

YARD AND GARDEN TRIMMINGS DROP-OFF

Richmond residents can drop off yard and garden trimmings at the following locations. Proof of Richmond residency will be required.

Ecowaste Industries Ltd.

Accepts unlimited amounts of yard trimmings free of charge from residents and pre-approved commercial landscapers servicing residential properties.

15111 Williams Road (near Silvercity Riverport)
604-277-1410

City Recycling Depot

Accepts up to one cubic yard of trimmings free of charge for residents only. A fee of \$20 applies to each additional cubic yard. *Charges will be applied to anyone deemed to be operating for commercial purposes.*

5555 Lynas Lane
Wednesday to Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.
www.richmond.ca/recycle

MATERIAL ACCEPTED FOR DROP-OFF

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

✓ Accepted

- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Plants (living or dead/dried)
- Plant trimmings
- Tree & hedge prunings
- Organic yard materials

⊗ Not Accepted

- Diseased plants
- Garden hoses or flower pots
- Non-organic materials
- Prunings over 10 cm (4 inches) in diameter
- Rocks, dirt or sod
- Wood products

GREEN CART RECYCLING PROGRAM



LET'S RECYCLE WITH THE GREEN CART PROGRAM!

Let's trim our waste!

Curbside collection of food scraps and yard trimmings recycling.

www.richmond.ca/greencart



RECYCLING WITH YOUR GREEN CART

Residents in single-family homes and townhomes with City garbage and/or Blue Box service have Green Carts to recycle food scraps and yard trimmings. When you recycle with your Green Cart, you are helping to turn food scraps and yard trimmings into compost for nutrient-rich soil. It's easy and convenient – just follow four simple steps.

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS...



- 1 Collect food scraps in your kitchen container.
- 2 Empty materials from your kitchen container into your Green Cart.
- 3 Place yard trimmings into your Green Cart along with your food scraps. (Extra yard trimmings can go in large paper bags or additional labelled Green Cans.) *Please note that plastic bags including compostable/biodegradable plastic bags are NOT accepted.*
- 4 Place your Green Cart at the curb along with unlimited paper yard waste bags and/or Green Cans by 7:30 a.m. on your regular collection day for Blue Box and/or garbage.

WHAT GOES IN YOUR GREEN CART



ACCEPTED

- ✓ Fruit & vegetable peelings (e.g. potatoes, corn cobs & husks)
- ✓ Bread, pasta, rice, noodles (e.g. flour or grain products)
- ✓ Egg & dairy products
- ✓ Coffee grounds, filters & tea bags
- ✓ Paper plates, towels, napkins
- ✓ Table scraps & food scrapings
- ✓ Meat, fish, shellfish, bones & poultry
- ✓ Yard trimmings & grass clippings
- ✓ Fat & grease solids (no liquids)
- ✓ All paper take-out containers (e.g. french fry containers, paper bags, etc.)

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Plastic, biodegradable or compostable plastic bags
- ✗ Liquids including vegetable oil
- ✗ Pet feces or kitty litter
- ✗ Garbage or recyclables
- ✗ Wood
- ✗ Demolition/construction materials
- ✗ Dirt, rocks or sod
- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Cork or Styrofoam cups, meat trays, plates or take-out containers



LET'S GET RECYCLING!

Together, residents are already diverting more than 60% of their waste from the landfill and Green Cart recycling will help us achieve our goal for 70% diversion by 2015. Any additional yard trimmings that won't fit into the cart can be placed in GreenCans, paper yard waste bags or tied bundles.

TIPS FOR RECYCLING EXTRA YARD TRIMMINGS

You may occasionally have more recycling than fits in your Green Cart, particularly during spring and fall yard clean up. There are a number of options for this extra recycling, including using labeled Green Cans, paper yard waste bags and bundled materials.

-  Green Cans can continue to be used to recycle food scraps and yard trimmings. Please note that there are weight restrictions and usage requirements as follows:
 - Green Cans cannot exceed 80 L in capacity and cannot weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs) as these containers are lifted manually.
 - Use a Green Can decal and ensure this decal faces the street when placed at the curb on your regular collection day to help crews spot these cans as recycling, not garbage.
 - Please use lids and ensure they are tightly attached to minimize extra weight from water seeping into the can and to help keep animals out.
 - Green Can decals are available at Richmond City hall and the Recycling Depot, or online at www.richmond.ca/recycle.

-  Paper yard waste bags can be used for yard and garden trimmings, but please do not put food scraps in these bags to help avoid animal/rodent concerns. When using bags, tightly fold and secure the top of the bag before placing them at the curb.

-  Bundles of yard trimmings will be collected with recycling. Bundles must be tied in sizes that are no larger than 3 ft x 2 ft (91 cm x 61 cm) in size and branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter.

-  Backyard composters can be used to create your own compost at home and to reduce yard trimmings recycling collection. Residents can purchase compost bins for \$25 plus tax at the Richmond Recycling Depot.

GREEN CART TIPS



ODOUR BUSTERS

Wrap food scraps in small amounts of newspaper, used paper towels or pizza delivery boxes before adding to your kitchen container or Green Cart. Consider putting smelly materials in the freezer until collection day, then add them to your Green Cart.



EASY FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING

Collect food scraps and food-soiled paper using a kitchen container, including vegetable and fruit peelings, plate scrapings and used paper towels. Layer food scraps with drier materials such as yard trimmings in your Green Cart.



CLEAN CARTS & CONTAINERS

Keep your Green Cart and kitchen container clean and odour free by sprinkling them with baking soda, lining bins with a few sheets of newspaper or paper grocery or yard waste bags, or simply rinse the container regularly with phosphate-free and environmentally-friendly detergents and soaps.



STORAGE BEST PRACTICES

Keep animals and insects out by closing and securing Green Cart lids at all times (just as you would for your garbage) and avoid putting food scraps into paper yard waste bags unless placing the bags in the Green Cart. Store your Green Cart in a shady area out of direct sunlight, or consider storing your Green Cart and paper yard waste bags inside a shed or garage until collection day.



COLLECTION DAY TIPS

Put your Green Cart out for collection in the morning (before 7:30 a.m.) rather than the night before and always pull the cart behind you using the handles. Place the cart on the edge of your property facing the road.

