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Our Updated Solid Waste Plan
is aiming for a new target of
90% waste diversion

Get Involved RDN!

Visit getinvolved.rdn.ca to:

- Find out **What We've Heard** to date with regards to updating the RDN's Solid Waste Management Plan.
- **Read the background information** and the detailed reports prepared as part of updating the RDN's Solid Waste Management Plan on the RDN's achievements since the original plan was developed.
- **Missed a meeting?**
Read our informational posters and our Solid Waste Management Plan summary to stay up to date!
- **Fill out our survey.** Coming soon!



ASK US A QUESTION AND WE WILL RESPOND.

COMING IN DECEMBER

YOUR NEW GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

In December, new two-year schedules will be mailed to households that receive RDN curbside collection service. The new collection schedules will be in effect from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. If you don't receive your new schedule by December 31, you can access it online:

- Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside and enter your address at the prompt. If you do not have computer access, you can call Waste Connections of Canada (1-866-999-8227) or the RDN office (1-877-607-4111) to request a new schedule.
- Qualicum Beach residents should contact the Town office at 250-752-6921.
- Need a collection day reminder? See Page 2 of this newsletter for information on setting up reminders.



Illegal Dumping • Curbside Recycling • Adverse Weather • Make Memories not Garbage

Beans to bones in the bin!

ADVERSE WEATHER DISRUPTIONS TO COLLECTION SERVICE

As we saw last winter, severe weather like snow storms 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:

- Take your material in for the night, this will help to deter pests.
- Have your material back at the curb by 8am. Collection staff will attempt to pick up the missed material in the two days following the missed collection.

- If road conditions prevent collection on the subsequent two days, including weekends, the missed material will be collection on the next corresponding collection day.

When severe weather strikes, the **RDN Curbside App** is the best place to get information about your curbside collection. The App is free to download to any smart device from either the App Store or Google Play. Download today!

Road Maintenance Responsibilities

Please note that the Regional District is not responsible for road maintenance (such as snow clearing). In the electoral areas this is a function of Emcon Services, a contractor to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Roads and streets within municipalities are maintained by municipal crews.

For example; if your garbage was missed, you can put twice the material on the next garbage collection day. Standard weight and size limits apply.

ADD-A-DAY

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

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, **Waste Connections of Canada**, if you have questions at **1-866-999-8227.**

WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

Illegal dumping is **purposefully leaving waste on private or public land** rather than using legal disposal methods like recycling or landfilling. Pursuant to RDN Bylaw No. 1386, those who generate (own), deliver or abandon waste illegally can be . . .

subject to a fine of up to \$200,000.

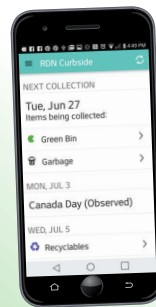
See illegal dumping happening in your neighborhood, call the **Provincial Report All Poachers and Polluters at 1-877-952-7277.** To learn more about illegal dumping and what you can do to help, **visit www.rdn.bc.ca/illegaldumping.**



RDN CURBSIDE APP

Simplify your life with the RDN Curbside App

Never miss a collection day!



- View, download or print your collection schedule
- Sign Up for Reminders
- Confused which items go in your green bin, blue bin, garbage or back to a depot? Use the "What Goes Where" tool to look up an item and find out where it goes.



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

Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside for a link to download the app.

Need help setting up a reminder? We are happy to help.
250-390-6560 Toll free 1-877-607-4111

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A NOTE FROM US?

RDN staff worked alongside our curbside collection drivers to let residents know if they are doing a great job when it comes to curbside recycling, or if there are areas for improvement. We are continually working to improve our diversion rates and that all starts with getting households on board. A lot of residents we talked

GREAT JOB!

to were unaware of new items that can be recycled at the curbside and a number of common items that we do not take such as plastic bags, film plastics, and glass.

DID YOU KNOW? THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

- Tetra Pak (Aseptic) boxes and cartons e.g. soups, sauces
- Paper-based microwave bowls and cups
- Aerosol cans (empty) and caps e.g. air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray, whip cream
- Spiral wound paper cans and lids, e.g. frozen juice containers
- Plastic clamshells
- Plastic cold drink cups and lids
- Plastic garden pots and seedling trays
- Paper cups for hot and cold beverages
- Frozen dessert boxes e.g. ice cream
- Milk and cream cartons
- Paper bags with single and multiple paper layers (may include plastic layer) e.g. pet food bags
- Shredded paper (must be in a tied clear plastic bag)



WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH ITEMS THAT CAN'T BE RECYCLED AT THE CURB?

The region has several Drop-Off Depots that accept plastic bags and overwrap, foam (Styrofoam) containers, trays and cushion packaging, and non-deposit glass jars and bottles.

These Drop-Off Depots may also accept curbside packaging and printed paper materials, as well as small appliances, electronics, used oil, batteries, lights, paint and even household hazardous waste like solvents and flammable liquids. Check with them or the RDN Curbside app (details on page 2 of this newsletter) to confirm accepted items.

Qualicum Bottle & Recycling Depot

4- 141 Fourth Ave E, Qualicum Beach
Phone: 250-752-8884

Parksville Bottle and Recycling Depot Ltd.

611 A Alberni Highway, Parksville
Phone: 250-248-0224

Alpine Disposal & Recycling

2250 McGarrigle Road, Nanaimo
Phone: 250-751-1089

www.alpinegroup.ca

Regional Recycling

839 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo
2375 Hayes Road, Nanaimo
Phone: 1 855-701-7171

www.regionalrecycling.ca/nanaimo

Nanaimo Recycling Exchange

2477 Kenworth Road
Phone: 250-758-7777

www.recycling.bc.ca

Gabriola Island Recycling Organization (GIRO)

700 Tin Can Alley, Gabriola Island
Phone: 250-247-9257

www.girodepot.com

(Do not accept Styrofoam)



**HAVE YOUR
TURKEY and
TRIM HOLIDAY
WASTE!**



The holidays are an uplifting time. It's also a time that brings a heavy environmental footprint.

The annual waste created in Canada from gift wrapping and shopping bags amounts to more than 545,000 tonnes according to the Recycling Council of BC. By using the green bin and curbside recycling program, residents can divert much of their holiday waste, keeping it out of the region's landfill.

Here are some tips on caring for your green bin:

- Remember: no plastic, metal, tin foil, glass or biodegradable bags. Compostable bags are accepted.
- To keep your food waste from sticking to the green bin during cold weather, line the bottom with newspaper. Spraying the sides with a vegetable oil spray can help too.

- Please don't put your small kitchen catcher at the curbside. If you have more food waste than can fit in your green bin, store it in a cool secure place or in your freezer until your next collection day.

What to feed your green bin over the holidays:

- Turkey trimmings, gizzards, giblets, stuffing, bones and other food leftovers.
- Food-soiled paper products, including napkins, paper towels, paper plates, cups, and paper tablecloths.
- Wax-coated paper containers, such as gable-top eggnog, dairy and ice cream cartons. (Please remove plastic spouts and lids.)
- Cut flowers and houseplants such as poinsettias, nuts, shells and even spices.

**MAKE MEMORIES
NOT GARBAGE THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON**

The festive season is fast approaching. For most of us it's the most wonderful time of the year, but because of the amount of garbage we produce it's also one of the most wasteful. By remembering the **3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle** – you can enjoy the spirit of the season while easing the load on our landfill and environment. Here are some suggestions how:

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

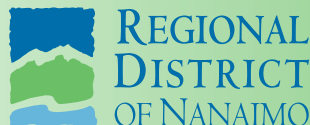
Taking advantage of some great holiday deals and upgrading to 52" plasma TV, or new home entertainment system? What are you going to do with all the Styrofoam packaging? Consider buying from a store that will take back the packaging or return it to your nearest **Recycle BC** drop off depot.

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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Beyond Composting

