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County residents have another option for their garbage.

County Enviro Pickup co-owners Jason Johnston and Dan Holm started a garbage pick up company aimed at Camrose County residents, who either want to move away from a bin system or don't want to haul the trash to the transfer station themselves.

"We started up March 5 and we are targeting acreages and farms in the Camrose County to do weekly, scheduled household garbage collection," said Holm.

"We are looking to take away the time it takes to deal with your garbage and just give it to us.

"There is stockpiling that we are getting people to avoid, because as it gets warmer you will get bugs and rodents."

Johnston said County Enviro Pickup is also an option to the collection bins, because some say they are unsightly and carry smells.

"(With bins) you also get big trucks coming onto your land and in the spring they leave big ruts," he said, as County Enviro Pickup operates a single one-tonne truck with a trash unit mounted on the back.

"With the bins they have to be right there and visible at the beginning of your property, while you don't want a \$500,000 house and the first thing you see is a big ugly bin," said Holm.

Johnston said what he and Holm offer is a service like residents get in the city.

"A lot of people in the city never think about it they just assume someone will pick up the garbage, but in the county nobody does that. So they have to go to the dump, and then they get a flat tire or get the vehicle dirty, or take time out of their schedule," said Johnston.

"I used to work away from home a lot and I would be gone for 10 days and home for four and I'd have to take the garbage to the dump. For \$28, if someone had said we will come pick up your garbage once a week, I'd have said 'yeah, no problem.'"

Holm said they have already been getting a positive response over the service.

"People are emailing saying they are happy we started the service. We are getting calls that they are happy we are coming around and they are tired of stockpiling the garbage," he said.

County Enviro Pickup sets up monthly pick up for clients of four pickups a month of \$28 per month.



Vince Burke/ Camrose Canadian County Enviro Pickup co-owners Jason Johnston and Dan Holm stand beside their truck used in the newly formed and operating garbage pickup business that services Camrose County residents.

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