



# ***SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING REGULATION***

## **BYLAW NO. 6803**

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The Council of the City of Richmond, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**PART ONE: CITY GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE**

**1.1 General Scope and Description of Service**

1.1.1 The City will arrange for the collection and disposal of **garbage**:

- (a) from all Single-Family Dwellings and from each unit in a Duplex Dwelling;  
and
- (b) from each strata lot within a **townhouse development** where such **townhouse development**:
  - (i) was serviced by the City with **garbage** collection prior to December 31, 1985; or
  - (ii) contains 20 strata lots or less; or
  - (iii) contains any number of strata lots, and was developed after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986, provided an application by the strata corporation for garbage disposal service is submitted to, and approved by, the City;unless the townhouse development has no access for a collection vehicle, or the collection vehicle cannot access the location of the **garbage containers**; and
- (c) from a **multi-family dwelling** upon prior application to and approval by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**; and

and every owner of a **residential property** to which City garbage collection service is provided must pay the applicable City garbage collection service fee specified in Schedule A, which is attached and forms part of this Bylaw.

In order to cancel a service provided to a **multi-family dwelling** pursuant to subsection 1.1.1(c) above, the strata corporation for the **multi-family dwelling** must provide a written cancellation notice to the **City** by September 30 of the preceding year and such cancellation will be effective January 1 of the next calendar year.

## 1.2 Exemption From City Garbage Collection

- 1.2.1 An **owner** of a **residential property**, excluding a **multiple family dwelling**, or a strata corporation of a **townhouse development** specified in section 1.1 which is provided with City **garbage** collection service, may apply in writing to the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** to seek an exemption from such service to the property in question, and from the payment of the fee for that service, if the owner or strata corporation:
- (a) demonstrates, to the satisfaction to the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**, that a contract exists with a private commercial contractor for **garbage** collection service to that property; and
  - (b) has arranged for a **commercial garbage container**, which does not encroach upon or project over any roadway, to be located on that property.
- 1.2.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1.2.1, the strata council of a **townhouse development** may seek exemption from City garbage collection service, if:
- (a) the provisions of clause (a) of subsection 1.2.1 can be satisfied; and
  - (b) such contract provides for **garbage** collection from individual units within that **townhouse development**.
- 1.2.3 It is the responsibility of the **owner** or strata corporation to re-apply for City **garbage** collection service should the private contract expire or otherwise terminate, and in such circumstances, the **owner** or strata corporation must pay the applicable fee specified in Schedule A.

## 1.3 Garbage Container Limits

- 1.3.1 The **City** will provide to the **occupier** of every **single-family dwelling, duplex dwelling, and townhouse development** which receives **City garbage** collection a **garbage cart** of either 46.5L, 80L, 120L, 240L or 360L size. The **occupier** may select their preferred size of **garbage cart** and, if no selection is made, will receive a **garbage cart** of 240L size if a single-family dwelling or a duplex dwelling, or of 120L size if a unit in a **townhouse development**. Once the **garbage cart** has been received, and subject to subsection 1.3.3, the **occupier** may place for collection one **garbage cart** every two weeks. An **occupier** may request a second **garbage cart** by applying to the **City** and paying the applicable additional fees. If a second **garbage cart** is approved, the **occupier** may place for collection two **garbage carts** every two weeks. All **garbage carts** remain the property of the City.
- 1.3.2 The **City** will provide, to the strata corporation of a **multi-family dwelling** approved for **City** collection and disposal of **garbage** pursuant to subsection 1.1.1(c) of this bylaw, sufficient **garbage carts** to accommodate the estimated **garbage** volume requirements for collection on a weekly or twice per week basis, as applicable. Subject to subsection 1.3.3, the strata corporation shall not place,

or permit to be placed, additional **garbage carts** or **garbage containers** for collection, other than the **garbage carts** provided by the City.

1.3.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 1.3.1 and 1.3.2, an **occupier** or the strata corporation may place additional **garbage containers** for collection, if such **occupier** or strata corporation:

- (a) purchases an excess **garbage container** tag from the City upon payment of the fee specified in Schedule A, and
- (b) attaches one such tag, in a location easily visible to collectors, to each additional **garbage container** placed out for collection.

1.3.4 **Townhouse developments** may request weekly garbage collection for the entire townhouse complex only, by applying to the **City** and paying the applicable additional fees.

#### 1.4 Preparation of Garbage for Collection

1.4.1 Subject to 1.4.2, an **occupier** of **residential property** to which **garbage** collection service is provided, must place **garbage** intended for collection in a **garbage** cart, and for additional **garbage** for which the **occupier** has purchased a tag pursuant to section 1.3.3 of this bylaw, either:

- (a) in **garbage containers** consisting of plastic bags which meet the criteria specified in sub-clauses (v) through (viii) inclusive of clause (b), or
- (b) in **garbage containers** that meet all of the following criteria:
  - (i) are made of rigid metal or plastic with a watertight, removable lid;
  - (ii) have a shape and opening which permits emptying with minimum effort;
  - (iii) have handles or handling devices which permit lifting and emptying safely by one person;
  - (iv) are specifically made for the purpose of storing **garbage**;
  - (v) are strong enough to withstand normal handling and lifting;
  - (vi) do not exceed a gross weight of 34 kilograms (75 lbs.) when full;
  - (vii) are properly closed and sealed; and
  - (viii) have a capacity of not more than 100 litres (3.5 cubic feet) and a diameter of not more than 0.6 metres (24 inches).

1.4.2 Except for additional **garbage containers** for which a **multi-family dwelling** has purchased a tag pursuant to section 1.3.3 of this bylaw, the occupier of **multi-**

**family dwellings** to which City **garbage** collection service is provided must place **garbage** intended for collection by the **City** in **garbage carts**.

- 1.4.3 An **occupier** may request a change in **garbage cart** size by paying the applicable fee.

## **1.5 Preparation of Garbage for Collection – Miscellaneous Requirements**

- 1.5.1 An **occupier** of **residential property** to which City **garbage** collection service is provided, must:

- (a) drain all liquid from, and securely wrap, all putrescible **garbage** which has the potential to decompose with the formation of malodorous byproducts, combustible gases or toxic leachate;
- (b) wrap and secure all loose **garbage** to reduce litter during the collection process;
- (c) securely wrap ashes, sawdust, kitty litter, disposable diapers and vacuum cleaner sweepings in a separate plastic bag, before placing such material in a **garbage container**; and
- (d) place in, as applicable, a **garbage cart** or a **garbage container** which meets the requirements of clause (b) of subsection 1.4.1, and mark and identify for the **collector**, all glassware, bottles, sharp pieces of wood, metal, glass or other material which could cause injury.

## **1.6 Garbage The City Will Not Collect**

- 1.6.1 Notwithstanding the definitions of **garbage** or the provisions of section 1.1, the City will not arrange for the collection and disposal of, and no person may place, the following materials out for collection under Part One of this bylaw (except, if applicable, a **large item** in accordance with section 1.8):

- (a) sod, tree branches, logs, stumps or other yard waste exceeding 15 cm (6 inches) in diameter;
- (b) any matter that may be germ or vermin-infested or dangerous to the health of a person handling such matter, or which may damage vehicles containing such matter or any similar offensive matter;
- (c) waste which is radioactive, toxic, pathogenic, corrosive, explosive or in any way dangerous to persons receiving or handling it, including, but not limited to pesticides, paint, paint thinner, solvent, flammable materials or flammable liquids, liquid waste or sludge, corrosives, acids, caustic liquids, car batteries, engine oil and oil filters;
- (d) construction and demolition waste resulting from, or produced by, the construction or complete or partial destruction or tearing down of buildings, parking lots, bridges, roads, sidewalks, pipes or other structures;



- (e) any earth, rocks, trees, stumps or other debris from any excavation or landscaping;
- (f) chemicals which may create hazardous working conditions;
- (g) material hot enough to start combustion;
- (h) automobile bodies or parts;
- (i) waste oil or petroleum by-products and antifreeze;
- (j) dead animals;
- (k) excrement, other than amounts of pet excrement that are double bagged and discarded with garbage and that do not exceed either 5% of the total weight of the garbage cart or garbage container or 5% of the total volume of the garbage cart or garbage container;
- (l) barrels, pails or other liquid or fluid containers, whether full or empty;
- (m) gypsum;
- (n) white goods (large appliances) or furniture;
- (o) soil Material;
- (p) wire;
- (q) tires;
- (r) **recyclable materials;**
- (s) **yard and garden trimmings and food waste;**
- (t) televisions;
- (u) medications;
- (v) electronics, including desktop and laptop computers and printers;
- (w) engine oil containers; and
- (x) medication and other pharmaceutical products.

## **1.7 Requirement To Clear Discarded Material**

- 1.7.1 Every **owner and occupier of residential property or non-residential property** must:

- (a) prevent **garbage** from accumulating on his property, and must remove any such accumulations which may occur; and
- (b) remove from the sidewalks and footpaths bordering the property, all discarded material, litter or rubbish that has been scattered or strewn over the ground.

## 1.8 Large Item Pick-Up Service

1.8.1 The **City**, subject to subsections 1.8.2 to 1.8.5, will arrange for the pick-up of a maximum of six (6) **large items** per calendar year from:

- (a) a **single-family dwelling** or a unit in a **duplex dwelling** that receives **City garbage** collection service; and
- (b) a unit in a **townhouse development** or **multi-family dwelling** that receives **City garbage** or **City** blue box recycling service,

and every **owner** of a property referred to in subsection 1.8.1(a) and (b) above must pay the **large item** pick-up fee specified in Schedule A, which is attached and forms a part of this bylaw.

1.8.2 The **large item** pick-up service established pursuant to subsection 1.8.1 shall be only for **large items** that were used at the **residential property** where the **large item** is placed for pick-up and collection will only be provided for the **large item** specified by the **occupier** in the request made pursuant to subsection 1.8.4(a) of this bylaw.

1.8.3 The maximum of six (6) **large items** per calendar year per eligible **single-family dwelling** and unit in a **duplex dwelling**, **townhouse development** and **multi-family dwelling** may be disposed of at the same time or on different occasions. If in any calendar year, an eligible dwelling unit does not dispose of six (6) **large items**, that eligible dwelling unit may not carry forward the collection of the remaining item or items into a future calendar year.

1.8.4 **Large items** will be picked up from an eligible **residential property** on the **collection day** for that **residential property**, provided:

- (a) the **occupier** contacts, by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the **collection day**, the person designated by the **City** to administer the **large item** pick-up service and identifies the specific **large item(s)** to be picked up;
- (b) the **large item** is placed in the manner required by subsection 8.1.1(b)(i), (ii) and (iii); and
- (c) if the **large item** is a refrigerator, freezer, icebox or other container that is equipped with a latch or locking device, the doors of such **large item** are removed and placed beside the **large item**.

- (d) all mattresses to be picked up must be wrapped and sealed in a water-resistant material;
  - (e) all **large items** must be dry and free of moisture. **Large items** that are excessively damp, waterlogged or contain moisture will not be picked up;
  - (f) in the opinion of the City, the **large item** does not represent:
    - i. a health or safety concern;
    - ii. is or may be germ or vermin-infested;
    - iii. is or may be dangerous to the health of a person handling such **large item**; or
    - iv. may damage the vehicle which is to transport such **large item**.
  - (g) if the **large item** is rejected from **large item** pick up pursuant to Section 1.8.4 (d) to (f), upon request to the City by the **owner** of the **residential property** and where the City, in its discretion, deems the item may be collected and handled as **garbage**, the City may arrange for collection of the item upon receipt of the **Non-compliant large item collection fee** as outlined in Schedule A which is attached and forms a part of this bylaw.
- 1.8.5 By no later than 9:00 p.m. on **collection day** and at his, her or its sole expense, an **occupier** or the strata corporation, as applicable, must remove from public view a **large item** placed out for pick-up if the **large item** is:
- (a) tagged as being inappropriate or unacceptable, in the sole discretion of the **City**; or
  - (b) placed for pick-up without the **occupier** contacting, by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the **collection day**, the person designated by the **City** to administer the **large item** pick-up service; or
  - (c) not a **large item** specified in the request made pursuant to subsection 1.8.4(a) of this bylaw; or
  - (d) missed for any reason.

## PART TWO: CITY RECYCLING SERVICE

### 2.1 General Scope and Description of Service

#### 2.1.1 The City will:

- (a) arrange for the collection and disposal of **recyclable material** from all **residential properties**;
- (b) subject to subsections 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, arrange for the collection and disposal of **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** from all **residential properties** in the **City**;

- (c) establish and maintain a recycling depot for use by **owners** and **occupiers** of both **residential properties** and **non-residential properties** for the deposit:

- (i) of **yard and garden trimmings**;
  - (ii) of **upholstered furniture**; and
  - (iii) free of charge, of **recyclable material** and scrap metal and aluminum items,

and every owner of **residential property** and **non-residential property** must pay the applicable City recycling service fee specified in Schedule B, which is attached and forms part of this bylaw.

- (d) establish and maintain a recycling depot for use by **regional customers** for the deposit, free of charge, of **base depot materials**,

and every owner of **residential property** and **non-residential property** must pay the applicable City recycling service fee specified in Schedule B, which is attached and forms a part of this bylaw.

2.1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (c) and (d) of subsection 2.1.1,

- (i) the **owner** or **occupier** of a **non-residential** property is limited to depositing one cubic yard of the material described in clause (c)(ii) and (c)(iii) per visit, per day; and
- (ii) **regional customers** are limited to depositing one cubic yard of **base depot materials** per visit, per day.

2.1.3 A person must not deposit or leave any **recyclable material** or any other material at or near the entrance to the City's recycling depot, or in a manner or location at the City's recycling depot contrary to posted signs or direction of City staff.

## 2.2 Exemptions from City Service

2.2.1 No exemption will be provided from the City recycling service, or from payment of the fee for that service.

2.2.2 Upon written application by the strata corporation of a **multiple family dwelling** to the **City**, the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** may exempt a **multi-family dwelling** from **City** collection of **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste**, and the payment of the fee for that service, if the strata corporation develops and implements a **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** diversion plan satisfactory to the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**.

2.2.3 If subsection 2.2.2 applies to a **multi-family dwelling**:

- (a) the **occupiers** and strata corporation of the **multi-family dwelling** must not dispose of **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** except in accordance with the diversion plan;
- (b) any changes to the diversion plan must be approved in advance by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**;
- (c) upon request by the **City**, the strata corporation must provide to the **City** details of the implementation of and compliance with the diversion plan at the **multi-family dwelling**;
- (d) the **City** may, at any time, enter the **multi-family dwelling** to conduct inspections and determine compliance with the diversion plan; and
- (e) if the **City** is, at any time, not satisfied with the diversion plan or the level of compliance with the diversion plan, the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** may revoke or cancel any exemption provided pursuant to subsection 2.2.2.

## 2.3 Recycling Receptacle Limits

- 2.3.1 The **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** may impose limits on the number of **recycling receptacles** or volume of **recyclable material** which may be placed for collection at any one time.

## 2.4 Preparation of Recyclable Materials for Collection

- 2.4.1 All **recyclable materials** must be sorted into the appropriate recycling bags, if applicable, and placed in the **recycling receptacle** provided by the City, as specified by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**, and no person may damage, tamper with or vandalize any **recycling receptacle**.

## 2.5 Preparation of Yard and Garden Trimmings and Food Waste for Collection

- 2.5.1 An **occupier** of a **single-family dwelling** or a unit in a **duplex dwelling** to which **garbage** collection service is provided and an **occupier** of a unit in a **townhouse development** to which **City garbage** or **City** blue box recycling service is provided, may place for collection on **collection day**:
- (a) **yard and garden trimmings**, provided that such materials are:
    - (i) securely tied in a bundle, provided the bundle is less than: (A) 1 metre (39 inches) in length; (B) 0.6 metres (24 inches) in width; (C) 0.3 metres (12 inches) in height; and (D) 20 kilograms (44 pounds) in weight; or
    - (ii) placed entirely within a **compostable paper bag** which meets the criteria set-out in paragraphs 2.5.1(b)(ii)(E), (F), (G) and (H); and

- (b) **yard and garden trimmings** together with **food waste**, provided such materials are placed entirely within:
  - (i) a **yard/food waste cart**; or
  - (ii) a container which meets the following criteria:
    - (A) is made of rigid metal or plastic with a watertight, removable lid;
    - (B) is marked clearly and visibly with a “FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD TRIMMINGS” label provided by the **City**, or such other label designated or provided by the City for such purpose;
    - (C) is used solely to hold **yard and garden trimmings** and/or **food waste**;
    - (D) has a shape and opening which permits emptying with minimum effort;
    - (E) has handles or handling devices which permit lifting and emptying safely by one person;
    - (F) is strong enough to withstand normal handling and lifting;
    - (G) does not exceed a gross weight of 20 kilograms (44 lbs) when full;
    - (H) is properly closed or sealed; and
    - (I) has a capacity not more than 80 litres (2.82 cubic feet) and a diameter of not more than 0.6 metres (24 inches).

2.5.2 The strata corporation of a **multi-family dwelling** may place for collection on **collection day**:

- (a) **yard and garden trimmings**, provided such materials are contained entirely within a **compostable paper bag** which meets the criteria set-out in paragraphs 2.5.1(b)(ii)(E), (F), (G) and (H); and
- (b) **yard and garden trimmings** together with **food waste**, provided such materials are placed entirely within a **yard/food waste cart**.

2.5.3 A person must not place or permit to be placed plastic bags, including biodegradable plastic bags, or bags which contain plastic, including paper bags lined or commingled with plastic in a **yard/food waste container**.

2.5.4 The **City** will provide:

- (a) one (1) **yard/food waste cart** to each **single-family dwelling** and each unit in a **duplex dwelling** to which **garbage** collection service is provided, and each unit in a **townhouse development** to which **City garbage** or **City blue box recycling** service is provided;
  - (b) up to one (1) additional **yard/food waste cart** on request to each **single-family dwelling** and each unit in a **duplex dwelling** to which **garbage** collection service is provided, and each unit in a **townhouse development** to which **City garbage** or **City blue box recycling** service is provided; and
  - (c) **yard/food waste cart(s)** to **multi-family dwellings** that are not exempted from **City yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** collection service pursuant to subsection 2.2.2 of this bylaw, in quantities that the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** determines, in his or her discretion, are sufficient for the estimated volume of **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** generated by the **multi-family dwelling**.
- 2.5.5 Every **occupier** of a dwelling unit and every strata corporation of a **multi-family dwelling** requesting a replacement **yard/food waste cart** must pay the **yard/food waste cart** replacement fee specified in Schedule B, which is attached to and forms a part of this bylaw.
- 2.5.6 All **yard/food waste carts** provided to a dwelling unit or **multi-family dwelling** remain the sole property of the **City** and the **City** may, at any time, collect or request the return of a **yard/food waste cart**.
- 2.5.7 No person shall damage, tamper with or vandalize a **yard/food waste cart**, or place materials other than **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** in a **yard/food waste cart**.

## 2.6 Ownership and Use of Recycling Receptacles

- 2.6.1 **Recycling receptacles** provided by the City remain the property of the City and are to be used exclusively for storage and collection of **recyclable material**, and must contain no other material, or be used for any other purpose.

## PART THREE: CITY LITTER COLLECTION SERVICE

### 3.1 General Scope and Description of Service

- 3.1.1 The City will collect and dispose of all litter from roads, parks, public places, or land owned by the City, and every owner of **residential property** and **non-residential property** must pay the City litter collection service fee specified in Schedule C, which is attached and forms a part of this bylaw.
- 3.1.2 A person must not leave, deposit, dump, scatter, litter or otherwise dispose of
- (a) **garbage**;

- (b) materials listed in section 1.6.1;
- (c) **recyclable materials**;
- (d) **yard and garden trimmings**;
- (e) **food waste**; or
- (f) other discarded materials,

on any highway, park or other public place or on land owned by or under the jurisdiction of the City.

- 3.1.3. The General Manager for Engineering and Public Works, or his or her delegate, may arrange for, direct and supervise the removal of any material left, deposited, dumped, scattered, littered or disposed of contrary to section 3.1.2; its transport to an authorized facility; and the remediation and restoration of the affected site to the state it was in before the contravention of section 3.1.2 occurred.
- 3.1.4 Any person who acts contrary to section 3.1.2, or who directs, supervises or aids another person in acting contrary to that section, shall promptly and at his or her own expense, comply with any notice or direction of the General Manager or his or her delegate to have the offending material removed and transported to an authorized facility; to carry out related remedial steps; and to take remedial action to have the affected site restored to the state it was in before the contravention of section 3.1.2 occurred.
- 3.1.5. A person who fails to comply with section 3.1.4 shall compensate and pay the City for any expenses, fees or costs incurred by the City in carrying out the removal and transport of the discarded materials and the restoration of the affected property. Costs incurred by the City in relation to removal, transport and restoration of discarded materials shall be a debt owing to the City that is in addition to any penalty or fines that may be imposed in relation to an offence under this Bylaw.

## **PART FOUR: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STRATA-TITLED PROPERTIES**

- 4.1 It is a condition of the **City** providing **garbage**, recycling and/or **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** collection service to a **townhouse development** or **multi-family dwelling**, that:
  - (a) all common property access points and routes for the collection service must be kept clear and any access gates to the building or development must remain open on **collection day**, or alternative means of access (such as keys, codes or fobs) are arranged in advance with the **collector**; and



- (b) the **City** will not repair or be responsible for any damage to the common property, or surrounding property, which may result from use by the collection vehicles.

## **PART FIVE: GARBAGE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES**

### **5.1 Obligations of Occupier/Strata Corporation of Residential Property**

- 5.1.1 Every **occupier** of a dwelling unit and every strata corporation of a **multi-family dwelling** to which City **garbage**, recycling and/or **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** collection service is provided must maintain all **garbage containers**, including without limitation all **garbage carts**, **recycling receptacles** and **yard/food waste containers** and any enclosures for them in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good order and repair. Where materials not permitted by this bylaw are placed in a **garbage container**, **recycling receptacle** or **yard/food waste container**, the **occupier** of the dwelling unit or the strata corporation of the **multi-family dwelling**, as applicable, is responsible for removing such materials at his, her or its cost and expense.

### **5.2 Obligations of Occupier of Non-Residential Property**

- 5.2.1 Every **occupier** of **non-residential property** must provide and keep on the property, an adequate number of **commercial garbage containers** for all **garbage** from that property, and **the General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** may, where necessary, order such **occupier** to provide additional **commercial garbage containers**.

## **PART SIX: FREQUENCY OF REMOVAL AND COLLECTION**

- 6.1 Every **occupier** of **residential property** or **non-residential property** must remove all **garbage** generated from such property as often as necessary, to prevent **garbage** from becoming unsightly or from causing a health concern.
- 6.2 **The General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** must establish, and may alter as required, the frequency and routes for collection of both **garbage** and **recyclable materials**.

## **PART SEVEN: SUBSTANDARD CONTAINERS AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES**

- 7.1 A **collector** may condemn any **garbage container**, **yard/food waste container** or **recycling receptacle** if it is unfit for its intended purpose, by attaching a warning tag to such container or receptacle, and the contents of such condemned container or receptacle may not be collected.

**7.2** An **occupier** whose **garbage container**, **yard/food waste container** or **recycling receptacle** has been condemned, in accordance with section 7.1, must, within seven (7) days of a warning tag being attached, replace:

- (a) such condemned **garbage container** with one that meets the specifications of subsection 1.4.1;
- (b) such condemned **yard/food waste container** with one that meets the specifications of subsection 2.5.1(a)(ii); or
- (c) such condemned **recycling receptacle** with another receptacle provided by the City,

whichever is applicable.

## **PART EIGHT: LOCATION OF GARBAGE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES**

### **8.1 Obligations of Occupiers and Strata Corporations**

**8.1.1** Subject to section 8.1.2, the **occupier** or strata corporation of a **residential property** to which City **garbage**, recycling and/or **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** collection service is provided must:

- (a) store all **garbage containers**, **yard/food waste containers** and **recycling receptacles** on the property to which they belong, and ensure that they do not encroach from such property, or project over any street, lane or other public place; and
- (b) place all **garbage containers**, **garbage carts**, **yard/food waste containers** and **recycling receptacles** which are intended for collection, at either the back lane, front street or central collection location, whichever may be specified by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**, and in accordance with the following:
  - (i) if applicable, be placed adjacent to, but not on the travelled portion of the roadway on **collection day**, and so that they do not endanger vehicle or pedestrian traffic or interfere with City street cleaning or other equipment;
  - (ii) be placed for collection no earlier than 8:00 p.m. of the day before **collection day** and no later than 7:30 a.m. on **collection day**, and they must be returned to their storage location no later than 9:00 p.m. the same day; and
  - (iii) be placed so that they are easily seen by collection staff, readily accessible by unobstructed access, and can be conveniently handled from ground level, so that collection staff are not required to open

gates, climb or descend stairs, lift containers or receptacles over fences, or be otherwise unnecessary inconvenienced.

8.1.2 The strata corporation of every **townhouse development** and **multi-family dwelling** to which City **garbage**, recycling and/or **yard and garden trimmings** and **food waste** collection service is provided must ensure that **garbage containers**, **yard/food waste containers** and **recycling receptacles** for such **townhouse development** or **multi-family dwelling** are located in the place identified for such containers in any development permit or development variance permit applicable to such property, or as directed by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**.

8.2 No person may place any **garbage container**, **yard/food waste container** or **recycling receptacle** out for collection:

- (a) in any location except on the same property from which it came; or
- (b) on the property of another person without the permission of that person.

## **PART NINE: COLLECTION TIME RESTRICTIONS**

9.1 To minimize disturbance and noise, a **collector** must not collect **garbage**, **recyclable material**, or any other waste material:

- (a) prior to 7:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. on Monday to Saturday inclusive, or
- (b) prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and statutory holidays,

except in those areas designated by the **General Manager of Engineering and Public Works**.

## **PART TEN: OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY**

10.1 Any **recyclable materials** left for collection in any recycling receptacle or any **recyclable materials** or **base depot materials** left, placed, deposited or disposed of at a City recycling depot become the property of the City, provided such materials comply with the requirements of this bylaw.

10.2 Any loss or damage resulting from the collection of **garbage**, **yard and garden trimmings**, **food waste** or **recyclable materials** becomes the responsibility of the person who placed such material out for collection.

10.3 No person other than the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** or a collector, or agent of the City may tamper with, examine or remove any **garbage**, **yard and garden trimmings**, **food waste** or **recyclable materials** left by another person on another property for collection or **recyclable materials** or **base depot materials** left, placed, deposited or disposed of at a City recycling depot.

## PART ELEVEN: INVOICING FOR SERVICES

**11.1** Invoicing for both City **garbage** collection service and City recycling service for **residential properties** commences in the year in which the building permit for such property was issued, and the fees payable:

- (a) in the year of construction are as specified in Schedule D, which is attached and forms a part of this bylaw; and
- (b) in subsequent years are due on or before the invoice due date, and if paid on or before the invoice due date, are subject to a 10% discount.
- (c) Extensions to the invoice due date may be granted at the discretion of the **General Manager, Engineering & Public Works**.

**11.2** It is a requirement of the City providing **garbage** and recycling service to any property, that the **owner** of such property must bring to the attention of the **Director of Finance**, any alleged error in the fee charged for the service, within one year from the end of the fee period, after which all fees will be deemed to have been properly made, and no complaint or error will be considered by the City, nor any adjustment made for any error, after that time.

## PART TWELVE: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**12.1** Any **garbage, yard and garden trimmings, food waste, recyclable materials** or other material left for collection which does not comply with the requirements of this bylaw will not be collected, and any **garbage container, yard/food waste container or recycling receptacle** which does not meet the requirements of this bylaw will not be emptied.

**12.2** The **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** is hereby authorized to enter, at all reasonable times, onto any property or premises to which **garbage** collection service or City recycling service is provided, to determine whether the requirements of this bylaw are being complied with, and to effect compliance regarding the removal of accumulations of **garbage** from the property, at the expense of the **owner**.

**12.3** Any costs incurred in connection with the actions of the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** in accordance with section 12.2, which remain unpaid by December 31 of the year that the compliance was effected, will be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the property as taxes in arrears.

**12.4** A person must not prevent or obstruct the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** or a **collector** from carrying out any activities required under this bylaw.

## PART THIRTEEN: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

### 13.1 Any person who:

- (a) violates or who causes or allows any of the provisions of this bylaw to be violated; or
- (b) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this bylaw; or
- (c) neglects or refrains from doing anything required under this bylaw; or
- (d) who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of any of the provisions of this bylaw; or
- (e) makes any false or misleading statement,

is deemed to have committed an infraction of, or an offence against, this bylaw and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not to exceed \$10,000, and each day that such violation is caused, or allowed to continue, constitutes a separate offence.

## PART FOURTEEN: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL

14.1 Garbage Disposal Bylaw No. 4515 (adopted on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1985), and the following amendment bylaws, are hereby repealed:

<b><u>BYLAW NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ADOPTED ON</u></b>
4567	Feb. 10, 1986
4729	Dec. 22, 1986
4989	Jan. 4, 1988
5293	Jan. 9, 1989
5481	Dec. 18, 1989
5650	Dec. 17, 1990
5732	Aug. 26, 1991
5823	Dec. 16, 1991
6007	Dec. 21, 1992
6239	Dec. 20, 1993
6408	Dec. 12, 1994
6573	Dec. 11, 1995
6614	Mar. 25, 1996
6703	Dec. 9, 1996
6848	Dec. 17, 1997
6973	Dec. 13, 1998

## PART FIFTEEN: INTERPRETATION

**15.1** In this Bylaw, the following words have the following meaning:

**BASE DEPOT  
MATERIALS**

means the following:

- (a) batteries, household less than 5 kg, lead-acid batteries for vehicles;
- (b) beverage containers, no refund provided;
- (c) books;
- (d) cooking oil or animal fat;
- (e) corrugated cardboard;
- (f) electronics, including televisions and accessories, computers, printers, speakers, audio equipment, electronic toys and musical instruments, video gaming systems;
- (g) expanded polystyrene, white and coloured;
- (h) film packaging, including plastic bags, overwrap and flexible plastic packaging;
- (i) glass bottles and jars;
- (j) gasoline;
- (k) lamps and light fixtures;
- (l) metals, including scrap metal, appliances, outdoor power equipment and metal packaging;
- (m) paint products and solvents, including household paints, paint aerosols, flammable aerosols, flammable liquids;
- (n) paper and paper packaging;
- (o) pesticides, domestic;
- (p) plastic packaging;
- (q) propane tanks;
- (r) small appliances and power tools;
- (s) smoke and carbon monoxide alarms;
- (t) used motor oil and antifreeze; and
- (u) other products determined by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works** to be acceptable for recycling.

**CITY**

means the City of Richmond.

**COLLECTION DAY**

means the day designated for the collection of either **garbage** or **recyclable materials**, by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**.

<b>COLLECTOR</b>	means a person who under contract collects and removes <b>garbage</b> and/or <b>recyclable material</b> from the site at which it is generated.
<b>COMMERCIAL GARBAGE CONTAINER</b>	means a rigid container which has dimensions of not less than 1.22 metres (4 feet) in height, 1.07 metres (3.5 feet) in length, and 1.83 metres (6 feet) in width, which is specifically designed for holding <b>garbage</b> .
<b>COMPOSTABLE PAPER BAG</b>	means a kraft paper bag which does not contain and is not adhered to plastic, metal or other non-compostable material.
<b>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</b>	means the person appointed by Council to the position of Director of Finance for the City.
<b>DUPLEX DWELLING</b>	means a detached building containing only two residential dwelling units.
<b>FOOD WASTE</b>	means meats, fish, bones, seafood shells, vegetable peelings and seeds, fruit peelings and seeds, eggshells, pasta, rice, baked goods, desserts, dairy, butter, sauces, food-soiled papers such as: pizza boxes, ice cream cartons, paper plates and napkins, coffee grounds and coffee filters, tea bags and tea leaves, and similar products as approved for disposal by the <b>General Manager of Engineering &amp; Public Works</b> from time to time.
<b>GARBAGE</b>	means any and all accumulations of general rubbish or discarded materials resulting from the activities conducted on a particular property, and specifically excludes all materials listed in section 1.6.
<b>GARBAGE CART</b>	means a wheeled cart provided by the <b>City</b> for the disposal and collection of <b>garbage</b> .
<b>GARBAGE CONTAINER</b>	means either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a plastic bag; or</li> <li>(ii) a container for holding <b>garbage</b> which meets the requirements of clause (b) of subsection 1.4.1; or</li> <li>(iii) a <b>garbage cart</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>GENERAL MANAGER OF ENGINEERING &amp; PUBLIC WORKS</b>	means the person appointed by Council to the position of General Manager of Engineering & Public Works, and includes a person designated as his alternate.
<b>LARGE ITEM</b>	means furniture, appliances, small household goods (provided they are boxed or bundled in a reasonable size), barbeques (provided lava rock briquettes or equivalent, and propane tanks are removed), outdoor furniture, weight training equipment, electric lawnmowers, mattresses, passenger and light-duty tires and similar items approved for pick-up by the <b>General Manager of Engineering &amp; Public Works</b> , but does not include:

- (a) tree stumps;
- (b) carpet or pieces of carpet;
- (c) lumber, demolition or home renovation materials;
- (d) hazardous waste;
- (e) propane tanks;
- (f) gas lawnmowers; or other items excluded by the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**.

**MULTI-FAMILY  
DWELLING**

means a detached, multi-floor building containing three or more residential dwelling units.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTIES**

mean all taxable properties which are not Single-Family Dwellings, Duplex Dwellings, Multi-Family Dwellings or Townhouse Developments.

**OCCUPIER**

means any person occupying any property within the City, and includes the owner of the property where:

- (i) the owner is the person occupying such property, or
- (ii) the property is unoccupied,

but does not include any person who is a boarder, roomer or lodger.

**OWNER**

means those persons defined as "owner" under the *Community Charter*.

**RECYCLABLE  
MATERIALS**

means the following:

- (a) newspapers or other papers printed on newsprint;
- (b) paper products, including magazines, catalogues, telephone books, paperbacks, paper egg cartons, third class mail, corrugated cardboard, cereal and paper boxes, office paper, glossy paper, paper pet food bags, paper cups, and any fiber made entirely of paper, but does not include wax paper;
- (c) glass bottles, including all food and beverage containers, but excluding drinking glasses, ceramics, Pyrex, window glass, light bulbs or containers with food;
- (d) metal containers and packaging, including all aerosol cans, spiral wound cans, tin and aluminum foil and containers, but excluding paint cans and cans with food or other residue;
- (e) plastic containers, including plastic jugs with screw tops, plastic bottles and caps, plastic jars and lids, plastic clamshells, plastic trays and tops, plastic tubs and lids, plastic cold drink cups and lids, plastic garden pots and trays, plastic pails, and microwavable bowls and cups;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(f) milk cartons, juice boxes, frozen dessert containers, aseptic boxes or cartons and gable-top cartons; and</li> <li>(g) other products determined by the <b>General Manager of Engineering &amp; Public Works</b> to be acceptable for recycling.</li> </ul>
<b>RECYCLING RECEPTACLE</b>	means any container provided or designated by the City for the storage and collection of <b>recyclable material</b> , and includes recycling bags.
<b>REGIONAL CUSTOMERS</b>	means any resident or business situated within the Regional District of Metro Vancouver.
<b>RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES</b>	means all Single-Family Dwellings, Duplex Dwellings, Multi-Family Dwellings and Townhouse Developments.
<b>SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING</b>	means a detached building used exclusively for residential purposes, containing one dwelling unit only.
<b>TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT</b>	means a building or buildings containing three or more strata-titled dwelling units, where each unit has a separate entrance at first-storey level.
<b>UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE</b>	means residential furniture intended for indoor use in a home and designed to be used for sitting, resting or reclining that is wholly or partially stuffed or filled with resilient cushioning materials enclosed within a covering consisting of fabric or related materials and does not include mattresses or box springs.
<b>YARD AND GARDEN TRIMMINGS</b>	<p>means plant debris and includes grass clippings, tree clippings, leaves, other trimmings, tree and hedge pruning, plants, flowers, and other household organic yard and garden wastes, but excluding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) sod and diseased materials; and</li> <li>(ii) any such items exceeding 15 cm (6 inches) in diameter.</li> </ul>
<b>YARD/FOOD WASTE CART</b>	means a wheeled cart provided by the <b>City</b> for the disposal and collection of <b>yard and garden trimmings</b> and <b>food waste</b> .
<b>YARD/FOOD WASTE CONTAINER</b>	means a bundle referred to in subsection 2.5.1(a)(i), a <b>compostable paper bag</b> referred to in subsection 2.5.1(a)(ii), <b>yard/food waste cart</b> , or a container referred to in subsection 2.5.1(b)(ii).

## **PART SIXTEEN: SEVERABILITY AND BYLAW CITATION**

- 16.1** The provisions of this bylaw are severable, and if, for any reason, any part, section, subsection, clause, or sub-clause, or other words in this bylaw are for any reason, found to be invalid or unenforceable by the decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.
- 16.2** This bylaw is cited as "**Solid Waste and Recycling Regulation Bylaw No. 6803**".

**BYLAW YEAR: 2026****SCHEDULE A to BYLAW NO. 6803**

<b>FEES FOR CITY GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE</b>	
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a single-family dwelling, each unit in a duplex dwelling, and each unit in a townhouse development: 80L container	\$ 91.94
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a townhouse development with weekly collection service: 80L container	\$ 110.33
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a single-family dwelling, each unit in a duplex dwelling, and each unit in a townhouse development: 120L container	\$ 125.00
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a townhouse development with weekly collection service: 120L container	\$ 150.00
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a single-family dwelling, each unit in a duplex dwelling, and each unit in a townhouse development: 240L container	\$ 158.50
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a townhouse development with weekly collection service: 240L container	\$ 190.20
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a single-family dwelling, each unit in a duplex dwelling, and each unit in a townhouse development: 360L container	\$ 299.44
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a townhouse development with weekly collection service: 360L container	\$ 359.33
Annual City garbage collection service fee for each unit in a multi-family dwelling	
- Weekly service	\$ 57.50
- Twice per week service	\$ 101.11
Fee for garbage cart replacement	\$ 25.00
Fee for each excess garbage container tag	\$ 2.00
Large Item Pick Up fee	\$ 24.00
Non-compliant large item collection fee	\$ 75.00

**SCHEDULE B to BYLAW NO. 6803**

<b>FEES FOR CITY RECYCLING SERVICE</b>	
<b>Annual City recycling service fee:</b>	
(a) For residential properties, which receive blue box service (per unit)	\$ 71.89
(b) For multi-family dwellings or townhouse developments which receive centralized collection service (per unit)	\$ 63.22
<b>Annual City recycling service fee:</b>	
(a) For yard and garden trimmings and food waste from single-family dwellings and from each unit in a duplex dwelling (per unit)	\$ 185.56
(b) For yard and garden trimmings and food waste from townhome dwellings that receive City garbage or blue box service (per unit)	\$ 74.89
(c) For yard and garden trimmings and food waste from multi-family dwellings	
- Weekly Service	\$ 58.11
- Twice per week service	\$ 78.89
Cardboard bin recycling service for multi-family dwellings, collected once every 2 weeks	\$ 90.00/bin/month
Cardboard bin recycling service for multi-family dwellings, collected weekly	\$ 100.00/bin/month
Fee for yard/food waste cart replacement	\$ 25.00
<b>Annual City recycling service fee for non-residential properties</b>	<b>\$ 8.21</b>
<b>City recycling service fee for the Recycling Depot:</b>	<b>\$25.00 per cubic yard for the second and each subsequent cubic yard</b>
(a) (i) for yard and garden trimmings from residential properties	yard
(ii) for recyclable material from residential properties	\$ 0.00
(b) For yard and garden trimmings from non-residential properties	\$25.00 per cubic yard
(c) For recycling materials from non-residential properties	\$ 0.00
(d) For upholstered furniture from residential properties	
(i) office/dining chair, ottoman, bench	\$ 0.00
(ii) arm chair, loveseat, couch, recliner, chaise	\$ 0.00
(iii) sectional, sofabed, reclining loveseat/couch, massage chair	\$ 0.00
(e) For upholstered furniture from non-residential properties	
(i) office/dining chair, ottoman, bench	\$ 20.00
(ii) arm chair, loveseat, couch, recliner, chaise	\$ 35.00
(iii) sectional, sofabed, reclining loveseat/couch, massage chair	\$ 50.00

**SCHEDULE C to BYLAW NO. 6803**

<b>FEES FOR CITY LITTER COLLECTION SERVICE</b>	
Annual City litter collection service fee for both residential properties and non-residential properties	\$ 51.78

### SCHEDULE D TO BYLAW 6803

NEW RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PAYMENT FEE SCHEDULE									
Month in Current Year in which Building Permit is Issued		GARBAGE, RECYCLING & LITTER COLLECTION FEE				RECYCLING & LITTER COLLECTION FEE PER STRATA LOT			
		Single-Family Dwellings & Each Unit in a Duplex Dwelling		Townhouse Development		Townhouse Development		Multi-Family Development	
		Prorated Fee Per Unit	Year in which Annual Fee Commences	Prorated Fee Per Unit	Year in which Annual Fee Commences	Prorated Fee Per Unit	Year in which Annual Fee Commences	Prorated Fee Per Unit	Year in which Annual Fee Commences
January	2026	\$ 221	2027	\$ -	2027	\$ -	2027	\$ 79	2028
February	2026	\$ 184	2027	\$ 292	2028	\$ 167	2028	\$ 66	2028
March	2026	\$ 148	2027	\$ 266	2028	\$ 152	2028	\$ 53	2028
April	2026	\$ 111	2027	\$ 239	2028	\$ 137	2028	\$ 40	2028
May	2026	\$ 74	2027	\$ 213	2028	\$ 122	2028	\$ 26	2028
June	2026	\$ 37	2027	\$ 186	2028	\$ 106	2028	\$ 13	2028
July	2026	\$ -	2027	\$ 160	2028	\$ 91	2028	\$ -	2028
August	2026	\$ 414	2028	\$ 133	2028	\$ 76	2028	\$ 149	2029
September	2026	\$ 376	2028	\$ 106	2028	\$ 61	2028	\$ 135	2029
October	2026	\$ 339	2028	\$ 80	2028	\$ 46	2028	\$ 122	2029
November	2026	\$ 301	2028	\$ 53	2028	\$ 30	2028	\$ 108	2029
December	2026	\$ 263	2028	\$ 27	2028	\$ 15	2028	\$ 95	2029