



Beyond Composting



MMBC PROGRESS

Multi Material BC

In 2013 the Regional District of Nanaimo entered into a partnership with Multi Material BC. The program earns over one million dollars a year for the RDN, which saves each home owner \$30 per year on their utility bill.

MMBC measures part of the effectiveness of the program by the amount of non-recyclable materials in the loads destined for recycling. Due to the hard work of residents, the RDN has one of the lowest contamination rates on Vancouver Island within the MMBC program. Residents can help keep the contamination low by making sure plastic film, plastic bags and glass are put in the garbage or taken to a local depot.

What's wrong with Plastic Bags and Plastic Film?

Although plastic bags and plastic film by weight are only a small percentage of the recycling collected at the curbside they can cause big issues if not collected properly. Plastic bags and plastic film are not collected as

part of curbside recycling because they can wrap around machinery and reduce the recyclability of containers and other recyclables collected at the curb. Plastic bags and plastic film are accepted at depot locations only. At the depot, staff can ensure that the only bags that are accepted are empty, clean, and dry and that they are entirely polyethylene (rather than a combination of layers of different types of plastics).

LEFT BEHIND Beyond Composting

Some of your material was not collected today because

GLASS SOFT PLASTICS STYROFOAM™

OTHER _____

To learn where you can return these items and much more:

- Download the RDN Curbside App for Android or Apple® devices
- Recycling Directory www.rdn.bc.ca
- or Contact 1-866-999-8227

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

- * Break down cardboard boxes – do not stack other recyclables inside your cardboard boxes.
- * Please put your plastic film and plastic bags into the garbage or go to www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside to find a depot in your area.
- * If you receive a Left Behind sticker it means something was not in the right place.



WASTE WIZARD ARRIVING SOON!

It is now easier to recycle household items than ever before. Soon the RDN Curbside App will add the Waste Wizard feature, this add on will allow residents to search items to determine if they are recyclable in the curbside bins, and if not the wizard will help find a drop off location. For residents without the Curbside App, the feature will also be linked to the RDN website.



Type your item here.

Ask the Wizard

Where do you take a mattress? Who takes plastic bags? Is there a recycle depot close to home? Consult the Waste Wizard for answers to these recycling questions and many more.

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle:

- Carry a reusable coffee cup and grocery bag.
- Buy products in bulk and store them in reusable jars
- Donate items you don't need.



2016 RDN Curbside Audit

7,726 homes visited =
62% Compliance Rate



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ADVERSE WEATHER DISRUPTIONS TO COLLECTION SERVICE

Sometimes severe winter weather can effect curbside collection by causing unsafe driving conditions and roads blocked by downed trees or power lines.

Safety is the priority for the collection contractor. Slippery roads can be unsafe for large collection vehicles, putting collection staff and other road users at risk.

During severe winter weather every effort is made to collect the curbside materials. If a regular collection day is missed due to weather or road conditions, the following procedure will apply:

- The collection trucks will provide service as per the regular schedule.
- For the area(s) where collection was disrupted the contractor will use additional trucks for service.
- If your street is not collected, please remove your containers overnight, (especially the green bin) and continue to put missed materials at the curb by 8 a.m. until they are collected. This may take several days.
- Clean-up of missed collection area(s) will start as soon as the roads are safe for the collection trucks.
- Use of the additional collection vehicles will continue until all the missed areas have been cleaned up.

Your understanding and patience is appreciated. For information on collection disruptions: please call Progressive Waste Solutions at 250-248-8109 or toll free at 1-866-999-8227.

CARING FOR YOUR GREEN BIN:



Are organics sticking to your green bin?

- Put a cardboard egg carton underneath and between your compostable bags
- Line your bin with newspaper

Is your green bin not so green anymore? Getting a bit smelly?

- Rinse your bin with lemon juice, vinegar, a mild cleaner or baking soda
- Sprinkle baking soda over food scraps to minimize odors and deter pests

YELLOW RECYCLING STICKERS

It is now easier than ever to recycle in the RDN. As an alternative to the yellow recycling bag, residents can use a yellow recycling sticker on any standard size container. If you decide to use the yellow recycling sticker please make sure:

Recycling container is no larger than 100L

Yellow Recycling Sticker is clearly visible to the collection driver from the road

Recycling container must have a lid and secure handles

Recycling container max weight is 23kgs or 50lbs (multiple containers may be used)



"IF YOU CAN'T LIFT IT NEITHER CAN I"

Yellow recycling stickers are available free of charge from the Cedar Landfill, Church Road Transfer Station, Progressive Waste Solutions, Gabriola Island Recycling Organization or your local municipal office.



REMEMBER, NO STYROFOAM, GLASS, PLASTIC FILM OR PLASTIC BAGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BIN.



If you need a **NEW GREEN BIN** one can be purchased for \$26 from these locations:

RDN

- Administrative Office – 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo
- Regional Landfill – 1105 Cedar Road, Nanaimo
- Church Road Transfer Station 860 Church Road, Parksville

Progressive Waste Solutions
1151 Herring Gull Way, Parksville

Lantzville

District of Lantzville
Municipal office,
7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville

Qualicum Beach

Town of Qualicum Beach
Municipal office,
660 Primrose St, Qualicum Beach

Gabriola Island

Gabriola Island Recycling
Organization (GIRO),
700 Tin Can Alley, Gabriola

SMALL APPLIANCE AND POWER TOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

These items and over 300 other household small appliances or power tools are recyclable under the ElectroRecycle™ Program. Since the program began, over 3,204,497kg of small appliances and power tools have been kept out of landfills. If you have a small appliance, power tool, or battery powered devices take them to a recycling center for a free drop off.



To find a collection location
 download the RDN Curbside App
 or visit www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside
www.electrorecycle.ca

2017 COLLECTION CALENDARS

A reminder that your 2017 Curbside Collection Calendar is printed on the reverse of your current 2016 calendar. If you have lost or recycled your calendar you can access your collection schedule at rdn.bc.ca, by clicking on the Curbside Collection Schedules tab and entering your house address information. If you do not have access to the internet or a mobile device you can contact the RDN at 250-390-6560 or 1-877-607-4111, to request a calendar be mailed to you. Garbage, recycling and green bin collection schedules follow an add-a-day system. After each statutory holiday, your collection day will advance by one day. Please check your schedule for changes to your collection days over the Christmas and New Year holidays or call the collection contractor, Progressive Waste Solutions at 1-866-999-8227, if you have questions.

CHECK YOUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR CHANGES IN PICK-UPS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

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CURBSIDE COLLECTION REMINDERS

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

Never miss a Collection Day again!

Check out the RDN Curbside 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
- VOICEMAIL
- TWITTER
- ICALENDAR
- DOWNLOAD THE APP



ASBESTOS DISPOSAL

Asbestos is in many homes constructed prior to 1990, when asbestos was extensively used in construction. Asbestos in older homes may be found in flooring, materials applied to gypsum board on walls and ceilings, vermiculite insulation, pipe insulation, roofing materials, and more.

Asbestos is Hazardous. Asbestos is made up of tiny fibres that go deep into a person's lungs.

Exposure can occur when asbestos-containing materials are in poor condition or are disturbed through renovation or demolition and its fibres

become airborne. If not handled properly, workers or others nearby can be exposed.

Have a pro handle it safely. The only safe way to deal with Asbestos is to have your house tested and then get a reputable Asbestos removal company to remove and dispose of it. The cost of these services is a small price to pay when buying or renovating a house to protect everyone you care about and many you have never met.

Asbestos is a controlled substance. Contact the Regional Landfill at 250-722-2044 to find out the requirements needed to allow for disposal.



TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO WORKSAFEBC.COM OR HIDDENKILLER.CA

DUSTY LOADS AT THE RDN SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

Loads arriving at the solid waste facilities that are not bagged may create a dusty environment for staff and customers during unloading.

Materials such as insulation, wood trimmings or saw dust, and other materials break down and become dusty.

If your load is determined to have too much dust, you may be re-directed to a separate area for offloading, and future dusty loads may be fined. To help reduce contamination please bag any dusty material prior to arrival at either the Regional Landfill or the Church Road Transfer Station.

Special Note: The Church Road Transfer Station does not accept Asbestos, all Asbestos must be taken to the Regional Landfill in Cedar.

An appointment is necessary, call 250 722 2044 to confirm a time.

Sustainable Gifts

Consider giving sustainable gifts such as homemade presents or gifts of time or services.

Options include making a donation in the person's name to a charity, giving bus tickets, skating or swimming passes, or gifts from products that are grown or made locally and sustain our region's economy.

Styrofoam

Taking advantage of some great holiday deals and upgrading to 52" plasma TV, or new home entertainment system? What are you going to do with all the Styrofoam packaging?

Consider buying from a store that will take back the packaging or return it to your nearest MMBC drop off depot.

Gift Wrap

Most gift wrap can't be recycled because of its high ink content and blending with materials such as metal, wax or plastic lamination. **Instead choose reusable gift bags, tea towels, cloth napkins or even reusable shopping bags for gift wrap that can be reused.**



Maximize your Curbside Program

Be a good sort over the holidays. **Ask yourself if paper, plastic, metal or glass can be recycled at the curbside or at a drop-off depot before you trash it.** Remember your green bin isn't just for food scraps, you can feed it soiled paper products including paper plates, cups, waxed cardboard, and paper take-out food and drink containers.



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