



News Release

Curbside Food Waste Collection Service on its Way

Sechelt, BC—August 4, 2020—As of October 6, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) will be implementing a weekly curbside food waste collection service for the residences in the service areas receiving garbage collection.

Coinciding with the curbside food waste collection service will be a transition from weekly to bi-weekly garbage collection.

A 45-litre food waste bin (“Green Bin”) along with a curbside collection guide, a starter kit of paper kitchen container bags and a “what’s in” sticker will be provided to residences between September 14 and 30. The materials will be placed inside the Green Bin or delivered to a central contact for multi-family dwellings.

“Residents just need to empty any food waste they have, such as plate scrapings, peelings, coffee grounds and paper towels into a kitchen container of their choice and then place them into their new Green Bin to be put out for collection on collection day,” says Robyn Cooper, Manager of Solid Waste Services.

Food waste and food soiled paper collected from the Green Bin program will be processed locally by Salish Soils into compost, a beneficial resource.

Food waste accounts for approximately 35% of household garbage found in the Sechelt Landfill. Diverting food waste and food soiled paper from the landfill is one of the biggest opportunities to extend the life of the landfill which at our current rate of disposal, is scheduled to close early 2026.

“Under the SCRD’s refuse collection bylaw the separation of food waste from garbage will be required by all residences in the service area, so there is no opt-out” says Cooper.

“Some residents may already be composting and we want them to continue to do so,” says Cooper. “However there may be materials that are accepted in the Green Bin that folks aren’t currently composting at home, such as meat or fish.”

For more information, visit www.scrd.ca/curbside-food.

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