

# FROM WORST TO BEST-IN-CLASS

In just a few years, Beaconsfield has gone from 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the list of cities producing the most garbage per capita on the island of Montréal to being the city that produces the least. The smart collection program shows that our community can be both environmentally and economically responsible. The program is based on a number of elements:

1. Fair, incentive fee structure and automated collection service
2. More types of collection (bulky items, construction, renovation and demolition material)
3. Weekly collection of green residue
4. Support for home composting
5. Promotion of leaf and grass recycling



## 100% community commitment

- Beaconsfield residents have mobilized to get actively involved.
- The Strategy has combined cost optimization and community involvement.
- Program compliance has been encouraged by an extensive communication campaign, and creates a feeling of pride among the people who adopt the new practices.

## A fair user-payer approach

- The fee structure is based on waste reduction efforts and on actual use of the service; fees are determined by the size of the bin and the frequency of pickups, not by weight.
- This provides an incentive to residents who adopt good waste management practices.



It's easy. It's logical. And it makes a difference.

## Cost-effective service

- Garbage collection costs have been reduced by 42%.
- The range of services offered has been expanded with no increase in overall costs.
- In 2016, 78% of residents paid less in taxes for waste management than in 2015.

## A sustainable and eco-friendly approach

- The technology used encourages residents to put their bins out less frequently.
- The amount of garbage sent to landfill has gone down by 51% per resident.
- Fewer trucks (4 instead of 8) needed for garbage collection mean fewer greenhouse gas emissions.
- Better sorting contributes to better reuse of non-garbage material.

## A flexible system – throw as needed

- Residents choose from three bin sizes, depending on their household's needs.
- The weekly collection schedule stays the same; residents decide when to put their bin out on the curb.

**AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF RESIDENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!**

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