



News Release

Not All Waste Is Garbage!

Sechelt, BC—May 24, 2022—With the Sechelt Landfill nearing capacity, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Board is bringing forward new waste disposal regulations to help prolong the life of the landfill.

The Program

Starting October 1, 2022, if you live, work or visit the Sunshine Coast it will be mandatory to keep all food waste, compostable food soiled paper and recyclable paper out of your regular garbage.

So why is this being done? Three reasons.

1. We have about three-years of landfill life left. These waste disposal regulations will help to ensure that the landfill can continue to fulfill the needs of our growing communities for the near future.
2. Throwing food waste in the garbage generates methane which is a contributing factor to climate change. Food waste and food soiled paper must now be composted as we look to feed the earth and not the landfill.
3. Recycling paper means future packaging is made from existing resources.

“We are asking our community to get systems in place in the coming months to sort garbage, recycling and organic waste,” says Darnelda Siegers, SCRD Board Chair. “As our landfill nears capacity, we need your support to ensure that only the material that should be put in the landfill, goes in the landfill.”

Who is impacted by the new disposal regulations?

The disposal regulations will be applied to everyone throughout the Sunshine Coast. If all your food waste is being composted and all your paper and cardboard packaging is recycled then you are already doing what you need to.

This waste reduction initiative differs based on where you live on the Sunshine Coast so check out www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste for information on how it will affect you.

How can I make this work?

By making sure you're composting and recycling all that you can. The purpose of these disposal regulations is to prevent as much compostable and recyclable waste from going to the garbage as possible.

Tips & Advice

We know that this change may be confusing, particularly when figuring out what materials should go in what bin. We've put together some great resources to help. Find them at www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to ask them, you can either email infrastructure@scrd.ca or call 604-885-6806.

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