



RICHMOND RECYCLING & GARBAGE COLLECTION GUIDE

FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

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 Richmond

WHAT'S IN THIS GUIDE?

Richmond offers a variety of programs and services to make it easy and convenient to recycle. This guide highlights each program and provides tips on how to recycle and reduce waste.



GARBAGE CART PROGRAM

Biweekly curbside collection of household materials that cannot be recycled.



LARGE ITEM PICK UP PROGRAM

Scheduled curbside pick up of six household items per year. Call 604-270-4722 to arrange pick up.



GREEN CART PROGRAM

Weekly collection of food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings.



BLUE BOX PROGRAM

Weekly collection of mixed packaging containers, mixed paper and glass bottles/jars.



RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

Free drop-off of a broad range of recyclable household items.



TIPS TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY AND SAFELY

Tips on how to avoid contaminating your Blue Box and preparing items for recycling.

RECYCLE MORE AT THE RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

5555 LYNAS LANE, OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK,
9:00 A.M. TO 6:15 P.M.

You'll be amazed by how much you can take – for free – to the Richmond Recycling Depot, open seven days a week. It's easy and convenient to drop off multiple items for safe recycling, including:

- Electronics
- Flexible plastic packaging (including chip bags, snack packaging, ziplock bags and bubble wrap)
- Fire extinguishers
- Lead acid batteries
- Motor oil, filters and antifreeze
- Plastic bags and overwrap
- Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam)
- Propane tanks and butane cylinders
- Small appliances
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Upholstered furniture

For a full list of items, visit richmond.ca/depot, or refer to the Richmond Recycling Depot section of this guide. Look for our interactive depot map online.



GARBAGE CART PROGRAM

Biweekly curbside garbage collection is provided to residents in single-family homes and some townhomes. For townhomes with private garbage collection, this information may not apply. Please contact your building or property manager for information.



WHAT GOES IN THE GARBAGE? NOT MUCH!

The more we recycle, the less we need to throw in the garbage. The following are examples of some household items that go into the garbage:

- Diapers & baby wipes
- Dishware, broken ceramics/glass
- Plastic cling wrap
- Plastic utensils & drinking straws
- Biodegradable/compostable plastics

PLEASE NOTE:

There are also some hazardous materials and other household items that must be taken to drop-off locations for safe disposal. Visit richmond.ca/recyclesearch for more information.



IT'S EASY TO KEEP TRACK OF COLLECTION DAYS!

Use the free Richmond Recycling app.



GARBAGE CART TIPS



BIWEEKLY GARBAGE PICK UP

Place garbage at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day, **every other week**.



GARBAGE CART REQUESTS

Call 604-276-4010. Cart exchange fee is \$25.



SAFE STORAGE

Please return all of your garbage and recycling containers to their storage location by 9 p.m. on collection day.



ADDITIONAL GARBAGE

Garbage Tags and Garbage Disposal Vouchers

- Available for purchase at all City facilities. For a list of locations, please visit richmond.ca/garbage.
- Garbage Tags: \$2 each for each additional garbage bag/can.
- Garbage Disposal Voucher: \$5 each, value up to \$25 at the Vancouver Landfill (one per household per year).

Large Item Pick Up Program

- Curbside collection of mattresses, furniture, etc. See the Large Item Pick Up tab for information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Under Bylaw #6803, you can be fined for putting household garbage in public litter bins or littering in parks and other public spaces, as well as for illegal dumping. Please help keep our community clean and litter-free.

RECYCLING - NOT GARBAGE

The items below are **not** allowed in the garbage. Please recycle them as noted below.



Rigid Plastic Containers

Put in your Blue Box.



Food Scraps/ Soiled Paper

Put in your Green Cart.



Mixed Paper

Put in your yellow Mixed Paper Recycling Bag.



Polystyrene Foam (e.g. Styrofoam) Blocks

Bring to Richmond Recycling Depot
5555 Lynas Lane.

LARGE ITEM PICK UP PROGRAM

SET OUT
AT 7:30
A.M.

Richmond's Large Item Pick Up program provides a convenient curbside collection service for up to six large household items per year, including mattresses, furniture and appliances.

This program is designed to make it more convenient to recycle large household items to keep them out of the landfill and to help reduce illegal dumping. **Large Item Pick Up is currently provided to residents in single-family homes and townhomes with City Garbage Cart and/or Blue Box service.**

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

- 1** To schedule collection of up to six items per year, residents can contact the City's service provider, **Sierra Waste Services at 604-270-4722** or schedule online at richmond.ca/largeitem.
- 2** Sierra Waste Services will contact you to provide a pick-up date and confirmation number.
- 3** On your scheduled pick-up date only, place items at the curb before 7:30 a.m. (no earlier than 8:00 p.m. the night before).



! **REMINDER:** Please ensure mattresses are dry and wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape before placing them at the curb for pickup. **TIP:** Reuse the bag from newly-purchased mattresses or purchase bags from home hardware and supply stores.

WHAT'S ACCEPTED AND NOT ACCEPTED?

Each piece of furniture or large item counts as one item. For example, a table and two chairs equals three items. A metal bed frame, mattress, boxspring and separate headboard are four items, and a sectional couch with two parts is two items.



ACCEPTED

- ✓ Appliances (stove, dishwasher, washer and/or dryer, hot water tank, refrigerator, freezer, microwave)
- ✓ Barbecue (remove lava rock briquettes and/or propane tank)
- ✓ Bed frame
- ✓ Electric lawnmower
- ✓ Exercise equipment (treadmill, elliptical, weight set)
- ✓ Furniture (couch, coffee table, chair, desk, dresser, TV stand, cabinet, table, hutch, crib, high chair, entertainment centre)
- ✓ Headboard
- ✓ Mattress, boxspring (must be dry)
- ✓ Outdoor furniture (chair, patio table, patio umbrella)
- ✓ Small household goods, provided they are boxed or bundled and are a reasonable size (one box or bundle is equal to one of the resident's six allotted items)
- ✓ Tires (car and light duty truck)
- ✓ Upholstered furniture (must be dry)

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Car bodies or parts
 - ✗ Carpets
 - ✗ Gas lawnmowers*
 - ✗ Hazardous waste
 - ✗ Lumber
 - ✗ Demolition (drywall)
 - ✗ Home renovation (sinks, flooring, doors, windows)
 - ✗ Mattresses/boxsprings and upholstered furniture that are wet or infested with bed bugs or vermin
 - ✗ Propane tanks*
 - ✗ Tree stumps
- For drop-off options, call Environmental Programs at 604-276-4010 or visit richmond.ca/recyclesearch

PREPARATION – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Wrap mattresses in plastic and seal with tape to prevent them from getting wet. Cover boxsprings and upholstered furniture with tarps or plastic to keep it dry. Tarps will be left behind for reuse.
- ✓ Confirm mattresses, boxsprings and upholstered furniture are free of bedbugs to ensure they can be accepted for recycling.
- ✓ Remove latch/door from freezers, refrigerators or any other container equipped with a door, latch or locking device.

If your household item is not listed, contact Sierra Waste Services at 604-270-4722 to see if it is accepted for collection.

* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot

GREEN CART PROGRAM

Food scraps, yard trimmings and food-soiled paper are recycled in your Green Cart. These materials are not permitted in the garbage, which means they must be recycled or composted.



No plastic or biodegradable/compostable plastic bags. Please use newspaper or paper bags to wrap food scraps.



WHAT GOES IN YOUR GREEN CART

ACCEPTED

- ✓ Breads & pastas
- ✓ Coffee grounds & filters
- ✓ Cooking oil in small amounts that can be wiped up & absorbed with paper towel or newspaper
- ✓ Egg & dairy products
- ✓ Fat & grease solids
- ✓ Fruits & vegetables
- ✓ Food-soiled paper towels, napkins & paper plates
- ✓ Microwavable popcorn bags
- ✓ Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, bones & table scraps
- ✓ Paper tea bags
- ✓ Rice & noodles
- ✓ Garden trimmings & plant clippings*
- ✓ Small amounts of clean/untreated wood

*Branches must be no more than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter and cut short enough to fit in the Green Cart with the lid closed.

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Compostable and/or biodegradable plastic bags
- ✗ Glass, metal or foil
- ✗ Large amounts of liquid grease or cooking oil*
- ✗ Plastic bags & plastic takeout containers*
- ✗ Plastic mesh tea bags
- ✗ Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam) materials*

* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot

GREEN CART TIPS



RECYCLING TIPS

- Wrap food scraps in newspaper or used paper towels.
- Line kitchen container with paper bag liner* or newspaper.
- Put food scraps in freezer until collection day, then add them to your Green Cart.

For more program requirements, visit richmond.ca/greencart.

* Available at grocery and home supply stores.

EXTRA YARD TRIMMINGS

- Use an unlimited amount of paper yard waste bags and/or Green Cans for extra yard trimmings. To order a Green Can sticker, call Environmental Programs at 604-276-4010.
- Bundle and tie branches in sizes that are no larger than 91 cm x 61 cm (3 ft x 2 ft) and branches must be less than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter.
- Green Can maximum size is 80 litres.

REDUCE CONTAMINATION

- Put biodegradable or compostable plastic bags, broken glass and other non-recyclable items like diapers in the garbage.

! FATS, OILS & GREASE

Do not pour fats, cooking oils, grease or sauces down the drain. These materials can block sewer pipes, which can be costly to replace or repair.

Recycling Tips

- Absorb small amounts with used napkins/paper towel before washing dishes and recycle napkins in your Green Cart.
- Bring large quantities of used cooking oil to the Richmond Recycling Depot.



BLUE BOX PROGRAM

Richmond's Blue Box program makes it easy and convenient to recycle rigid plastic and metal packaging and containers, mixed paper products and glass bottles/jars. These recyclable materials are not permitted in the garbage. Use the Recycling Wizard in the Richmond Recycling app or visit richmond.ca/recyclesearch for more tips on where to recycle items.

Combine all newsprint and paper items into the yellow Mixed Paper Recycling Bag



Place glass jars and glass bottles in the grey Glass Recycling Bin



Put plastic bottles, tin and aluminium cans and other recyclable containers in the Blue Box



PLEASE RECYCLE CORRECTLY

When items not accepted by Recycle BC are found in these bins, the City may be subject to fines that impact costs for residents. Please recycle the items below at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



MIXED PAPER RECYCLING BAG

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Catalogues & magazines ✓ Cereal boxes ✓ Clean pizza boxes ✓ Corrugated cardboard (small pieces 30 cm x 30 cm / 1 ft x 1 ft) ✓ Flattened cardboard boxes ✓ Newspapers, inserts & flyers ✓ Paper bags ✓ Paper egg cartons ✓ Paper gift wrap & greeting cards ✓ Paper takeout containers (including those with a shiny coating) ✓ Shredded paper (place inside paper bag to avoid scattering) ✓ Writing paper & envelopes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove plastic liners/covers. • Remove any food residue. • Flatten boxes. • Excess cardboard must be flattened and bundled. Bundle size: 90 cm x 60 cm x 10 cm (3 ft x 2 ft x 4 in). • Place in the Mixed Paper Recycling Bag. <p><i>Note:</i> Drop off oversized/large amounts of cardboard at the Richmond Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Cardboard boxes with wax coating ✗ Foil-lined cardboard lids from takeout containers ✗ Metallic wrapping paper* ✗ Musical greeting cards with batteries ✗ Padded envelopes ✗ Paper bags lined with plastic (pet food or tortilla chip bags) ✗ Plastic candy wrappers* ✗ Plastic bags used to cover newspapers/flyers* ✗ Ribbons & bows

GLASS RECYCLING BIN

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clear or coloured glass bottles & glass jars (pickle jars, jam jars, spaghetti sauce jars, soy sauce bottles) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove lids & caps. • Remove food residue. • Empty & rinse. • Place in the Glass Recycling Bin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Ceramic products ✗ Glasses, dishes, cookware, window glass or mirrors ✗ Lids & caps (place in the Blue Box)

BLUE BOX

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aluminium & tin cans & lids ✓ Aluminium foil & foil containers (foil wrap, pie plates, food trays) ✓ Empty aerosol cans & caps (food items, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray) ✓ Paper & plastic drink cups with lids ✓ Paper food containers & cartons (ice cream, soup) ✓ Plastic & paper garden pots & trays ✓ Plastic bottles & caps (food items, condiments, dish soap, shampoo, mouthwash) ✓ Plastic containers, trays & caps (bakery containers & deli trays) ✓ Plastic tubs & lids (margarine, spreads, dairy products such as yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream) ✓ Spiral wound paper cans & lids (frozen juice, potato chips, cookie dough, coffee, nuts, baby formula) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove food residue. • Remove caps or lids; place loose in the Blue Box/Containers Recycling Cart. • Empty and rinse all containers. • Place in the Blue Box. <p><i>Note:</i> Flatten containers where possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Aerosol cans with hazardous materials (spray paint)* ✗ Butane cylinders* ✗ Ceramic plant pots ✗ Compostable/biodegradable plastic ✗ Containers for motor oil, or vehicle lubricant* ✗ Flexible plastic packaging* ✗ Garden hoses ✗ Paper takeout containers ✗ Plastic bags & overwrap* ✗ Plastic string & rope ✗ Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam) materials* ✗ Propane tanks*

* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot

RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

5555 LYNAS LANE – OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 9:00 A.M. TO 6:15 P.M.

The Richmond Recycling Depot is ideal for recycling a broad range of household items, including many that are not accepted in curbside collection. This includes hazardous materials like butane cylinders, propane tanks and other items that are banned from the landfill.



ACCEPTED (Limit: 0.75 cubic metres / 1 cubic yard of material per day)

- ✓ Batteries (household & lead-acid)
 - ✓ Bicycle tires & tubes
 - ✓ Butane cylinders
 - ✓ Cell phones
 - ✓ Cooking oil & animal fat
 - ✓ Corrugated cardboard
 - ✓ Electronics
 - ✓ Empty aerosol & spiral wound cans
 - ✓ Empty motor oil & antifreeze containers
 - ✓ Exercise & hobby machines
 - ✓ Fire extinguishers
 - ✓ Flammable aerosols or liquids
 - ✓ Flexible plastic packaging (crinkly wrappers, stand up & zipper lock pouches, etc.)
 - ✓ Fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent lights & fluorescent tubes
 - ✓ Glass food & beverage containers
 - ✓ Large appliances
 - ✓ Lights & lighting fixtures
 - ✓ Mixed paper (cereal/paper boxes, clean pizza boxes, magazines, flyers, paper egg cartons, etc.)
 - ✓ Motor oil, oil filters & antifreeze
 - ✓ Paint, solvents, pesticides & gasoline
 - ✓ Plastic bags & overwrap
 - ✓ Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam)
 - ✓ Propane tanks
 - ✓ Rigid plastic
 - ✓ Scrap metal
 - ✓ Sewing, knitting & textile machines
 - ✓ Small electrical appliances & power tools
 - ✓ Thermostats, smoke & carbon monoxide alarms
 - ✓ Tin & aluminium cans
 - ✓ Tires
 - ✓ Upholstered furniture
 - ✓ Used books
 - ✓ Yard & garden trimmings – up to 0.75 cubic metres (1 cubic yard) at no charge for Richmond residents; branches must be no more than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter. Each additional cubic yard is \$20, or drop off an unlimited amount of yard trimmings at Ecowaste Industries free of charge. Proof of residency is required. Visit ecowaste.com or call 604-277-1410. **Note:** Commercial operators are charged \$25 per yard for all trimmings at the Richmond Recycling Depot.
- For a full list of accepted items and an interactive depot map, visit richmond.ca/depot.



NOT SURE WHERE TO RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?

Check out the Recycling Wizard, available in the free Richmond Recycling app and at richmond.ca/recyclesearch.

RECYCLING SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT THE RECYCLING DEPOT

Blue Boxes, Kitchen Containers, Mixed Paper Recycling Bags and Glass Recycling Bins.



ITEMS FOR PURCHASE AT THE RECYCLING DEPOT

GARBAGE DISPOSAL VOUCHERS & TAGS:

\$2 Garbage Tags: Use Tags for additional waste for curbside collection. One Garbage Tag must be present on each additional garbage can or bag. Maximum size is 100 L for bags and cans.

\$5 Garbage Disposal Voucher: Use at the Vancouver Landfill. Each Voucher covers up to \$25 in disposal charges. Limit one per household per year.

COMPOST BINS: Available to residents at a reduced price of \$25 plus tax.

RAIN BARRELS: Rain barrels are available for purchase at a reduced price of \$30 plus tax.



Address: 5555 Lynas Lane
Hours: Seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
 (Closed on statutory holidays)

LET'S RECYCLE CORRECTLY AND SAFELY!

Recycling is considered contaminated when items are placed in the wrong bin, non-recyclable materials or items not accepted in the Blue Box are in the bins, or when items are bundled in plastic bags. Hazardous materials pose safety risks to collection staff and can be a fire hazard so they are not accepted in curbside collection.



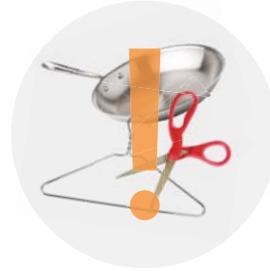
The following are not accepted in curbside recycling.
Please take them to the Richmond Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane.



Electronics such as radios, computers, monitors, printers and televisions.



Non-packaging plastics like toys, hangers and laundry baskets.



Non-packaging metal like pots, pans, scissors, etc.



Flexible plastic packaging such as ziplock bags, crinkly wrappers, woven and net plastic bags, etc.



Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam) including cups, blocks and packaging.



Plastic bags such as grocery bags and package overwrap.

DID YOU KNOW?

Propane tanks and butane cylinders are hazardous and need special handling. Please take these items to the Richmond Recycling Depot.



HOW TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY

SAVE SPACE

- Flatten boxes, and paper and plastic containers/cartons.

REDUCE CONTAMINATION

- Empty and rinse containers before recycling.
- Sort items into correct bin – put glass bottles/jars in the Glass Recycling Bin and food scraps in the Green Cart.
- Remove lids and place materials separately in the appropriate recycling bag or bin.
- Do not stack items of different materials together or put recyclables in plastic bags.



REMINDER: Find out where to recycle items properly with the Recycling Wizard, available in the free Richmond Recycling app and at richmond.ca/recyclesearch.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Report illegal dumping and missed collection, or order recycling supplies

604-276-4010

garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca

Find where to recycle household items, including hazardous materials

richmond.ca/recyclesearch

richmond.ca/depot

Tips to support a circular economy

richmond.ca/rethink

Schedule large item pick up

604-270-4722

richmond.ca/largeitem

Donate used items

richmondshares.bc.ca

Recycle BC tips and resources

recyclebc.ca

Collection reminders and tips

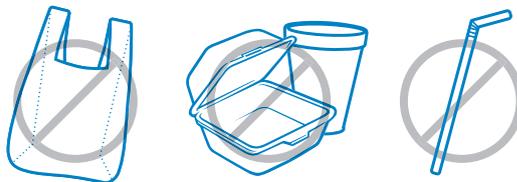
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TIPS TO AVOID SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

By making better choices – such as reusable bags and straws, or compostable paper products – we are doing our part to help reduce pollution. Together, we can reduce waste by avoiding single-use items and choosing better alternatives.

TRY THESE ALTERNATIVES:



✓ Paper or reusable bags



✓ Reusable cups and containers

✓ Containers that are recyclable in the Blue Box



✓ Reusable straws (metal, silicone, glass or hard plastic)

Learn more about the problems from this unnecessary waste and how to avoid single-use items at richmond.ca/singleuse.

richmond.ca/recycle

