

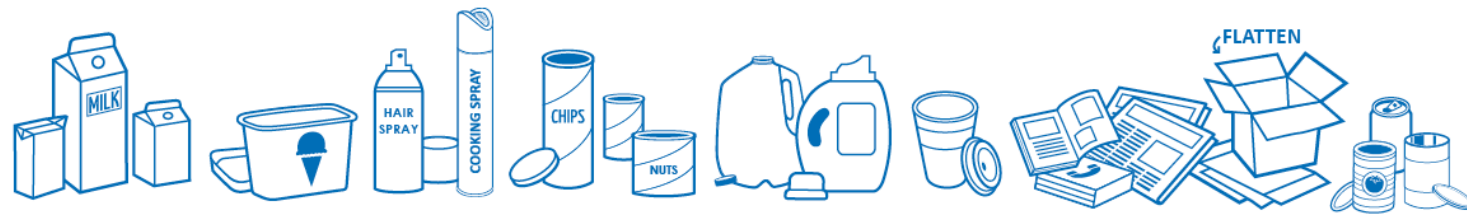
# Updated MAY 2017 CURBSIDE SORTING REQUIREMENTS

## CURBSIDE COMPOSTABLES



- ✓ Fruits & Vegetables
- ✓ Eggs & Egg Shells
- ✓ Dairy Products
- ✓ Pasta & Grains
- ✓ Seeds & Nuts
- ✓ Meat, Poultry & Bones
- ✓ Baked Goods
- ✓ Salad & Dressing
- ✓ Fish & Seafood
- ✓ Candy & Chips  
*No chewing gum*
- ✓ Plate Scrapings
- ✓ Paper Plates & Cups
- ✓ Napkins & Tissue Paper
- ✓ Toothpicks, Wooden Stir Sticks & Skewers
- ✓ Coffee Grounds & Paper Filters
- ✓ Tea Bags
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Soiled Pizza Boxes & Take-Out Containers
- ✓ Cooking Oil & Grease  
*Small amounts of cooking oils or fats absorbed in paper.*
- ✓ Grass Clippings
- ✓ Flowers & Weeds
- ✓ Plants & Shrubs  
*No soil or rocks*
- ✓ Leaves & Moss
- ✓ Small Trimmings & Branches  
*Up to 15cm in diameter*
- ✓ Sawdust & Shavings  
*In closed paper bag*
- ✓ Paper or Paper Bag Liners  
*No plastic bags*

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING



- ✓ Dairy Cartons
- ✓ Frozen Dessert Containers
- ✓ Aerosol & Spray Cans  
*Air freshener, hair spray, & cooking spray*
- ✓ Cardboard & Metal Wound Containers  
*Chip, frozen juice & nut containers*
- ✓ Milk Jugs
- ✓ Plastic Soap & Spray Bottles
- ✓ Plastic Berry & Salad Containers
- ✓ Plastic Jars & Lids
- ✓ Single Use Coffee Pods  
*Remove lid & grounds*
- ✓ Plastic Cups & Lids
- ✓ Food Tubs/Containers
- ✓ Plastic Plant Pots
- ✓ Clamshell Packaging
- ✓ Plastic Trays & Tops
- ✓ Cold Drink Cups
- ✓ Plastic Beverage Containers  
*Best at the bottle depots*
- ✓ Un-numbered Rigid Plastic Packaging  
*From Toothbrushes, Batteries & Toys*
- ✓ Coffee Cups & Lids
- ✓ Paper Egg Trays
- ✓ Soup & Sauce Cartons
- ✓ Newspapers & Flyers
- ✓ Magazines & Phone Books
- ✓ Envelopes & Loose Leaf Paper
- ✓ Cardboard & Boxboard  
*Flatten & no foam packaging*
- ✓ Product Boxes
- ✓ Cardboard Tubes
- ✓ Paper Food Bags  
*Pet, sugar & flour*
- ✓ Paper Drink Holders
- ✓ Paper Gift Wrap & Bags
- ✓ Greeting Cards
- ✓ Juice Boxes or Cartons  
*Best at the bottle depots*
- ✓ Aluminum Foils & Trays
- ✓ Soup Cans
- ✓ Tin Cans & Lids
- ✓ Cookie Tins
- ✓ Metal Beverage Containers  
*Best at the bottle depots*
- ✓ Aluminum Cans & Lids

## RECYCLING DEPOTS ONLY



- ✓ Plastic Grocery Bags & Overwrap
- ✓ Foam Packaging (eg. Styrofoam®)
- ✓ Glass Bottles & Jars

## CURBSIDE GARBAGE



- ✓ Salad, Cereal & Chip Bags
- ✓ Candy Wrappers & Sandwich Bags
- ✓ Cellophane & Bubble Wrap
- ✓ Non-Packaging Plastics
- ✓ Mirror & Window Glass  
*Packaged safely*
- ✓ Drinking Glasses
- ✓ Ceramics
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Pet Waste  
*Double-bagged & tied*
- ✓ Vacuum & Dryer Lint
- ✓ Bandages
- ✓ Cigarette Butts
- ✓ Clothing, Textiles & Shoes  
*Please donate these items if useable*

# Our City is Going GREEN

## NEW RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COMPOSTABLE WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

STARTS MAY 2017

The City of Chilliwack is improving our Residential Curbside Collection Program to separate organic material (combined food waste and yard waste) for composting.

The Fraser Valley Regional District is also taking steps to divert compostable material from disposal; a priority in the FVRD Solid Waste Management Plan. To support our region's diversion plan, the first step for the City of Chilliwack is to start composting the organic material collected through our Curbside Program. The City will be working with the FVRD to eventually expand diversion requirements to other sectors such as multi-family residences, businesses, schools, and health facilities.



For more information about the upcoming Residential Curbside Compostables Collection Program, please contact:

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# Compostables Program Frequently Asked Questions

## WILL THIS PROGRAM AFFECT ME?

The new program in May 2017 will only affect residents currently on the City's Curbside Program; mainly single family and duplex residences. The FVRD and the City will eventually expand compostables diversion requirements to other sectors such as multi-family residences, businesses, schools, and health facilities.

## WHEN WILL THE NEW PROGRAM START?

The implementation date for the Residential Curbside Compostables Collection Program is **May 1, 2017**.

## HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

When the new Curbside Compostables Collection Program starts in May 2017, organic waste (food waste and yard trimmings) will be collected weekly and composted. Residual garbage will be collected bi-weekly (once every two weeks) because quantities and odours will be significantly reduced without the compostable materials, and bi-weekly collection will reduce costs. Unlimited recycling collection will remain on a weekly basis.

## HOW DO I ORDER MY GREEN CART FOR COMPOSTABLES?

Last September, all owners of single family and duplexes on the City's Curbside Collection Program should have received a letter in the mail with steps on how they could have completed an order for their Green Cart for compostables. Information is also available at [chilliwack.com/compostables](http://chilliwack.com/compostables)

The collection contractor, Emterra Environmental, will provide wildlife resistant standardized Green Carts to all residents. Residents are able to choose a cart size (eg. 80L, 120L, 240L, 360L) and pay a different rate accordingly.

**If you haven't already selected a cart, a 120L cart will be automatically issued to your address by default.** Residents will be able to exchange the cart if a different size is required.



## HOW DO I PREPARE COMPOSTABLE WASTE FOR COLLECTION?

- Collect compostable waste (food waste and food-soiled paper) in the "kitchen catcher" provided by the collection contractor.
- Empty your kitchen catcher often by transferring the materials to your larger Green Cart which will be provided by the collection contractor.
- Wash your kitchen catcher with soap and water or put it in the dishwasher. Once clean, it is ready for more compostable waste.



## I'M CONCERNED ABOUT ATTRACTING WILDLIFE TO MY PROPERTY BY INTRODUCING A NEW CURBSIDE GREEN CART FOR COMPOSTABLES, WHAT CAN I DO PREVENT THIS?

If you are not experiencing wildlife challenges now, you likely will not have an issue with the new compostables collection program.

The volume and composition of your waste will not change, the only difference will be that you will separate your waste into three bins rather than two. The collection contractor will provide you with a Green Cart that is wildlife resistant.

However, here is a list of steps you can take to reduce encounters with wildlife due to your curbside materials:

- Store your garbage and recycling containers/bags and Green Cart in the house, garage, shed or bear-resistant enclosure until the morning of collection.
- Freeze or refrigerate meat, fish, bones and plate scrapings until collection day.
- Place your garbage and recycling containers/bags and Green Cart at the curb the morning of collection, not the night before.
- Wrap your food waste in newspaper or paper bags to reduce odours and to keep your Green Cart cleaner. You can also line your cart with newspaper or a kraft bag.
- Layer food waste with yard waste in your Green Cart when possible.

## SHOULD I CONTINUE TO USE MY BACKYARD COMPOSTER?

If you have a backyard composter, you could continue to use it if you'd like to. The compostables collection program will complement backyard composting by accepting a wider range of food waste that may not be suitable for backyard composting. Items such as cooked food, meat, bones, fish, baked goods, food-soiled paper products including paper towels, napkins, cups and plates will be accepted through the Compostables Collection Program.