

City looks to expand program that snoops on residential recycling bins

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A green can notice showing what cannot go into Calgary's composting bins was photographed Feb. 13, 2019. Gavin Young/Postmedia

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The number of city snoopers peeking into residential waste bins to ensure the proper refuse is being deposited is set to quadruple this year



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This video highlights the holiday's impact on the environment and eco-friendly ways to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Waste360 Staff | Feb 14, 2019

More than 124 million adults in the U.S. celebrate Valentine's Day each year. Combined, they exchange a massive amount of heart-shaped boxes, greeting cards and roses; consume a large amount of bottles of sparkling wine and chocolate; and generate an ample amount of CO₂ emissions and paper and packaging waste.



Paying for Material Recovery: What's in Your Wallet?

Despite legislative, regulatory, corporate or grassroots changes, the same question looms as large today as it has for the past 30 years.

Michele Nestor | Jan 30, 2019

Let's admit it, with or without the admonitions of the Chinese government , it was time to face that our recycling systems had become unsustainable. We need a rethink at many levels.

Regardless of what legislative, regulatory, corporate or grassroots changes are initiated, the same question looms as large today as it has for the past 30 years: How and when in the system should we recoup the funds to pay for the cost of recovery?

Notice that *who* pays is not part of the question. It's no secret that the consumer factors into every equation. The cost may be built into the product price, imposed as a fee or tax at the point of purchase or assessed at the end of life as a collection and processing fee. It may be collected as a dedicated tax or incorporated into the local tax general fund. Polluter taxes on products and hidden taxes on disposal are other examples.



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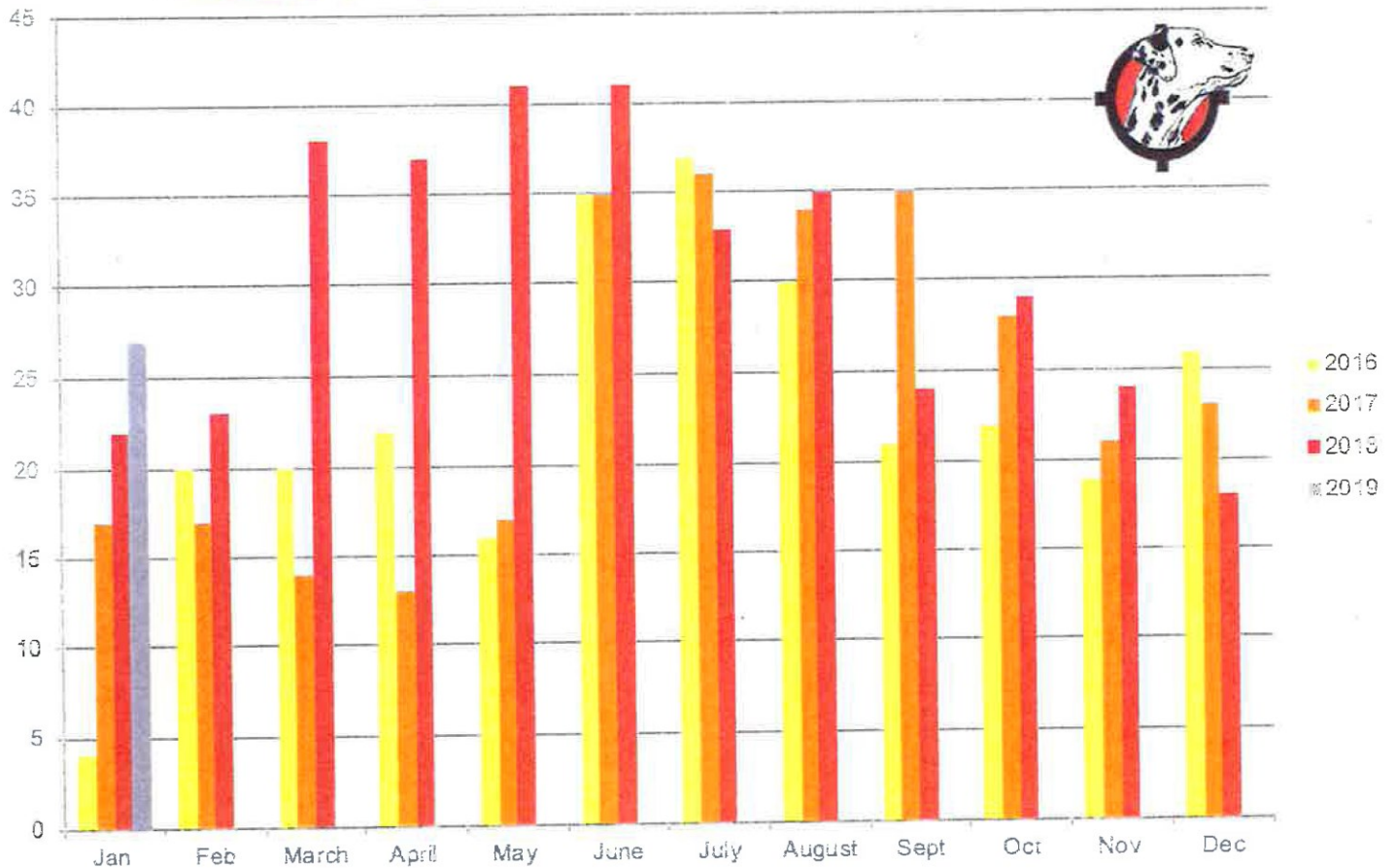
January 2019 Waste, Recycling Facility Fire Incidents Take a Turn for the Worse

This January, reported fires have increased from 17 incidents in 2017 to 27 incidents reported this year.

Ryan Fogelman | Feb 05, 2019

During the past 12 months, the waste and recycling industry has experienced 371 reported fires in both the U.S. and Canada. Based on reasonable assumptions, we can extrapolate that 1,800-plus facility fires have occurred during that time.

REPORTED WASTE & RECYCLING FACILITY FIRES IN US/CAN FEB 2016 – JAN 2019



Source: Ryan Fogelman, rfogelman@firerover.com

REPORTED WASTE & RECYCLING FACILITY FIRES IN US/CAN FEB 2018 – JAN 2019

*371 unique incidents were reported; based on reasonable assumptions, we can extrapolate that 1800+ facility fires have occurred in the past 12 mo.
 *3 Deaths
 *13 Injuries

