

# Summer Village of Itaska

## Spring Newsletter

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### Garbage Collection

Waste Management Inc. informed us at the end of last year, that they will no longer be providing door-to-door service after March 31, 2007. They have experienced difficulties finding and retaining drivers due the heavy physical demands of the work, high WCB claims, etc. While they offered to put 6-yard bins throughout the village for you to take your garbage to, their cost was going to be nearly double last year's cost. Consequently, we have found a new contractor with an **automated** pick-up system—see details on the back.

We – and many communities in Alberta - are entering a new era of waste management, one in which we must significantly reduce our contributions to landfills. On the path forward, it will be vital that everyone consider alternatives (i.e. recycling); especially with compostable material that could be mulched or put on a compost pile.

#### Current suggestions for **grass / leaves**:

- Put in garbage bin if there is space available
- Mulch it on your yard
- If a contractor cuts your grass, have them take it
- Take it to the dump

#### Current suggestion for **recyclables**:

- Put it in a blue bag and take it home
- Take it to a recycling depot  
(The City of Leduc's recycling depot is located at the west end of 61 Avenue and 46 Street)

#### **Big Bins**

Big Bins have been scheduled for the May long and September long week-ends. Please help us keep the bin and area clean, so that we can continue to offer this service.

### Make a Difference in Your Community!

Elections for Councillors are this year.

What would you do?

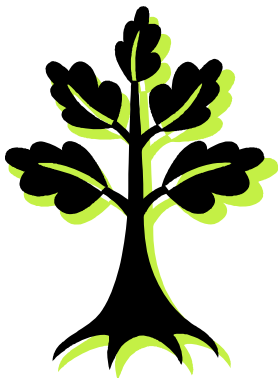
- Set the overall direction and policy for Itaska

Watch for more information coming soon.

### Projects to Watch for This Year

Council is excited to be able to deliver the following projects this summer:

- ◆ Before May long week-end: Grade roads and apply calcium (less calcium than last year)
- ◆ New Plexipave surface for tennis court
- ◆ Creation of beach volleyball court
- ◆ Rock work by the boat launch
- ◆ Repair road shoulder and ditch
- ◆ Reclaim drainage ditch on north side of road
- ◆ May: Photos of each home for assessment purposes



*Its NEW.....  
Its Easy .....  
And Its COMING.....  
.....To a curb near you!*

Starting this May long week end the Summer Village has changed the way of collecting your household waste and garbage. Its called automated garbage collection and its as easy as  
**1...2...3....**

1. Each municipal address with a cabin will be supplied with **one** 240 litre roll out "tote" cart by the summer village. This tote cart will remain at the municipal address and is the responsibility of the owner of the property. The carts are equipped with rubber wheels and lids.
2. Residents will place bagged household waste into the cart. The cart will hold up to 3 large "green" bags of household waste.
3. On the scheduled collection day the owner or resident simply wheels the cart to the property line roadside for collection. The cart should be placed within 2 meters (6 feet) of the municipal road way and not be obstructed or blocked in by an object. The collection truck will pick up the cart, empty the cart and its contents and put the cart back on the ground.



More information regarding the tote cart program  
contact the village office

or

MCL Waste Systems at  
780 352 2625

Winter hours Wednesday 9:00 to 12:00

Summer hours Monday - Friday 9:00 to 12:00  
(please refer to as the Summer Village Program)

## Roll Out Cart Dos & Don'ts

### *Please DO*

- ◇ Follow all instructions on the tote cart.
- ◇ Bag waste
- ◇ Keep and follow the instructions sheet supplied when the cart is delivered
- ◇ Close lid before moving the tote cart.
- ◇ Keep fingers and hands clear of cart when closing the lid
- ◇ Clean out tote cart periodically with water.
- ◇ Fill tote cart only when cart is in an upright position.
- ◇ Place the tote cart with the lid facing the roadway, curb or street
- ◇ Put cart out at the roadway, curb or street at 7:00 AM on the designated collection day

### *Please DON'T*

- ◇ Place loose waste / garbage in tote cart.
- ◇ Place behind fences, gates, park vehicles or in enclosure on collection day
- ◇ Place extra bags beside the cart. They will **not** be pick up.
- ◇ Overfill the cart – make sure lid closes completely.
- ◇ Put hot coals or ashes in the cart.
- ◇ Put dirt, concrete or any heavy objects in the cart.
- ◇ Put hazardous waste, paint cans, solvent, or dead animals in the cart.
- ◇ Store cart near heat or gas.
- ◇ Move or tilt cart with lid open.
- ◇ Drag the cart.
- ◇ Play around the cart.
- ◇ Sit or stand on top of the lid or cart body.



Collection Days  
Monday's

**When will the tote carts be delivered?**  
The week of May 14th

## But I still have questions....

### **What can go in the TOTE CART?**

The TOTE is designed to accept HOUSEHOLD WASTE. Such as: food and table scraps, plastics, tin and metals cans, papers, cardboard, cereal boxes and glass.

### **Why should I to put my garbage in bags?**

After time the cart will smell.

### **How much will a cart hold?**

A cart will hold 3 large "green" garbage bags or 3 standard size garbage cans

### **If I put extra bags beside the cart will it get collected?**

No.

### **If I put trees, branches and bags of lawn clippings beside the cart will it get collected?**

No.

### **Will the driver get out of the truck to pick up the tote cart?**

No. This is a fully automated system and the driver does not need to get out of the collection vehicle .

### **Will the driver get out of the truck to put the tote cart back?**

No. This is a fully automated system and the driver does not need to get out of the collection vehicle .

### **Can I get an extra Tote cart?**

Yes (during the summer). But there is a fee and a limit of one extra cart per municipal address

### **How do I get an extra Tote cart?**

Call MCL at 780 352 2625 on Wednesday between 9:00 and 12:00 and ask about the "Summer Village Program"

### **What if my tote cart gets lost, damaged or stolen?**

If your tote goes missing or is damaged, please report it to MCL right away. Arrangements will be made for a replacement at your cost.

### **How will I know which tote cart is mine?**

Each tote will have a serial number and is assigned to your municipal address. Record the serial number