

Important Schedule Information

The collection schedule is based on an add-a-day system where the collection day advances after a statutory holiday.



Green Bin Basics

USING YOUR GREEN BIN

1. Use your green bin to store food waste. Place large soiled compostable paper products such as waxed cardboard or pizza boxes directly in the green bin.
2. Keep the lid securely latched to help control odours and keep out rodents and other animals.
3. Store your green bin in a cool, ventilated location, such as where you keep your garbage can.
4. Take your green bin to the curb before 8 A.M. on your collection day even if it is not full.

LINING YOUR CONTAINERS

For convenience and cleanliness you may choose to use a liner in your kitchen container or green bin. The use of liner bags is optional but only **compostable** bags can be used.

If you buy liner bags you will have to ensure the bag used has the certified "Compostable" logo.

Approved compostable bags designed to breakdown in a composting facility are sold at most major grocery and hardware stores and other retailers throughout the region. Bags must have one of these symbols on them.



Plastic, biodegradable or oxy-degradable bags are not accepted.

NEW AND REPLACEMENT GREEN BINS

If you are new to the area and need a green bin, or if an older bin has become damaged and unusable, new green bins can be purchased from the following locations:

RDN

Administration 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
Qualicum Beach
Town of Qualicum Beach
Municipal office
Gabriola Island
Gabriola Island Recycling
Organization (GIRO)

Please note that green bins are no longer provided free of charge.

Garbage



REGULAR CONTAINER
100 litres maximum

or



LARGE CONTAINER
121 litres

FILL
LIMIT

Inside your GARBAGE can:

- 100 litres (22 gallons) garbage per can – larger cans can be used but not filled to the top (see diagram fill limits).
- 23 kg (50 pounds) maximum per can – for the safety of the driver.
- If you have trouble picking it up, so will your driver, and remember he has to pick up hundreds of cans per day.
- No food waste (use your green bin).
- No construction or renovation waste.
- No yard waste.
- No items larger than 2 feet in any dimension.
- Extra containers must have a single-use Extra Garbage Tag attached.
- A maximum of two extra bags/containers with tags.

Locations to purchase tags are available at www.rdn.bc.ca

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
- VOICEMAIL
- TWITTER
- ICALENDAR
- DOWNLOAD THE APP



Please take your containers to the curb by 8 AM on your scheduled collection day



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Inside Your Green Bin
FOOD WASTE INCLUDING:

- Baked goods
- Baking ingredients, herbs, spices
- Bones
- Bread, cereal, grains
- Candy
- Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
- Dairy products, butter, mayonnaise
- Egg shells
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Meat, fish/seafood, poultry
- Nuts and shells
- Pasta, rice

SOILED PAPER

- Paper towels and tissues
- Cardboard (including waxed)
- Paper plates
- Paper fast food packaging
- Paper food packaging (unlined)
- Waxed paper, parchment paper

SOILED PAPER PACKAGING

(May be placed in Green Bin if used to store food waste)

- Ice cream and milk & cream cartons
- Paper cups

OTHER

- Compostable bags (must have certified compostable logo)
- Houseplants, cut and dried flowers

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Plastic, metal or Styrofoam
- Biodegradable, oxy-degradable or plastic bags
- Drink boxes or Tetra Pak containers
- Gable top juice and soy milk cartons
- Yard and garden waste, feminine hygiene products, pet feces or cat litter

For more information on recent changes to curbside recycling visit www.recycling2016.ca



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Inside Your Blue Box
CONTAINER RECYCLABLES:

- Aseptic (Tetra Pak) boxes and cartons, e.g., soups, sauces
- Paper-based Microwavable bowls and cups
- Metal cans and lids
- Aerosol cans (empty) and caps e.g. food, air freshener, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray
- Spiral wound paper cans and lids
- Aluminum foil wrap, aluminum take-out and baking containers
- Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, caps and lids
- Plastic clamshells, e.g., for baked goods, fruit, eggs; trays and tops; tubs and lids
- Plastic cold drink cups and lids
- Plastic garden plant pots and seedling trays
- Plastic pails, e.g., for laundry detergent, ice cream, must be less than 25L

REMEMBER TO:

- Empty and rinse containers
- Remove and recycle caps and lids
- Take deposit beverage containers to Return-It Depots
- Remove soil and plant residue from plant pots and trays



Beside Your Blue Box

Cardboard and Shredded Paper

Flatten large corrugated boxes and tie in bundles no larger than 8" thick (20 cm) X 30" wide (78 cm) X 30" tall (78 cm); staples and tape accepted

Place shredded paper in a tied clear plastic bag (no opaque, coloured or black bags)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Glass containers
- Plastic bags or plastic packaging wrap
- Foam packaging (Styrofoam)
- Boxes with wax coatings, e.g., shipping boxes for produce
- Foil-lined cardboard lids
- Aerosol cans that contained paint, waxes, polishes, lubricants, solvents, pesticides or hazardous wastes
- Motor oil, lubricants, wax, solvents, flammable product, or paint containers
- Metal pots, coat hangers, scrap metal or appliances
- Chip or foil bags, blister packs
- Textiles



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Inside Your Yellow Bag
PAPER RECYCLABLES:

- Newspapers, inserts, flyers, catalogues, magazines, telephone books
- Household paper, envelopes, paper gift wrap, greeting cards
- Boxboard boxes, cereal, pizza boxes
- Moulded boxboard, e.g., egg cartons, beverage carry-out trays
- Paper hot and cold beverage cups
- Frozen dessert boxes, e.g. ice cream
- Milk and cream cartons
- Paper bags with single and multiple paper layers, e.g., pet food bags

REMEMBER TO:

- Empty boxboard boxes of leftover food and remove plastic/paper liners
- Empty/rinse paper food containers.

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Hardcover or paperback books; non-paper gift wrap, e.g. foil, ribbons or bows; musical greeting cards with batteries; padded envelopes; foil or plastic-lined paper and bags, e.g., for cookies and some pet food; paper towels, napkins or tissues

Straws, non-paper insulating wraps

Chip or foil bags, blister packs

Photographs

Recycling Drop-Off Depots

The region has several Drop-Off Depots that accept:

- Non-deposit glass containers (such as condiment jars or baby food jars)
- Plastic bags and overwrap (such as retail carry bags and plastic packaging wrap)
- Foam plastic containers, trays and cushion packaging (such as meat trays, egg cartons and Styrofoam packing)
- Curbside Recyclable items

Parksville Bottle and Recycling Depot Ltd.

611-A Alberni Hwy, Parksville Ph. 250-248-0224

Qualicum Bottle & Recycling Depot

4-141 Fourth Ave E, Qualicum Beach Ph. 250-752-8884

Alpine Disposal & Recycling

2250 McGarrigle Rd, Nanaimo Ph. 250-751-1089

Nanaimo Recycling Exchange

2477 Kenworth Rd, Nanaimo Ph. 250-758-7777

Regional Recycling

- 839 Old Victoria Rd, Nanaimo
 - 2375 Hayes Rd, Nanaimo
- Ph. 1-855-701-7171

Gabriola Island Recycling Organization (GIRO)

700 Tin Can Alley, Gabriola Island Ph. 250-247-9257

Styrofoam not accepted at GIRO

Check with the Depots to confirm accepted items.