

# Municipality of Magnetawan

## BAG LIMIT AND REUSABLE CARD FAQ'S



All property owners/tenants within the Municipality of Magnetawan can use our landfills.

Landfill cards are only swiped for household waste if you do not have bag tags. Swiping is how household waste usage data is collected which in turn the Municipality uses to calculate life expectancy among other formulas.

Other items like recycling, brush, clothing, electronics, re-use centre, etc., do not require the card to be swiped.

Residents with multiple properties that do not need duplicate or triplicate cards, could return them to the office if they like, which helps in keeping costs down as well as less plastic being discarded. However, these cards can be reused and will cut down on the number of cards the Municipality buys to replace lost or damaged cards.

### Card Distribution:

**Residential Properties with Curbside Intown Pick Up:** Landfill Card, with no allocation for bags, 110 bag tag stickers to use for bags of household waste.

**Residential Properties with No Curbside Intown Pick Up:** Landfill Card, with allocation of 110 bag tags for bags of household waste.

**Commercial Properties with or without Intown Curbside Pick Up:** Landfill Card, with no allocation for bags plus 150 bag tag stickers to use for bags considered household waste.

**Vacant Land:** Landfill Card, with no allocation for bags. Vacant Landowners can access the landfill for other uses (recycling, brush, clothing, etc) but will need to purchase bag tags or allocation to dispose of household waste.

### What to Expect:

**Curbside Pick Up:** Property owners/tenants will stick their bag tag stickers to their bags of household waste **only** and put out for collection as per usual.

**At the Landfill:** Property owners/tenants will present their landfill card to the Landfill Attendant. The Landfill Attendant will swipe the card and enter the number of household waste bags brought in

**OR**

Property owners/tenants using bag tags, will need to present their landfill card to the Landfill Attendant and stick their bag tag stickers to their bags of household waste only. Your card will not be swiped

### FAQ's

**Why is there a limit for bags of household waste when I already pay taxes?**

A waste reduction program was implemented to encourage recycling and to monitor the amount of waste entering our landfills to help extend their life. Extending the life of the landfill will give us time to help build our reserves so that there will not be a huge increase to your taxes when the time comes to purchase a new landfill.

**Why does intown have curbside pick up and I do not?**

Residents who have intown curbside pick up **pay an extra levy** on their property taxes to receive this service. Residents who do not receive this service do not pay an extra levy.

**Am I only allowed to bring 2 bags of household waste a week to the Landfill?**

You can bring as many bags of household waste as often as you want, as long as there is room on your numbered card, or you have bag tag stickers.

**Do bags of recycling count as a bag of household waste?**

No

### LANDFILL HOURS

**SUMMER - Begins Saturday of May Long Weekend  
Open all Statutory Holidays**

**CHAPMAN SITE 259 Rocky Road  
8am to 4pm  
Sunday Monday Saturday**

**CROFT 218 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> Side Road  
8am to 4pm  
Sunday Tuesday Friday Saturday**

**WINTER - Begins Tuesday after Thanksgiving Weekend  
Closed all Statutory Holidays**

**CHAPMAN SITE 259 Rocky Road  
8am to 4pm  
Sunday Monday**

**CROFT 218 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> Side Road  
8am to 4pm  
Tuesday Friday Saturday**

### ILLEGAL DUMPING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

**Witnessed Illegal Dumping?**

**Please contact our By-law Officer at  
(705) 477-3793**

**Violators will be guilty of a Provincial Offence and will be subject to a maximum penalty of \$5,000 and a day in court**

### **Does my new landfill card and/or bag tag stickers expire?**

**No.** Reloadable landfill cards with bag allocations will be automatically reloaded every year. Bag Tags will be mailed out to those with intown pickup. Those property owners/tenants who have requested bag tags instead of those allocated on the card will need to contact the office. Pink Tags do NOT expire.

### **Why can't fibers and recycling be picked up every week for curbside pick up?**

Frankly, there is not enough room on the truck to pick up both every week. Therefore, weeks are alternated. Residents are more than welcome to attend the landfill if they do not want to wait for pick up.

### **Can I drop recycling off without my landfill card?**

No, you must have your landfill card to gain entry to our Municipal Landfills.

### **What if I have vacant land but have a trailer?**

Residents who have vacant land with a valid seasonal trailer license will be allocated two free bags of household waste per week based on the type of license purchased. i.e., If you purchase a monthly license you will be allocated 8 free bags of household waste. If you purchase a three-month license you will be allocated 24 free bags of household waste.

### **When can I expect my card and free bag tag stickers?**

Landfill cards go with the property – if you are a new owner, the previous owner should have left you the card. If not, just call the office. Bag Tags will be sent out annually to those with garbage pick up.

### **What if I want tags and not a reusable card?**

For convenience, residents can trade in all or some of their allotted number of bags for bag tag stickers. **What does this mean?** If you have a landfill card with an allotted number of free bags of household waste and you would prefer to use stickers, you can trade all your allotment or a partial allotment (i.e., 20 or 30) in for bag tag stickers!! Just contact the Municipal Office to arrange a trade.

### **What if my neighbour takes my garbage for me?**

No worries! If your neighbour takes your garbage to the landfill simply have them take your landfill card to have the Landfill Attendant who will swipe the card for your quantity of household waste bags **or** if you have bag tag stickers, simply stick your bag tag stickers to your bags of household waste and provide your neighbour with your landfill card.

### **What if I run out of Free Bags?**

Residents who use all their allotment of free bags can purchase additional bag tag stickers at a cost of \$2.00 per bag from the Municipal Office and at both Municipal Landfill Sites.

### **What if I lose my landfill card and/or bag tag stickers?**

Lost landfill cards will be replaced at a cost of \$10 and your unused allocated tags will be transferred to your new card. If you have lost your bag tags, they can be purchased for \$2.00 each.

### **What if I am selling my property? Or I just purchased a property?**

Owners are responsible for transferring landfill cards and/or allotted bag tag stickers to the new owner. Similar to how property taxes, gas and utilities get prorated. If the previous property owner does not transfer any landfill cards or allotted bag tag stickers, the new owner will be required to purchase a landfill card and bag tag stickers.

### **Why do you still see black bags in the landfill?**

The compactor used at the landfill turns up household waste from previous years before the clear bag program was implemented.

### **What if I rent out my property?**

Property owners are responsible to provide landfill cards and/or bag tag stickers to the renters.



**For more landfill and recycling information, including tipping fees, visit our Landfill and Recycling Page on our website at [www.magnetawan.com](http://www.magnetawan.com)**

**SMILE! YOU ARE ON CAMERA  
BOTH OUR LANDFILLS HAVE 24  
HOUR SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**



**We are investigating a Municipal Wide composting program. Currently we encourage at home critter safe composting. Ideas for composting? Give us a call!!**

### **Questions? Concerns?**

Contact the Municipal Office at (705) 387-3947 or by email at [info@magnetawan.com](mailto:info@magnetawan.com)