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B e y o n d C o m p o s t i n g



Congratulations to our local curbside collection staff who achieved a safety milestone in 2015.

In 2014, our contractor Progressive Waste Solutions committed to becoming a leader in safety. The safety commitment started with the senior managers throughout their entire operating area in Canada and the USA signing a pledge to make safety the company's main focus.

In any given year there are a number of grim statistics within the garbage collection industry including accidents, injuries and fatalities.

The job of garbage or recycling collector consistently ranks amongst **the top 10 of North America's most dangerous professions.**

Focus points to improve the safety of staff and other road users included eliminating distracted driving (by only using radios and phones when stopped), installing cameras and recorders to monitor speed and sudden braking events, as well as being extra vigilant of pedestrians or other workers when reversing and tipping loads at facilities.

In January 2016, the local staff were very proud to learn Vancouver Island District led the entire company for 2015 in having the least collisions and achieving a dramatically reduced injury rate for both long term and short term injuries.

We are pleased to have such safety-committed players on our team.

KEEPING SCORE

Last November we received our first report card from the organisation responsible for curbside recycling in the Province. Since May 2014, when the regulations for recycling changed, recycling collected at the curb has been subject to occasional audits – a check to see how we are all doing with the new rules.

Remember - hazardous items, Styrofoam, **plastic bags and plastic wrap are not accepted** in curbside recycling.

Between May 2014 and May 2015, 14 different loads of our recycling were checked. Overall the numbers show we are about a B- grade so there is room for improvement.

- * Batteries, flammable liquids, solvents, and empty propane cylinders can all be recycled at depots and should be kept out of the curbside recycling.
- * Plastic bags, plastic wrap, and Styrofoam packaging can be taken to depots to ensure they get properly recycled.
- * Recycling is best kept loose in your blue box and yellow bag. This ensures everything can be separated at the sorting facility.








Is spring cleaning on your to-do list this year?









Don't forget to make recycling part of the plan!

The many BC Product Stewardship programs listed here now include large and small appliances, electrical products, electronic toys, outdoor power equipment and so much more.

For more information on these important programs, visit www.bcrecycles.ca



STEWARD	WHAT THEY RECYCLE	WHERE TO RECYCLE
	BATTERIES Non-rechargeable, rechargeable, and cell phone batteries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Buy Canadian Tire GIRO Home Depot Home Hardware Island Cellular London Drugs Midland Tools NRE Pharmasave Regional Recycling Staples Windsor Plywood The Source Tom Harris Cellular
	BEER CONTAINERS Refillable glass beer, cider & cooler bottles and metal beverage alcohol cans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encorp Pacific outlets GIRO (no cash back) NRE (no cash back) Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot Qualicum Bottle & Recycling Depot Return to retailer Regional Recycling
	BEVERAGE CONTAINERS Used beverage containers such as aluminum cans, plastic & glass bottles, other metal cans, drink boxes and cartons. Alcohol containers such as wines, spirits, liqueurs and non-refillable beer, cider and cooler bottles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encorp Pacific outlets GIRO (no cash back) Grocery stores NRE (no cash back) Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot Qualicum Bottle & Recycling Depot Return to retailer Regional Recycling
	CELL PHONES Cell phones and their batteries. All types of cell phones are accepted regardless of size, make, model or age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bell Cellcom Wireless McKays TV and Audio Tom Harris Cellular The Source
	ELECTRICAL OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT Handheld, walk-behind and free-standing electrical outdoor power equipment and lawn tractors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alpine Disposal & Recycling Church Road Transfer Station NRE Metal Salvagers Regional Recycling RDN Landfill Schnitzer Steel

	<p>Products + Accessories, Video Products + Accessories, Video Gaming Systems + Accessories, Non-Cellular Telephones + Answering Machines, E-Toys, Electronic Musical Instruments, IT + Telecom Devices, Medical Monitoring Control Devices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Hand Stores • GIRO • NRE/Community Market • Regional Recycling • Staples
	<p>LIGHTING EQUIPMENT All residential-use lighting products (lights, lamps and fixtures) ranging from light-bulbs to flashlights, table lamps and chandeliers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albertson's Home Centre • GIRO • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Centre • Home Hardware • London Drugs • NRE • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Centre
	<p>LEAD-ACID BATTERIES All consumer and industrial lead-acid batteries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Tire • Church Road Transfer Station • DBL • GIRO • Kal Tire • NRE • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot • RDN Landfill • Regional Recycling • Schnitzer Steel
	<p>MEDICATION All prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications in oral dosage and natural health products in oral dosage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to Retailer
	<p>USED OIL + ANTIFREEZE Oil and antifreeze, oil filters, oil containers and antifreeze containers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto repair shops • GIRO • NRE • Major auto dealerships
	<p>PACKAGING + PRINTED PAPER Packaging and printed paper supplied to BC residents, including printed paper and cardboard; glass bottles and jars; paper, plastic, and metal containers; non-deposit glass bottles and jars; plastic bags and overwrap; plastic foam packaging.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpine Disposal & Recycling • Curbside collection • GIRO • NRE • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Centre • Regional Recycling • Qualicum Bottle & Recycling Depot • Sun Coast Recycle Drop Off
	<p>PAINT AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Household (architectural) paint and paint aerosols; flammable solvents, pesticides (domestic), gasoline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRO • NRE • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot • Regional Recycling • Qualicum Bottle & Recycling Depot • Habitat for Humanity Restore • Return to Manufacturer
	<p>USED OR EXPIRED SMOKE ALARMS Used or expired smoke alarms, carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and combination smoke & CO alarms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRO • London Drugs • NRE • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot • Regional Recycling • Alpine Disposal & Recycling • Church Road Transfer Station • DBL • GIRO • London Drugs • NRE/Community Market • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot • Regional Recycling • RDN Landfill
	<p>SMALL APPLIANCES Small appliances and power tools, ranging in size from toasters and hand-held drills to countertop microwaves, vacuums and bench-top table saws.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRO • NRE • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot • Regional Recycling • Barons Home Appliance Centre • GIRO • Regional Recycling • Church Road Transfer Station • Carl's Metal Salvage • Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot • Schnitzer Steel • Accel Towing (Parksville)
	<p>MAJOR APPLIANCES Large household appliances such as fridges, freezers, ovens, air conditioners, washers and dryers, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Sheret Ltd • Bartle & Gibson • Emco Corp • E&S Heating • Glacier Industries Inc. • NRE
	<p>THERMOSTATS All older mercury containing thermostats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRE • Return to Retailer
	<p>TIRES Car tires (both on and off rim), bike tires and tubes.</p>	

ASBESTOS DISPOSAL

If you are planning home renovations this year you should check if there is an asbestos hazard before you start. Things like insulation, pipe wrap and boiler insulation, textured ceilings, wallboard and siding, flooring adhesives, drywall mud/joint filler and other items manufactured prior to 1990 can all contain asbestos.

Due to health hazards associated with asbestos fibres, there are hazardous waste regulations regarding the transport and disposal of asbestos containing materials. Homeowners can take their own waste asbestos to the Regional Landfill provided the waste is properly bagged and sealed and weighs less than 1,000 kg. It must be double bagged in 6 mil poly bags, which can be purchased at the Landfill, Church Road Transfer Station and local safety supply stores.

For more information about asbestos disposal you can check the A-Z directory of the RDN website, visit www.worksafefbc.com/asbestosbeaware, or contact the Regional Landfill at 250-722-2044. Note that the Church Road Transfer Station does not accept waste asbestos.



Asbestos is considered a hazardous waste and is accepted at the Regional Landfill on an appointment basis only.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION REMINDERS

Simplify your life with the RDN curbside collection reminder feature and mobile app!

Check out the app on our Facebook page or visit www.rdn.bc.ca and click on the Curbside Collection tab.

Need help setting up a reminder? Call us at 250-390-6560 (or toll free from District 69 at 250-954-3792) and we'll be happy to help.



- EMAIL
- PHONE CALL
- TWITTER
- ICALENDAR
- DOWNLOAD THE APP



Did you know?



Around 12,000 rural properties in our region have on-site septic systems treating residential wastewater. Septic systems are not designed to last forever but you can help prolong their life by being SepticSmart.

- * Don't flush unused medications down the drain. These can be returned to almost any pharmacy in our region
- * Pump your tank out regularly (every 3 to 5 years is recommended)
- * Household hazardous waste materials (such as pesticides, flammable liquids and solvents) can be recycled through ReGeneration depots
- * Conserve water so you don't overload your system

SepticSmart

The RDN is offering rebates to help you maintain your septic system. For details on rebates, or for more information on maintaining your septic system, please contact RDN Wastewater Services at 250-390-6560, or online at www.septicSMART.ca.

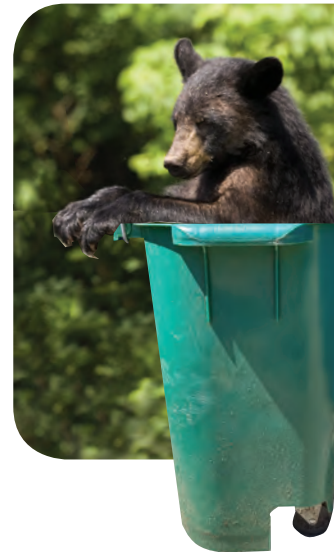


Bears & Wildlife

Be Aware!

If your home is located in an area frequented by bears and other wildlife, remember to:

- Store your green bin and garbage container in a secure location and keep the lids latched.
- Take containers to the curb on the morning of your collection day. Don't leave them out overnight.
- Deodorize the lid and exterior of your green bin with Lysol or bleach solution to prevent food odours from attracting wildlife.
- For more tips, see the "Preventing Problems with Bears" on the Curbside Collection Guidelines at www.rdn.bc.ca



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