

24 comments on “4R Winnipeg Depots”



Edward Thiessen says:

January 15, 2014 at 3:40 pm

Please keep me updated on further developments re 4R Winnipeg Depots



admin says:

January 16, 2014 at 11:28 am

Hi Edward and thank you for your interest.

You can ‘Follow’ this site to get notified via email when there is a new post. Instruction on following a blog here:<http://en.support.wordpress.com/following/>

You can also sign-up for our newsletter (Water and Waste news) to get the latest updates about 4R depots and our public engagement activity in general at, http://www.winnipeg.ca/wpgmail/subscribe_all.stm?elist=11#ww



Jaroslaw Rudnycky'j says:

January 15, 2014 at 4:05 pm

It’s great we’ll be seeing the waste equivalent of ‘one-stop shopping’ once the 4R depots are up and running. No trucking hazardous waste to Miller off Keewatin, eWaste to the various depots, yard waste to one part of Brady and bulky waste and debris to another.



Dan Benoit says:

January 23, 2014 at 12:30 pm

Hi. Will there be other open houses. I only got the notice now and the event is tonight : (Very short notice.



admin says:

January 23, 2014 at 1:51 pm

Sorry you won't be able to attend the open house tonight Dan.

The Brady 4R Winnipeg Depot is the first of up to four 4R Winnipeg Depots we will be building over the next three years. As we proceed with the next Depot there will be another open house you can attend.

You can 'Follow' this site to get notified via email when there is a new post about the next Depot.

Instruction on following a blog here: <http://en.support.wordpress.com/following/>

You can also provide feedback on the 4R Winnipeg Depots by answering our survey,

<http://wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/2014/01/23/4r-winnipeg-depots-feedback-survey/>



B says:

January 23, 2014 at 1:26 pm

This is a great idea. The resources and energy in old consumer products should be incorporated into the production of new consumer items whenever possible. It's stupid to just constantly dig up new resources in the countryside, haul them back into the city, and then process them into new consumer products, which will be thrown out again in a couple years.



Kevin Miller says:

January 23, 2014 at 3:22 pm

4R Winnipeg Depots is a great idea.



Jodi Winter says:

January 23, 2014 at 7:03 pm

This is just wonderful. I am so pleased to have more options for waste removal. Way to go city!



Nicky Marotta says:

February 5, 2014 at 2:09 pm

Stop expecting people to turn in bottles & cans when you can't even give them a nickel or dime like everywhere else in civilized North America.



admin says:

February 6, 2014 at 12:37 pm

Thank you for your comment Nicky.

We currently have a levy system in Manitoba, which was implemented by the Provincial Government in 1995. Financial support of recycling programs in Manitoba is provided by levies paid by the producers of the products (Product Stewards). In Winnipeg, approximately 80% of our curbside recycling program is funded by product stewards through the Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba. The remaining 20% is funded through the sale of recyclable materials. Since our program is funded by the producers of the products, the City of Winnipeg does not charge its residents for curbside recycling collection and processing.

Other provinces, such as Saskatchewan and Alberta, use a deposit system. This allows residents to receive their deposit back when they return recyclable containers. While this encourages people to return recyclable containers, it costs more to administer than a levy system and limits the recyclable items to only those that have a deposit.

Typically, cities that use a container deposit system either charge a monthly or yearly fee for curbside recycling collection, or do not provide the service at all. For example, the City of Regina only started curbside collection of recyclables on July 1, 2013, and they now charge all homes \$91.25 per year for recycling. Similarly, Calgary started collecting recycling at homes in 2011, and has a mandatory user fee of \$93.68 per year to cover the costs of their program.

Although very costly, the deposit system does yield a very high capture rate of beverage containers (much higher than the levy system) as citizens take the time to collect containers and exchange them for a refund. In Manitoba, to increase the capture rate of beverage containers, the Product Stewards created an away-from-home recycling program (the Recycle Everywhere program) which

allows for the collection of beverage containers in public places. This program is managed by the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association and is funded by a two cent non-refundable Container Recycling Fee on all recyclable beverage containers. By augmenting curbside collection programs with this public space recycling initiative, the Product Stewards are optimistic that the capture rates of beverage containers in Manitoba can rival levels achieved by deposit systems operating in other jurisdictions.



Nicky says:

February 7, 2014 at 11:25 am

Thank you for explaining!



marc says:

February 6, 2014 at 10:50 am

sorry I have better things to do on my weekends then drive out to a landfill or Depot and wait in a line up to drop off my garbage, not going to happen.



admin says:

February 6, 2014 at 11:44 am

Thank you for your comment Marc.

As part of our plan we are going to build additional 4R Winnipeg Depots in other locations in Winnipeg. These will not only further reduce the queues, but will also reduce the travel time for residents. It is expected that this will greatly increase convenience for residential customers. Also, the hours we are considering would allow you to go to a Depot seven days a week. To learn more about the Depots you can visit our Frequently Asked Questions:

<http://wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/4rdepots/faq/>

We also welcome your input on our short survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/4RWinnipegDepots>



John says:

October 28, 2015 at 5:34 pm

It's a badly needed program that should eliminate a lot of illegal dumping and greatly cut down on hazardous materials going into the landfills. If leaving a planet that isn't a fouled wasteland to our children and grandchildren isn't worth a bit of effort there's something very wrong with the human species.



Jennifer Lusk says:

March 10, 2014 at 1:49 pm

This is a great idea and I look forward to it being implemented. The bin for over-sized plastics is smart. I didn't know what to do with my rain barrel when it cracked last summer. I tried to put it out for recycling but it didn't get picked up.



Jacki Leafloor says:

March 31, 2015 at 9:07 am

I have been told by more than one person that the recycling truck has been seen often dumping at the Brady landfill. Is this true and if so-why?



admin says:

April 8, 2015 at 8:41 am

Thank you for your question, Jacki.

There are a couple possible explanations for this:

– The glass collected in our curbside program is crushed and then brought to Brady to be used as

road base; and

– Many items are placed in the blue recycling carts that are not recyclable (e.g., plastic bags, diapers, foil products) and contaminate the recycling process. These items are removed at the recycling facility and then hauled by a collection truck to Brady landfill for disposal.



John Haines says:

May 20, 2015 at 5:09 pm

In reference to your explanation about recycling levies posted above, I have a question. If the producers are supposedly paying for the recycle program then why are retailers collecting an “enviro tax” on plastic soft drink containers, batteries, electronic equipment etc?

It seems to me that your answer is somewhat misleading. On the one hand you are saying that the recycle program is paying for itself, by collecting fees from the producers and sale of recyclables, while the reality is that that consumers are being taxed to pay for recycling. As a taxpayer I feel like we’re being told its costing us nothing while the province is busy picking our pocket! I just think you should have pointed that out so there is no confusion as to who is doing what.

Now please don’t get me wrong, I think your department is doing a very good job handling things, and anyone who pays attention to the issue knows just how daunting a task waste management can be, especially as the city continues to grow, but while the city of Winnipeg may not have its hands in the consumers pocket for recycling costs (yay!) the provincial government sure does, (boo!) and I’m not even sure that any of those tax dollars are even going to recycling!



admin says:

June 2, 2015 at 12:27 pm

Hi John,

I’m sorry you found our previous response misleading. That certainly was not our intent.

The City of Winnipeg's residential curbside recycling program receives funding from [Multi-Materials Stewardship Manitoba](#) (MMSM) to offset the costs of the program. MMSM charges a levy directly to the producers of the products that are accepted in the curbside program, not to the consumers. Manitoba's away-from-home recycling program ([Recycle Everywhere](#)) is managed by the [Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association](#) (CBCRA), and is funded by the 2-cent Container Recycling Fee (CRF) that is often charged to consumers at retail outlets on beverage containers. Industry Stewardship Programs for items that aren't accepted in curbside recycling programs (e.g., batteries, electronics, tires, used oil) are funded by the fees collected on the purchase of these items. Both [Call to Recycle](#) (battery recycling) and the [Electronic Products Recycling Association](#) (electronics recycling) will be key supporters in the 4R Depot Program. More information on Manitoba's Industry Stewardship Programs can be found on Green Manitoba's website: greenmanitoba.ca/pros/.



joe says:

October 19, 2015 at 10:53 am

I was wondering where the other locations of the depots are going to be in the future? Any of them going in the south end of the city?



admin says:

October 20, 2015 at 8:18 am

Thank you for your question. The [Garbage and Recycling Master Plan](#) included the construction of up to four community recycling centres (4R Winnipeg Depots). We currently have plans for three 4R Winnipeg Depots: Brady Road (south location), Pacific Avenue (north location), and Panet Road (east location). Once these three depots are operational, we will evaluate the service to determine if a fourth location is still needed.



Rebecca Burnell says:

December 14, 2015 at 5:25 pm

Hello,

I desperately want to compost the compostables I currently send to the landfill (beyond yard clippings – food, household compostables) but I am not a gardener.

Are there plans in the works to set up a City of Winnipeg compost depot (whether it will provide door to door collection or be on a “drop off only” basis) and if so, what stage are those plans in/when can we hope to see the launch of that service?

Does the City of Winnipeg know of anywhere that accepts compost material donations?



admin says:

December 15, 2015 at 10:43 am

Thanks for your inquiry Rebecca.

We're currently developing the [Organics Diversion Strategy](#), which includes looking at the potential for curbside and drop off composting opportunities. If you'd like to stay informed on the development of the strategy and public engagement opportunities, you can subscribe to the [Water and Waste News](#).

The Compost Info-Line operated by the Green Action Centre might be able to assist. They can be reached by phone at 204 925 3777 or Toll Free: 1 866 394 8880



Rebecca Burnell says:

December 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Great! Thanks for the info; I'll be sure to stay informed of the ongoing project, and I'll call the info line for now.

6 comments on “4R Winnipeg Depots feedback survey”



Gord Richardson says:

January 23, 2014 at 5:02 pm

On a trip to Brady this past summer, the line was backed up outside the entrance and north on Brady Road itself. The line moved painfully slowly until we were about the 10th car back from the scales and toll booth. FINALLY, an employee came out of the toll booth, walked down the line and asked who was just dropping off yard waste. Any who were – like us – were waved into the far-west road, by-passing the scales and toll booth. Since the booth apparently has more than one employee in it, why can't the person who is not involved in payment processing do this 'traffic routing' function before things are insanely backed up? If doing that is somehow a hardship or inconvenience for booth employees, how about some readily readable signage that gives that instruction? The day we were there, most of the vehicles were able to by-pass the toll booth and the line took off like a shot but it took a looooooong wait for the second employee to get 'motivated' to leave the comfort of the booth. This was a disappointing and frustrating experience and, of course, unnecessarily wasted both our time and gas for the SUV.



Gord Richardson says:

January 23, 2014 at 5:12 pm

Further to my preceding post a few moments ago.....one doesn't have to go very far, especially in the semi-rural areas of Winnipeg, to see illegal dumping on roadsides or in ditches and the like. The less hassle it is to use Brady, the greater the likelihood people will use the facility and not engage in illegal dumping. Based on our experience, the process is in obvious need of improved efficiency so that wait times are reduced. Get the second booth employee off Facebook or Twitter and doing something productive to speed the process.



Bob says:

January 24, 2014 at 1:16 pm

I hope top management and councillors will read the foregoing comments. Maybe the person monitoring this site could forward these emails.



Evelyn says:

January 24, 2014 at 4:58 pm

I agree with Gord Richardson. I see illegal dumping all the time. The City needs to speed the process. For everyone: wasting time is frustrating along with the cost of wasting gas and concern for the environmental impact of pollution when vehicles sit idling. If I have to drive across the City then at least the City should show initiative and speed up the process.



admin says:

January 30, 2014 at 12:22 pm

Thanks for your comments Gord and Evelyn.

We understand the frustration with long lineups and have a plan to address this, including the following:

The new 4R Winnipeg Depot, scheduled to open this fall at the Brady Resource Management Facility, is designed to allow those residents with loads for the FREE-cycle row that do not require payment (e.g., recyclables, yard waste, stewardship materials) to enter and exit the facility quickly and easily, by-passing the scale for garbage disposal.

Additional 4R Winnipeg Depots will be opening in other locations in Winnipeg. These will not only further reduce the queues at Brady, but will also reduce the travel time for residents. It is expected that this will greatly increase convenience for residential customers.

Unlimited yard waste is collected at the curb as part of our seasonal yard waste collection program. As residents become more familiar with the program and take full advantage of the convenience, we expect a reduction in the number of customers that will deliver their material to a 4R Winnipeg Depot.



Gord says:

January 30, 2014 at 2:16 pm

ADMIN: I'm aware of the unlimited yard waste collection curbside or in lanes but tree waste requires measurement, weighing and 'gift-wrapping' to meet specifications. The yard waste we were disposing of was the remains of 4 cedar trees so it was a lot easier to load the unmeasured, not-gift-wrapped branches into the back of the truck and cart them to Brady.

2 comments on "Open House Storyboards"



Liz Hatherell says:

March 13, 2014 at 2:14 am

This drawing is a little too small to read and therefore make sense of, and yes, I did enlarge it and it became larger and fuzzier.



admin says:

March 13, 2014 at 4:21 pm

Thanks for your feedback,

We have enlarged the Brady 4RDepot image in the presentation. Alternatively you can view and download it at,

<http://www.winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/pdfs/garbage/4rDepot.pdf>

8 comments on “4R Depots – Acceptable materials”



Winnipeg Girl says:

January 15, 2014 at 3:56 pm

Will people be able to take materials away from this area? For example remove bicycles to reuse the parts? What about removing of furniture items? I think if it truly is to divert materials from the landfill then people who are resourceful need to be allowed to give these materials a second life.



admin says:

January 16, 2014 at 12:56 pm

Thank you for your suggestion. We appreciate the feedback.

The 4R Winnipeg Depots are designed as a drop-off location only. We will have protocols in place to accept and manage materials, and for the following reasons, customers will not be allowed to remove materials:

- first and foremost, customer safety (the drop-off bins are designed solely for off-loading materials, and would be dangerous to scavenge in them),
- agreements with Producer Responsibility Organizations and other material processors,
- violation of the City’s Solid Waste By-law requirements, and
- obligation to ensure confidentiality (i.e., risk of identity theft with electronic materials).

There are two Giveaway Weekends every year, where residents can give reusable unwanted items a new home and keep them out of the landfill, much like your suggestion. More information is on our web page at <http://winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/recycle/giveawayWeekend.stm>



Kelly says:

October 15, 2015 at 8:58 pm

Hi,

How will you get rid of items that are dropped off at 4R that have some value? ie bikes? ie furniture?

thanks

Kelly



admin says:

October 20, 2015 at 8:14 am

Thank you for your comment. Materials will be recycled, reused, or resold when we have agreements with partner organizations in place.

Bikes that are dropped off will be used by The Winnipeg Repair Education and Cycling Hub ([The WRENCH](#)) to run programs for bike repair education and distributed to community bike shops for repair and reuse. We are currently working on a partnership to divert furniture from the landfill, however it may not be in place for the opening of the Brady depot.



Al C says:

February 18, 2016 at 11:24 pm

I have some ceramic tile attached to partial sheets of plywood. Is this recyclable?



admin says:

February 19, 2016 at 4:37 pm

Hi Al,

Much like recycling at home, each material needs to be separated before recycling.

If you can remove the ceramic tiles from the plywood, you can put them in the ceramics bin at the depot. Otherwise, these will need to go in the garbage.



Jay says:

February 19, 2016 at 9:14 am

Are VHS/VCR tapes accepted at the depot for recycling? Thanks



admin says:

February 19, 2016 at 4:38 pm

Hi Jay,

Unfortunately we cannot recycle VHS tapes. If they are in good condition, consider donating them. Otherwise, you can throw these out with your regular garbage.