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RICHMOND RECYCLING & GARBAGE COLLECTION GUIDE FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

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GET WEEKLY COLLECTION REMINDERS

Download the Richmond Collection Schedule app at the Apple or Android app stores or go to www.richmond.ca/recycle to receive weekly reminders about garbage and recycling collection.

You can also use the Recycling Wizard within the app or online, for tips on where to recycle items, play the Recycling Challenge game and order supplies.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Report illegal dumping or missed collection, or order recycling supplies
604-276-4010

RCBC Recycling Hotline
604-732-9252 (604-RECYCLE)

Schedule Large Item Pick Up
604-270-4722

www.richmond.ca/largeitem

Recycling Directory
www.metrovancouverrecycles.org
www.richmond.ca/recyclesearch

Register for Free Workshops
www.richmond.ca/register
604-276-4200 & press 2

Compost Hotline
604-736-2250

Donate Used Items
www.richmondsshares.bc.ca

Recycle BC Tips and Resources
www.recyclebc.ca

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LET’S RECYCLE CORRECTLY!
The following are a few tips to recycle household items 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/Blue Cart 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 the Blue Box/Blue Cart.

The following are examples of items that cause contamination in recycling. Please recycle them at Richmond Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane.

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

**Styrofoam blocks and packaging**

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

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

**Anything metal** like pots, pans, scissors, etc.

**Plastic bags** such as grocery bags and package overwrap.

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**RICHMOND RECYCLING: AIMING FOR QUALITY**

**LET’S RECYCLE CORRECTLY!**

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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.

GARBAGE CART
Biweekly curbside collection of household materials that cannot be recycled.

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

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

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

RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT
Free drop off of Styrofoam, appliances, batteries, cell phones, plastic bags and flexible plastic packaging, etc.

TIPS FOR RECYCLING CORRECTLY
Tips on proper preparation of recyclables and improving quality of recycling.
CITY GARBAGE CART COLLECTION

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 into 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

RECYCLING – NOT GARBAGE

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

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 are available for purchase at all City facilities. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit www.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 pick-up of mattresses, furniture, etc. See Large Item Pick Up tab for information.

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

GARBAGE CART TIPS

- White expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) blocks are not allowed in the garbage. Please drop off these items and other white/coloured Styrofoam containers at the Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane.

RECYCLING – NOT GARBAGE

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Rigid Plastic Containers
Put in your Blue Box/Containers Recycling Cart.

Food Scraps/Soiled Paper
Put in your Green Cart.

Mixed Paper

Styrofoam Blocks
Bring to Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane.
CURBSIDE COLLECTION FOR LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Richmond’s Large Item Pick Up program provides 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.

STEPS ON 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 www.richmond.ca/largeitem.

Sierra Waste Services will contact you to provide a pick-up date and confirmation number.

2. On your scheduled pick-up date only, place items at the curb before 7:30 a.m. or no earlier than 8:00 p.m. the night before.

DID YOU KNOW?

Water logged mattresses and upholstered furniture cannot be recycled and pose safety hazards for lifting by collection staff. These items must be covered in plastic or reusable tarp to ensure they can be collected and recycled. Reuse the bag from newly-purchased mattresses or purchase bags from hardware and supply stores. Please secure the plastic/tarp so it won’t blow away. Tarps will be left behind for re-use.

WHAT’S ACCEPTED AND NOT ACCEPTED?

ACCEPTED

✓ Appliances (e.g. stove, dishwasher, washer and/or dryer, hot water tank, refrigerator, freezer, microwave)
✓ Barbecue (remove lava rock briquettes and/or propane tank)
✓ Bed frame
✓ Electric lawn mower
✓ Exercise equipment (treadmill, elliptical, stationary bike, stair master, weight set)
✓ Furniture (e.g. couch, coffee table, chair, desk, dresser, TV stand, cabinet, table, hutch, crib, high chair, entertainment center)
✓ Headboard
✓ Mattress or boxspring
✓ 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)

NOT ACCEPTED

✗ Car bodies or parts
✗ Carpets
✗ Gas lawn mowers*
✗ Hazardous waste
✗ Lumber
✗ Demolition (drywall)
✗ Home renovation (sinks, flooring, doors, windows)
✗ Propane tanks*
✗ Tree stumps

For drop-off options, call the RCBC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9253

PREPARATION – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

✓ Wrap mattresses and upholstered furniture in plastic or reusable tarp and secure them to prevent these items from getting wet or waterlogged. Tarps will be left behind for re-use.
✓ 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
FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD TRIMMINGS RECYCLING

Food scraps are not allowed in the garbage, which means they must be recycled or composted. Please recycle them in your Green Cart.

WHAT GOES IN YOUR GREEN CART

ACCEPTED
✓ Breads & pastas
✓ Coffee grounds, filter & tea bags
✓ Egg & dairy products
✓ Fat & grease solids
✓ Fruits & vegetables
✓ Food-soiled paper towels, napkins, paper plates & pizza delivery boxes
✓ Microwaveable popcorn bags
✓ Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, bones & table scraps
✓ Rice & noodles
✓ Small amounts of cooking oil that can be wiped up and absorbed with paper towel or newspaper
✓ Yard trimmings & grass clippings

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 take-out containers*
✗ Styrofoam materials*
* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot

GREEN CART TIPS

RECYCLING TIPS
• Wrap food scraps in newspaper or used paper towels.
• Put food scraps in freezer until collection day, then add them to your Green Cart.

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, contact Environmental Programs at 604-276-4010.
• Green Can maximum size is 80 litres.

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

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

FATS, OILS & GREASE

Do not pour fats, cooking oils, grease or sauces down the drain, as it 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.
Richmond’s Blue Box and Blue Cart programs make it easy and convenient to recycle plastic containers or metal packaging and paper products such as empty aerosol and aluminium cans, rigid plastic containers, glass bottles and glass jars, and many other household items. These recyclable materials are not permitted in the garbage.

WHAT GOES WHERE:

Combine all newspapers and paper items into a yellow Mixed Paper Recycling Bag or Mixed Paper Recycling Cart.

Glass jars and glass bottles are recycled using the grey Glass Recycling Bin or Glass Recycling Cart.

Plastic bottles, tin and aluminium cans and more recyclable items go in your Blue Box or Containers Recycling Cart.

Please recycle the items below at the Richmond Recycling Depot.

**BLUE BOX & BLUE CART RECYCLING**

**BLUE BOX/CONTAINERS BLUE CART**

- Empty aerosol cans & caps (food items, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hair spray)
- Paper food containers & cartons (ice cream, milk, soup)
- Paper & plastic drink cups with lids
- Plastic containers, trays & caps (bakery containers & deli trays)
- Plastic & paper garden pots & trays
- Spiral wound paper cans & lids (frozen juice, potato chips, cookie dough, coffee, nuts, baby formula)
- Aluminium & tin cans & lids
- Aluminium foil & foil containers (foil wrap, pie plates, food trays)
- Plastic jars, lids, bottles & caps (food items, condiments, dish soap, shampoo, mouthwash)
- Plastic tubs & lids (margarine, spreads, dairy products)

**HOW TO RECYCLE**

- Remove food residue.
- Remove caps or lids; place loose in the Blue Box/Containers Recycling Cart.
- Empty and rinse all containers.
- Place in Blue Box or Containers Recycling Cart.

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- Aerosol cans with hazardous materials (spray paint)*
- Butane cylinders*
- Ceramic plant pots
- Compostable/biodegradable plastic bags & containers
- Containers for motor oil, vehicle lubricant or wax products
- Flexible plastic packaging*
- Garden hoses
- Plastic bags & overwrap*
- Plastic string or rope
- Ppopane tanks*
- Styrofoam blocks and packaging*

* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot.
The Richmond Recycling Depot is ideal for recycling and drop off of items like propane tanks, upholstered furniture, Styrofoam, butane cylinders and other materials banned from the landfill. The City is continually expanding the range of materials accepted at the Recycling Depot.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL VOUCHERS & TAGS:
$2 Garbage Tags: To help dispose of additional waste for curbside collection. One Garbage Tag must be present on each additional garbage can or bag.

$5 Garbage Disposal Voucher: Value for up to $25 in disposal charge at the Vancouver Landfill and are valid during regular operating hours. 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.

ACCEPTED
- Batteries & cell phones
- Butane cylinders
- Cooking oil & animal fat
- Corrugated cardboard
- Empty aerosol & spiral wound cans
- Electronics
- Exercise & hobby machines
- 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
- Magazines, glossy catalogues & flyers
- Paint, solvents, pesticides & gasoline
- Plastic bags & oversnap
- Propane tanks
- Rigid plastic
- Soap metal
- Sewing, knitting & textile machines
- Small electrical appliances & power tools
- Styrofoam
- Tin & aluminum cans
- Upholstered furniture
- Up to 1 cubic yard of garden trimmings at no charge for Richmond residents. Each additional cubic yard is $20. Alternatively, Richmond residents can drop off an unlimited amount of yard trimmings at Ecowaste Industries free of charge. Proof of residency is required. Visit www.ecowaste.com or call 604-277-1410.

Note: Commercial operators are charged $20 per yard for all trimmings at the Richmond Recycling Depot. For a full list of accepted items, visit www.richmond.ca/depot.

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Fats, oils and grease should never be disposed of down sinks or garburators as these materials harden and build up on the inside of sewage lines causing blockages, breaks or sewage spills and overflows. Recycle fats, grease solids and small amounts of oil that can be absorbed with a paper towel in your Green Cart. Take used cooking oils to the Richmond Recycling Depot.

RECYCLING SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT RECYCLING DEPOT
Blue Boxes, kitchen containers, yellow bags, glass bins and Blue Cart indoor collection bags.

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Together we can improve the quality of our recycling to ensure it can be sold as a commodity to help keep City utility fees down. Please help reduce contaminated recycling by keeping non-recyclables out of bins and sorting recycling correctly.

Glass bottles and glass jars must be separated and placed in the grey Glass Recycling Bin (Blue Box program) or Glass Recycling Cart (Blue Cart program).

Empty and rinse containers and jars to make sure no food is left inside.

Remove lids, and place materials separately in bins.

Do not stack items inside one another or bundle items in plastic bags. Place items separately into recycling bins. Bagged items will go straight in the garbage.

DID YOU KNOW?
Non-packaging metal and plastic items are not accepted in the Blue Box/Blue Cart recycling programs. This includes reusable plastic containers and water bottles, plastic baby bottles, metal and plastic hangers, scissors and frying pans. Take these items to the Richmond Recycling Depot - 5555 Lynas Lane.