

City of Cold Lake

# **Municipal Food Cycler Pilot Program Policy**

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## 1.0 Policy Intent

The City of Cold Lake manages and operates the waste management system within its jurisdiction. Recognizing that organic and food waste constitutes a significant portion of household waste, the City collects, disposes of, and processes waste in accordance with the Waste Management Bylaw No. 519-UT-14. In an effort to further reduce organic waste, the City has chosen to participate in an alternative organic recycling pilot program by partnering with Food Cycle Science. This policy is intended to ensure transparency and equitable administration of the Municipal Food Cycler Pilot Program for all participants in Cold Lake.

## 2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the guidelines for the implementation and participation in the Municipal Food Cycler Pilot Program, ensuring that the program is administered fairly and efficiently.

## 3.0 Policy Statement

The City of Cold Lake will establish a pilot program to promote the diversion of organic and food waste from the household waste stream.

### 4.0 Managerial Guidelines

### 4.1 Program Implementation

To implement the Municipal Food Cycler Pilot Program and provide Food Cyclers at a discounted rate through Food Cycle Science, the City will:

- 4.1.1 Enter into a partnership agreement with Food Cycle Science to provide units at an agreed upon discounted rate;
- 4.1.2 Promote the pilot program through the City's website and social media channels;
- 4.1.3 Offer a contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per Food Cycler unit per household, covering up to a maximum of one hundred (100) participants in the pilot program;
- 4.1.4 Collect fees from participants to cover their portion of the cost for the discounted Food Cyclers;
- 4.1.5 Make payments directly to Food Cycle Science for participants' contributions, the City's contribution, and shipping costs, upon receipt of invoice.

## 4.2 Participation Criteria and Contribution

Participants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the Municipal Food Cycler Pilot Program and retain their Food Cycler:

- The pilot program is limited to one hundred (100) participants. 4.2.1
- Participants must be residents of the City of Cold Lake with a valid Cold Lake 4.2.2 address.
- 4.2.3 Participants must complete and submit a registration form.
- 4.2.4 Payment for the participant's portion of the Food Cycler cost must be made in full to the City of Cold Lake.
- 4.2.5 Participants are required to track the number of cycles their Food Cycler completes each day for twelve (12) weeks, using a provided tracking sheet.
- 4.2.6 At the end of the twelve (12) weeks, participants must complete an online survey and submit their tracking information along with comments and feedback on the program.

## 4.3 Allocation of Food Cycle Units

The distribution of Food Cycler units will be handled as follows:

- The City of Cold Lake has four (4) waste collection day zones (Tuesday, 4.3.1 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). The Food Cycler units will be evenly distributed among these zones, with twenty five (25) units allocated to each.
- Two (2) units per zone will be reserved for multifamily dwellings without access 4.3.2 to an organic waste collection service.
- 4.3.3 Units will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis according to the criteria outlined in sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.
- 4.3.4 In the event of under-subscription or over-subscription, the City reserves the right to review and adjust the allocation criteria to ensure equitable distribution as needed.

#### 5.0 References

N/A

#### 6.0 **Persons Affected**

City of Cold Lake Members of the Public

#### **7.0 Revision/Review History**

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor