

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BY-LAW NO. 3894/97

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING BY-LAW

Being a by-law of the Town of High River to establish penalties for non-compliance with signage relating to the use of the recycling bins or the grass clipping bin.

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1994, Chapter M-26.1 as amended allows a Council to pass by-law for municipal purposes and make provisions for the enforcement of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS persons are depositing materials which are inappropriate for recycling or wrong classes of materials for recycling in the recycling bins contrary to the signage in place;

AND WHEREAS persons are depositing materials which are inappropriate for composting in the composting bin contrary to the signage in place.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of High River duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. In this By-law the following words shall have meaning as follows:
 - (a) Compostables - materials such as grass clippings, leaves, flowers, garden wastes and other organic material which will decay in a short period of time. For purposes of clarification, Compostables do not include such materials as tree branches, roots, wood, concrete, metal, plastic bags and household garbage.
 - (b) Director of Operational Services - An individual appointed to the position of Director of Operational Services for the Town of High River.
 - (c) Enforcement Officer - An individual appointed to the position of By-law Enforcement Officer for the Town of High River or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
 - (d) Recyclables - such materials commonly referred to as plastics, mixed paper, cardboard, newsprint, tin cans and such other products which the Director of Operational Services may choose to include. Such materials to be deposited in prescribed bins with the intent of selling the materials for future use in some form or another.
2. No person shall deposit material for recycling other than in accordance with the signage in place on the recycling bins.
3. No person shall deposit materials other than compostable materials in the grass clipping compost bin.
4. Any person who contravenes any portion of this by-law is guilty of an offense and is liable on Summary Conviction:
 - (a) For a First offense to a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more than Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or in default of payment of the fine to imprisonment for a period of not more than six (6) months; and



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- (b) For a Second or Subsequent offense to a fine of not less than Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) or in default of payment of the fine to imprisonment for a period of not more than nine (9) months.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4, whenever an Enforcement Officer has reason to believe that a person has contravened any of the Sections of this By-law, such Enforcement Officer may serve upon such person a tag indicating that the Town will accept payment in lieu of prosecution for such contravention.
 6. Service of the tag referred to in Section 5 may be effected either personally or by mailing such tag to such person at his/her last known address.
 7. An Enforcement Officer is not required to issue a tag pursuant to Section 5 but may in his/her sole discretion issue a Summons to Prosecute such contravention instead of issuing a tag.
 8. This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon Third and Final Reading.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ALL COUNCIL PRESENT, A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE AD. 1997


MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR


TOWN/MANAGER