

## Warm Weather Green Bin Tips:

**When the weather heats up**, food waste decomposes faster. Here are some tips to prevent odour and pest problems with your green bin:



### Wrap it up!

Wrapping wet food waste in a paper towel, newspaper, or cereal boxes reduces moisture and odours, and prevents nuisances.

### Freeze it!

Freezing your food waste reduces odours and pests. Keep a small compostable liner bag or paper bag in your freezer to store cooking grease, bones, and leftover meat and fish scraps. Remember to add them to your green bin on collection day.



### Close it!

Keeping your green bin and kitchen catcher lids tightly closed helps prevent odours.

### Keep it clean!

Hosing out your green bin regularly will remove any food particles and reduce odours, minimize flies and other pests. You can also wash your kitchen catcher and green bin with hot water and bio-degradable detergent.

**Be Bear & Wildlife Savvy.** If you reside in a rural area or one frequented by bears and other animals, please remember to:



- Store your garbage and green bins in a **secure location** and keep the **lids latched**.
- Take containers to the curb at **8 am** on the morning of your collection day. **Don't leave them out overnight**.
- Deodorize the lid and exterior of your green bin with baking soda or another cleaner to **prevent food odours from attracting wildlife**.

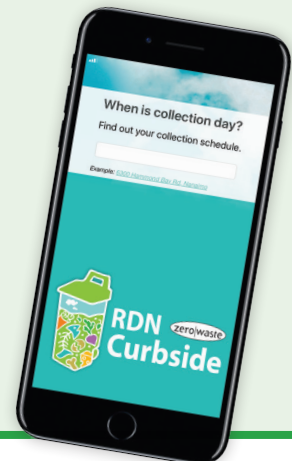
## Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder

Simplify your life with the My Schedule reminder feature and never miss a collection day again! Access the What Goes Where? tool for disposal options for hundreds of items. Visit [rdn.bc.ca/curbside](http://rdn.bc.ca/curbside) or download the **RDN Curbside App** to connect with My Schedule, the What Goes Where? and sign up for RDN Curbside Service Alerts.

### Need help setting up a reminder?

Call us at **250-390-6560** and we'll be happy to help.

- ✓ Email
- ✓ Voicemail
- ✓ Twitter
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# Curbside Outreach

This summer the RDN Solid Waste outreach team will be working alongside the curbside collection crew to provide guidance and answer questions. You all are doing a great job, and we can work together to make things even better! Here's some quick tips:

## Recycling

- **Leave out depot-only recyclables.** Materials that required special handling - glass jars, plastic bags, styrofoam and hazardous materials - should be brought to depots and kept out of your curbside bins.
- **Remember: Loose = Sortable.** Sorting equipment can't process items tied in a plastic bag, or nestled together, or with lids and caps attached. Keep your items loose to make sure they're recycled!



## Green Bin

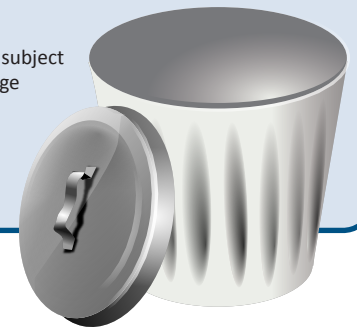
- **Use safe bins.** RDN Beyond Composting green bins are designed in mind of curbside workers' safety who lift hundreds of bins every day. Purchase new bins at the locations listed here: [rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection](http://rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection)
- **Watch out for plastic bags.** Our system can't compost plastic, so we want to keep it out of our green bins. Remember to only use Certified Compostable bags to line your green bin.



## Garbage

- **Stick to the limits.** The curbside garbage maximum is one bin = 50 lbs and 100 litres. Have more? Extra garbage tags can be purchased for \$3\* at over 15 locations across the region, listed here: [rdn.bc.ca/garbage](http://rdn.bc.ca/garbage)
- **Non-recyclables are okay to landfill.** If they can't be reused, place materials that can't be recycled or composted in your garbage bin. This includes multi-layered packaging that is a mix of paper, plastic and foil, such as pet food or tortilla chip bags.

\*Price is subject to change



## Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping can have serious effects on the environment, wildlife habitat and the ability of others to use and enjoy outdoor recreational areas. Some commonly dumped items include toasters and stoves, which can be recycled for free at many depots across the region. Those who illegally dump waste can be subject to a fine of up to \$200,000.

If you see illegal dumping happening in your neighborhood, call the Provincial Report All Poachers and Polluters at **1-877-952-7277**. To learn more about illegal dumping and what you can do to help, visit [rdn.bc.ca/illegaldumping](http://rdn.bc.ca/illegaldumping)



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