

Yard and garden trimmings drop-off program

Richmond residents are welcome to drop off yard and garden trimmings at the following locations. Please note that proof of Richmond residency is required.

1. Ecowaste Industries Ltd.

Accepts unlimited amounts of yard trimmings free of charge.

Address:

Triangle Road off the South foot of No. 6 Road. The civic address of the property is 15111 Williams Road.

Phone:

604-277-1410

Operating Hours

Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(Last load in is 5:00 p.m.)

2. City Recycling Depot

Accepts up to one cubic yard of trimmings free of charge. A fee of \$20 applies to each additional cubic yard.

Address:

5555 Lynas Lane

Phone:

604-276-4010

Operating Hours

Wednesday to Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Charges will be applied to anyone deemed to be operating for commercial purposes.

Material accepted for drop-off

Accepted	Not Accepted
✓ Flowers	✗ Diseased plants
✓ Grass clippings	✗ Garden hoses or flower pots
✓ Leaves	✗ Non-organic materials
✓ Plants (living or dead/dried)	✗ Prunings over 10 cm (4 in) in diameter
✓ Plant trimmings	✗ Rocks, dirt or sod
✓ Tree & hedge prunings	✗ Wood products
✓ Other organic yard materials	

Food scraps are not accepted as part of this yard trimmings drop off program.

Frequently asked questions

Who can recycle food scraps?

Richmond households that receive yard trimmings collection service.

Where can I get more free decals?

Visit your local community centres, City Recycling Depot, City Hall or other City facilities.



What about using plastic bags?

Plastic bags are not accepted. Plastic bags create waste and affect the quality of finished compost since not all the plastic can be removed.

What about using biodegradable plastic bags?

These are not accepted. When biodegradable plastic bags break down, their residual is flecks of plastic. This plastic is a contaminant and negatively impacts the quality of the finished compost.

Will the paper bags stand up to the rain?

Yes. Paper yard waste bags are made with a strength coating that resists water absorption but will still breakdown with yard trimmings at the composting facility.

However, if you leave bags full of soggy yard trimmings in the rain for weeks, the bags will definitely break down before collection.

Where can I get 80 litre containers and paper yard waste bags or liners?

Containers and bags are available at local retail and hardware stores.

Will food scraps also be accepted at the Recycling Depot or Ecowaste?

No. The Recycling Depot and Ecowaste will continue to accept only yard and garden trimmings materials.

What about using my backyard composter?

We continue to recommend home composting, which is the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to recycle fruits, vegetables and yard trimmings – and to make your own fabulous compost. Compost bins are available for \$25 at the City Recycling Depot.

Use the Green Can for “other” things like meat, bones, fish and bread.



When good food goes bad, the Green Can is here for you.



Start reducing your garbage today. Recycle food scraps and yard trimmings.

Richmond has a new waste reduction goal and our food scraps recycling program will help us reach it.

Environmental Programs
Information Line: 604-276-4010
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Get recycling!

Residents who receive yard trimmings collection can recycle food scraps along with yard trimmings in labelled Green Cans.

Composting yard trimmings and food scraps produces nutrient rich soil products and removes thousands of tonnes of organic material from landfills every year.

Richmond residents already recycle over 50% of their garbage. Recycling food scraps will help us reduce our garbage and reach our new goal of 70%.

Recycle

The Green Can makes it easy to recycle your food scraps along with yard trimmings.



Step 1

Make any 80 litres or less can a Green Can. Attach a Green Can decal (available for free at any City facility) to any garbage-type can that is 80 litres or less. Residents provide their own cans.



Step 2

Collect food scraps in any kitchen food scraps container. An ice cream pail or any larger reusable container will work.



Step 3

Empty your kitchen food scraps container into your 80 litre or smaller Green Can.



Step 4

Place yard trimmings into your Green Can along with your food scraps.

Extra yard trimmings can be placed in additional labelled Green Cans or paper yard waste bags (available at local retail stores) or tie in bundles no larger than 91 cm x 61 cm (3 ft x 2 ft).

Plastic bags are not accepted for yard trimmings or food scraps.



Step 5

Set all garbage and recycling containers including Green Cans, paper yard waste bags, blue boxes and garbage cans at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day.

Green Cans must be 80 litres or smaller and must weigh less than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) when filled.

An unlimited amount of labelled Green Cans or disposable paper yard waste bags will be collected, as long as the decals are facing the street and visible to the Green Can collectors. There is no need to label paper yard waste bags.

Get it sorted!

With this new food scraps program, residents who now receive yard trimmings collection can recycle even more.

Yes! Add these items:



No! Do not include:

- ✗ Plastic bags and biodegradable plastics
- ✗ Plastic wrap and plastic take-out containers
- ✗ Glass, metal, plastic or foil
- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Grease or liquids
- ✗ Cork or Styrofoam cups, meat trays, plates or take-out containers
- ✗ Paper cartons or take-out containers

Place these items in your regular garbage or recycling instead. Visit www.richmond.ca/recycle for more information.

Top 10 Tips

1. To keep your Green Can clean, line it with paper bag bin liners, paper grocery bags, newspaper or used paper towels.
2. Empty your kitchen container frequently into your Green Can.
3. Keep your kitchen container and Green Can clean by rinsing them often.
4. Keep animals and insects out and odours in by keeping your Green Can lid closed at all times (just as you would with your garbage) or sprinkle your Green Can with baking soda.
5. Wrap food scraps in small amounts of newspaper, used paper towels or pizza delivery boxes before adding to your kitchen container or Green Can.
6. Put smelly materials in the freezer and add them to your Green Can on collection day.
7. Store your Green Can in a shady area out of direct sunlight. Consider storing your Green Can and paper yard waste bags inside a shed or garage.
8. Layer food scraps with drier materials such as yard trimmings in your Green Can.
9. Put your Green Can at the curb each week on your collection day in the morning (by 7:30 a.m.) rather than the night before.
10. Check our website at www.richmond.ca/recycle or call the Environmental Programs Information Line at 604-276-4010 if you have questions.

