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A09-E-03 – Curbside Collection Alternative

Policy Name: Curbside Collection Alternative

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1) Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the guidelines for the curbside collection alternative program for residents who wish to return their carts or key to common collection area.

2) Scope

This policy applies to all residents in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

3) Definitions

- a) **“Curbside Alternative Bag”** shall mean a red opaque plastic bag with Grey Highlands logo measuring no more than 30’ x 38’ (76 cm x 96 cm) of 1.5-gauge thickness securely fastened and closed at the top.
- b) **“Bagged waste”** shall mean any household waste that was generated within the Municipality of Grey Highlands and weighs no more than 45kg (100lbs).
- c) **“Waste and Diversion Site”** shall mean a site designated by the Municipality for the collection of waste, recyclables, and other diversion programs.
- d) **“Cart”** shall mean one of the following approved containers supplied by the Municipal Collection Contractor:
 - i) **“Recycling cart”** which means a 95 gallon green container with a yellow lid
 - ii) **“Waste cart”** which means a 64 gallon green container with a green lid
- e) **“Keys”** shall mean a key used to open common collection bins.
- f) **“Eligible Property”** shall mean a legally conveyable parcel of land that satisfies one of the following requirements:
 - i) has constructed upon it at lease one (1) and not more than eight (8) dwelling units as defined in the Municipality’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law;
 - ii) is located within a Downtown Collection Area and has constructed upon it a building or buildings being used by or for a commercial use or purpose. For the purposes of this

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definition and by-law, a commercial use or purpose does not include Industrial or Institutional (use or purposes) as defined herein.

- iii) is not located within a Downtown Collection Area and has constructed upon it a building or buildings being used by or for a commercial use or purpose, if requested by the Owner.
- iv) has constructed upon it a building being used by or for an institutional use or purpose, if requested by the Property Owner.

4) Policy

Opting Out of Curbside Collection

- a) Residents who wish to opt-out are required to contact the Environmental Services Department to request the Curbside Alternative Bags and arrange a day both their recycling cart and waste cart or key can be returned to a designated Municipality of Grey Highlands location.
- b) All carts allocated to an eligible property are required to be returned and Curbside Alternative Bags will be provided based on cart allocation.
 - i) If additional carts were assigned to an eligible property, they will not be granted a refund for the cart(s) or the current year's annual tipping fee.
 - ii) Residents will not be able to return their additional carts in exchange for Curbside Alternative Bags.
 - iii) The carts returned will be cross referenced with the Master Cart ID list to ensure the correct carts were returned. If the carts ID does not match the Master Cart ID for the property, Curbside Alternative Bags will not be provided to resident until correct carts have been returned.
- c) Each eligible property will receive 52 bags per year based on original cart allocation.
- d) If a property sells where the resident has opted for Curbside Alternative Bags, the seller is required to leave the bags for the new property owners. If the new property owner requests carts, they must return the Curbside Alternative Bags and carts will be reassigned to the address at no additional cost.

Using the Curbside Alternative Bags

- a) Curbside Alternative bags can be taken to one of three Waste and Diversion Sites free of charge. Other bagged waste will be charged accordingly to the Municipality's Fees and Charges By-law. Recycling will be accepted free of charge.
- b) Curbside Alternative Bags are not intended to supplement excess waste. Excess waste is required to go to one of three Waste and Diversion Sites and charged accordingly to the Municipality's Fees and Charges By-law. Curbside Alternative Bags will not be accepted at the curb.

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- c) If a resident uses all the allocated Curbside Alternative Bags before the end of the calendar year, no additional Curbside Alternative Bags will be available for purchase. Nor will the resident be able to request carts/keys to be reassigned to their address until the following calendar year.