



VILLAGE OF MYRNAM
BYLAW NO. 2026-01

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF MYRNAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
RESPECTING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE**

WHEREAS Village Council has determined it is expedient to establish a garbage bylaw for the Village of Myrnam;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, as amended from time to time, provides Village Council with the authority to provide for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse within the Village of Myrnam subject to any terms, costs or charges as may be established by Village Council;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26, as amended from time to time, Village Council for the Village of Myrnam, duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. Title

1.1 This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Garbage Services Bylaw".

2. Definitions

2.1 In this Bylaw, words have the meanings set out in the Act, except that:

- (a) "**Act**" means the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26*, as amended.
- (b) "**Ashes**" means the residue from the burning of combustible materials.
- (c) "**Authorized Person**" means a person employed or under contract to the Village and occupying a position for the purposes of inspection and enforcement and shall include a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- (d) "**Bin**" means a commercial or industrial container provided by the Village, remains the property of the Village, and may only be used where approved under this Bylaw; in accordance with Section 5.
- (e) "**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**" means a person appointed pursuant to the Municipal Government Act.
- (f) "**Designated Officer**" means a Person appointed pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, and includes for the purpose of this Bylaw, an Authorized Person and Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- (g) "**Dwelling Unit**" means a building intended for residential purposes.
- (h) "**Fine**" means a monetary penalty imposed on a Person for non-compliance with this Bylaw, as set out in the Master Rates Bylaw.

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- (i) **"Garbage"** means all waste material of any kind, except ashes, and shall include all of the following classifications of refuse:
- i. **"Building Garbage"** means the waste material (earth, stones, etc.) from cellar or other excavations, waste material and debris resulting from the construction, maintenance or demolition of houses, commercial buildings or other structures including any residue if such waste material or debris is burned or partially destroyed by fire or any other cause.
 - ii. **"Bulk Rubbish"** means all trees, shrubs, stumps, scrap lumber, scrap metal, large boxes and crates, oil drums and similar unwieldy materials, discarded furniture and fixtures including but not limited to tables, mattresses, water heating tanks, stoves, furnaces, fences, gates, and other discarded fixtures.
 - iii. **"Dead Animal"** means and includes the carcasses of any and all animals or part thereof.
 - iv. **"Domestic Garbage"** means tin cans, broken glass, crockery, bottles, food containers, dishes and utensils, rags, clothing, papers, books, magazines, packing materials, cartons, clippings from shrubs and trees, weeds, leaves, grass cuttings and garden wastes.
 - v. **"Hazardous Waste"** means any and all kinds of materials that may be dangerous for collectors to handle including but not limited to explosives, detonators, ammunition, volatile inflammable materials, poisons, acids, caustics and infected materials, bedding and clothing from sick rooms.
 - vi. **"Industrial Waste"** means wasted, rejected materials, discarded machinery, etc., from manufacturing processes, factories or other works, wastes and condemned matter from canneries, stockyards, slaughterhouses, meat packing plants, vegetable oil plants or similar industries including shells, husks, manure, offal and other like wastes.
 - vii. **"Junk"** means discarded machinery units including engine blocks, tires, bodies and other machine and vehicle components, metal, glass, and similar substances of small marketable value.
 - viii. **"Litter"** means miscellaneous waste items of all sorts including but not limited to matchsticks, empty packages, cigarette butts, loose paper, bags, boxes, shavings and similar light material or any that may be blown about or carried off by a gust of wind which when discarded, dropped, placed, blown about or carried onto any sidewalk, street, boulevard, lane, park, public place or private premises contributes to untidiness and detracts from Village cleanliness.

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- (j) **"Garbage Collection Date"** means the date for collection of garbage for a particular premise, set out in an advertised schedule established by the Manager on a periodic basis.
- (k) **"Garbage Receptacle"** means a plastic or metal container commonly referred to as a "dumpster", equipped with a secure lid designed for the purpose of storage of garbage.
- (l) **"Manager"** means that person appointed to the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Myrnam, or their designate.
- (m) **"Master Rates Bylaw"** means the Master Rates Bylaw of the Village passed pursuant to the Municipal Government Act.
- (n) **"Order"** means a written notice issued by the Village to a Person requiring compliance with any provision of this Bylaw within a specified time.
- (o) **"Person"** includes any individual, firm, partnership or corporate body.
- (p) **"Premises"** means real property and all buildings, structures and improvements thereon.
- (q) **"Schedule"** means a list of the day or days during each week on which garbage is regularly collected from the Premises within the Village.
- (r) **"Village"** means the Municipality of the Village of Myrnam in the Province of Alberta.

3. Provision of Services

- 3.1 The Village may provide Garbage collection services in accordance with a collection Schedule established by the Manager, to Premises within the Village.

4. Duties and Obligations

- 4.1 No Person shall dispose of ashes, garbage or refuse in the Village except in the manner provided for in this Bylaw.
- 4.2 No Person other than a Person using a Garbage Receptacle or Bin authorized for collection shall open or interfere with any Garbage Receptacle or Bin.
- 4.3 The Person of each Premises within the Village shall be responsible for the payment of those Garbage collection fees levied by the Village in accordance with this Bylaw.
- 4.4 The Person of every Premises, or each Dwelling Unit shall provide sufficient Garbage Receptacles or Bins to contain the Garbage generated from the Premises or individual Dwelling Units, between each Garbage Collection Date.
- 4.5 All Garbage Receptacles shall be kept with lids closed at all times to secure contents.

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- 4.6 Except for a period of twelve (12) hours before, and twelve (12) hours after a scheduled Garbage Collection Date, all Garbage Receptacles or Bins shall be stored in a neat and secure manner within the boundaries of the Premises.
- 4.7 For a period of twelve (12) hours before, and twelve (12) hours after the scheduled Garbage Collection Date, Garbage Receptacles or Bins may be placed outside the boundaries of the Premises in a manner as close as reasonably possible to the property line of an alley or road and in such manner as to provide direct access without interfering with vehicle or pedestrian travel.
- 4.8 All Garbage Receptacles or Bins to be picked up by the Village collection service shall be compatible with the Village's collection system.
- 4.9 The Village shall only be responsible for the collection and disposal as outlined in this Bylaw. Individual Persons shall be responsible for the proper and safe disposal of any waste not collected and disposed of by the Village.
- 4.10 Garbage collection personnel shall not be responsible for cleanup or disposal of any Garbage spilled from a Garbage Receptacle or Bin, except where the personnel have caused the spill.
- 4.11 Where Garbage has spilled from a Garbage Receptacle or Bin, the Person generating the Garbage spill shall be responsible for clean-up, removal, and proper disposal.

5. Bin Regulations

- 5.1 Bins are provided for commercial and industrial Premises only, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Manager.
- 5.2 Where the volume of Garbage generated exceeds the capacity of regular garbage collection service, the Manager may require the Premises to utilize Bin service.
- 5.3 Provision of a Bin is subject to availability and operational capacity of the Village or its contractor.
- 5.4 Number of Bins:
 - (a) One (1) Bin per Premises is permitted as standard service.
 - (b) More than one (1) Bin may be approved for Premises such as lodges, schools, or similar facilities where demonstrated need is provided to the satisfaction of the Manager.
- 5.5 All Bins provided under this Bylaw remain the property of the Village.

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- 5.6 Upon written request, a Person may be permitted to install a lock on a Bin at their own expense. Locking requires prior written approval of the Manager and must use a locking mechanism designated or approved by the Village. Unauthorized locks may be removed by the Village without notice.
- 5.7 All Bins shall have lids that remain closed at all times, except when Garbage is being deposited or removed for collection.
- 5.8 The Village is responsible for normal wear-and-tear maintenance and replacement of Bins.
- 5.9 Damage to bins or lids resulting from misuse, negligence, or unauthorized modification shall be repaired or replaced at the cost of the Person responsible.
- 5.10 Where a Bin is repeatedly misused, damaged, improperly secured, or maintained in contravention of this Bylaw, the Manager may suspend or revoke authorization to use the Bin until compliance is achieved or repairs are completed.
- 5.11 The Manager may approve alternate pickup arrangements or limited exceptions solely for municipally recognized seasonal facilities, such as the Agricultural Society, that operate for limited portions of the year and do not generate regular waste on a weekly basis.
- 5.12 The Manager will notify all Persons who have a bin service of the pickup schedule.”
- 5.13 A Person wishing to cancel Bin service shall provide a minimum of two (2) months written notice to the Village.

6. Pre-Collection & Collection of Garbage

- 6.1 Garbage shall be thoroughly drained of all liquid and shall be securely contained in sealed plastic garbage bags before its disposal into a Garbage Receptacle or Bin.
- 6.2 Ashes shall be extinguished so that no fire remains and bagged before being placed in a Garbage Receptacle or Bin.
- 6.3 Combustible garbage shall be placed in containers carefully secured and prepared for collection as follows:
 - (a) Clippings from shrubs and trees shall be compactly and securely tied in bundles not exceeding three feet (one meter) in length.
 - (b) Discarded clothing and fabric, newspapers, wastepaper, magazines, and similar dry inoffensive garbage shall be enclosed in cardboard boxes or other containers and securely tied.

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- (c) Cardboard boxes and similar crating and shipping containers shall be collapsed and securely tied into compact bundles.
- (d) Shredded packing materials, shavings and trimmings from lawns and gardens shall be securely baled and wrapped in heavy paper or packed in cardboard boxes, burlap or plastic bags and securely tied.

7. Collection

7.1 Unless otherwise stipulated in this Bylaw:

- (a) The Village shall remove all Garbage as provided for in this Bylaw once a week from all Dwelling Units and Premises within the Village.
- (b) The Village may sponsor a cleanup day or week to provide for the removal of all junk, garbage, rubbish, litter, waste and all other related material from the Village.
- (c) Persons requiring additional garbage collection services more than once a week will be required to arrange for such services on their own accord and are responsible for all charges and fees associated with the additional services.

8. Improper or Neglected Disposal

- 8.1 The CAO may serve a notice to any Person of any Premises or Dwelling Unit for the removal of any ashes, dirt, filth, or garbage, designating a time of not less than seven (7) days to remove the same.
- 8.2 If the Person does not comply, the Village may have the work done and charge the costs to the Person.
- 8.3 All Garbage referred to in Subsection 7.1 shall be immediately disposed of by taking it to a waste management/landfill site.

9. Prohibited Disposal

- 9.1 Importing waste: No Person shall import waste of any kind into the Village for disposal.
- 9.2 Regulated Waste: Any Person producing dangerous, toxic or hazardous waste shall remove and dispose of such waste in accordance with applicable provincial and federal statutes. The following are excluded from Village collection: ashes, garbage not properly prepared, building garbage, industrial waste, commercial garbage, bulk rubbish, junk, dead animals, hazardous waste, and litter not in containers.
- 9.3 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Areas: No Person shall deposit any waste on streets, lanes, parks, public places or watercourses.
- 9.4 Incineration: Garbage and combustible refuse may only be disposed of by indoor incinerators meeting National Building Code requirements. Outdoor incineration or burning barrels are prohibited.
- 9.5 Transport of Waste: No Person shall transport Garbage or waste unless securely covered to prevent spilling.

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10. Administration and Fees

- 10.1 All Premises are responsible for charges in the Master Rates Bylaw.
- 10.2 Charges are deemed received seven (7) days after mailing.
- 10.3 Non-receipt of invoice does not relieve the Person from payment.
- 10.4 Late payments may be subject to penalties in the Master Rates Bylaw.
- 10.5 Unpaid charges may be recovered in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.
- 10.6 Charges may be added to the tax roll and collected like property tax.

11. Authority of Manager and Authorized Persons

- 11.1 The Manager is responsible for administration and enforcement and may delegate authority.
- 11.2 The Manager may establish standards, guidelines, and specifications for Garbage Collection.
- 11.3 The Manager shall establish collection Schedules and advertise them to the public.

12. Offences and Penalties

- 12.1 Any Person who contravenes this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to applicable Fines in the Master Rates Bylaw.
- 12.2 Any Person providing false information is guilty of an offence and liable to applicable Fines in the Master Rates Bylaw.

13. Enforcement

- 13.1 An Authorized Person may issue an Order to any Person reasonably believed to have contravened this Bylaw.
- 13.2 Enforcement under this Bylaw shall be conducted in the following order wherever reasonably possible:
 - (a) Verbal contact, education, or notification by phone, email, or posting a notice at the Garbage Receptacle or Bin;
 - (b) Written notice of non-compliance, identifying the contravention and providing a reasonable time for compliance;
 - (c) Issuance of a Fine as specified in the Master Rates Bylaw
- 13.3 Failure to pay a Fine may result in collection pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, including adding the Fine to the tax roll of the Premises.

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14. General

- 14.1 The Village may enter into an agreement with any party for collecting and disposing of Garbage.
- 14.2 The Village is not liable for damages caused by disruption of Garbage Collection for inspection, maintenance, repair, or placement.
- 14.3 Every provision of this Bylaw is independent, and if any provision declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.
- 14.4 That Bylaw No. 2021-14 be hereby repealed.
- 14.5 This Bylaw comes into full force and effect upon third reading.

That Bylaw No. 2026-01 be given a first reading this 20th day of January 2026.

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That Bylaw No. 2026-01 be given third and final reading and passed this 20th day of January 2026.

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RICK SADOWSKY, MAYOR

ELSIE KIZIAK, C.A.O.