waste management system.

Scan the QR code to visit the project webpage to learn more and get involved.



FACILITIES

Winnipeg 4R Depots:

- Brady 4R Winnipeg Depot
  1825 Brady Rd.
  Accepts: Recycling & garbage
- Pacific 4R Winnipeg Depot
  1120 Pacific Ave.
  Accepts: Recycling **only**
- Panet 4R Winnipeg Depot
  429 Panet Rd.
  Accepts: Recycling **only**
- Brady Road Resource Management Facility
  1777 Brady Rd.
  For use by commercial customers **only**

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COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (CIWMS) REVIEW

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WHAT IS THE CIWMS?

The Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Strategy (CIWMS) is the City of Winnipeg's plan for managing garbage and recycling. The CIWMS was approved by City Council in 2011. It guides how Winnipeg collects, sorts, and gets rid of garbage and recycling.

This plan helps keep the city clean, reduces waste, and helps protect the environment by ensuring that things get reused or recycled whenever possible. It also provides a roadmap for new programs and services that help fight climate change.



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WHY A REVIEW?

Winnipeg manages close to 500,000 tonnes of waste a year. The environmental, economic, and social impacts of that waste affect all of us. The CIWMS was first written in 2011 and a lot has changed since then.

An update will help us improve our targets, programs, and services for all customers (such as houses, apartments, condos, commercial, institutional, and construction and demolition).

WASTE HIERARCHY

We need to rethink how we buy, use and throw out used items to reduce the costs and impacts of waste. In the waste hierarchy, throwing garbage away in the landfill is the last resort. The waste hierarchy places priority on:

- Preventing waste (reduce and reuse);
- Diverting waste from the landfill (recycle and recover) and;
- Minimizing what goes into the landfill (dispose).



This means trying to make less garbage in the first place.

Use products again instead of throwing them away, either for their original purpose or a new one.

When we can't reduce or reuse products, we should recycle. Recycling means turning old products into new things.

Sometimes, we can't reduce, reuse, or recycle certain products easily. In that case, we should recover valuable materials or energy.

This is the last step. If we can't do anything else with our waste, we have to throw it away safely in the landfill.

PROGRESS

Since the CIWMS was approved in 2011, the City has made the following improvements:

- Introduced automated garbage and recycling carts
- Introduced leaf and yard waste collection and composting to keep leaf and yard waste out of the landfill
- Piloted a biosolids composting program, the pilot turned the biosolids from wastewater processing into soil, keeping it out of the landfill
- Provided bulky waste (large items) and extra garbage pick-up programs to reduce illegal dumping
- Built a landfill gas and leachate collection systems to remove and monitor pollution
- Opened three 4R Depots to increase options for recycling for items not accepted in the blue recycling carts
- Provided a mattress recycling drop-off program at the Brady 4R depot

