

NEW Residential Garbage Pick-Up System

FACT SHEET



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FOREWORD:

The District of Mackenzie is modernizing our garbage pick-up system by the end of 2019 in order to become more cost-effective, improve the safety of our operators, as well as encourage waste reduction as a community. This fact sheet will provide details regarding this change and how you can stay informed and assist us during this exciting change!

Overview

Similar to many communities in BC, the District will be purchasing a new garbage truck with an automated side-arm that will be able to pick-up the garbage bins rather than our operators manually lifting bins into the truck. We will also be purchasing new standard size garbage bins for every residence that will complement the truck.

Why the Change?

Our current garbage truck will soon need to be replaced and as we knew this day would come, the District has been saving for the last few years for a new piece of machinery. Council and staff felt this may be our opportunity to explore a more modern garbage pick-up system that would not only meet the current needs of residents, but also encourage the reduction of household waste, be safer for our operators, as well as be more cost-effective for the District and taxpayers.

What are the Benefits?

In 2017, staff presented Council with an analysis of the cost and benefits of switching to a newer system. As a result, it became clear that changing things up would be the best decision going forward. Here are the reasons we are changing the way we collect garbage:

- Increased safety for our operators
- We can collect garbage faster
- More effective use of resources
- To encourage everyone to reduce waste and reduce the amount of garbage we put in the landfill/transfer station

Bin Distribution, New Garbage Schedules, and Billing Information

Further information regarding the new bins, billing system, and garbage pick-up schedules will be available soon. Please keep an eye out for our public notices in the following places:

- Post office mail boxes
- District Website
- District Facebook page

Please feel free to contact Public Works with any questions at 250-997-3761.

