

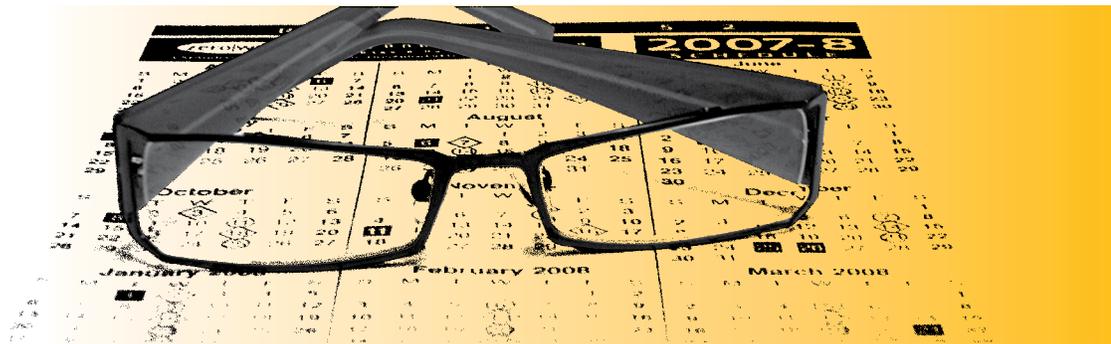


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# NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING SCHEDULES DELIVERED – GOT YOURS?

New one-year Garbage & Recycling Schedules have now been sent to all households served by the Regional District of Nanaimo and its contractor, Waste Services Inc. The new collection schedule covers the period from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 and features a curbside recycling guide on the reverse.

Please note the 2007-2008 schedules do not list Special Collection days. This service has been discontinued due to escalating costs. Some of the many options available for householders to safely dispose of, or recycle, unwanted large items are provided in this newsletter.



## IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A SCHEDULE

### HOW TO GET A NEW SCHEDULE

#### RDN Website

Download a new schedule from the RDN Website. Simply point your Web browser to [rdn.bc.ca](http://rdn.bc.ca) and follow the link to 2007 Garbage and Recycling Schedules to find your route. You will need Adobe Acrobat to download your schedule. If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat Reader software, you can download it, free of charge, at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)

### PICK UP A SCHEDULE

New Garbage and Recycling Schedules are available at Waste Services Inc. at 1151 Herring Gull Way in the Parksville Industrial Park. For households located within the Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville, and District of Lantzville, schedules can be picked up at the respective town and city halls.

### CALL ZERO WASTE

If you don't have access to the internet, or can't pick up a schedule call the Zero Waste line at 1-866-999-8227 (toll-free) to have a schedule mailed to you.

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## RDN TO LAUNCH ORGANICS COLLECTION PILOT PROJECT

The RDN will launch a residential organics collection pilot project later this year that will help achieve our Solid Waste Management Plan goal to divert 75 per cent of our waste from the landfill by 2010.

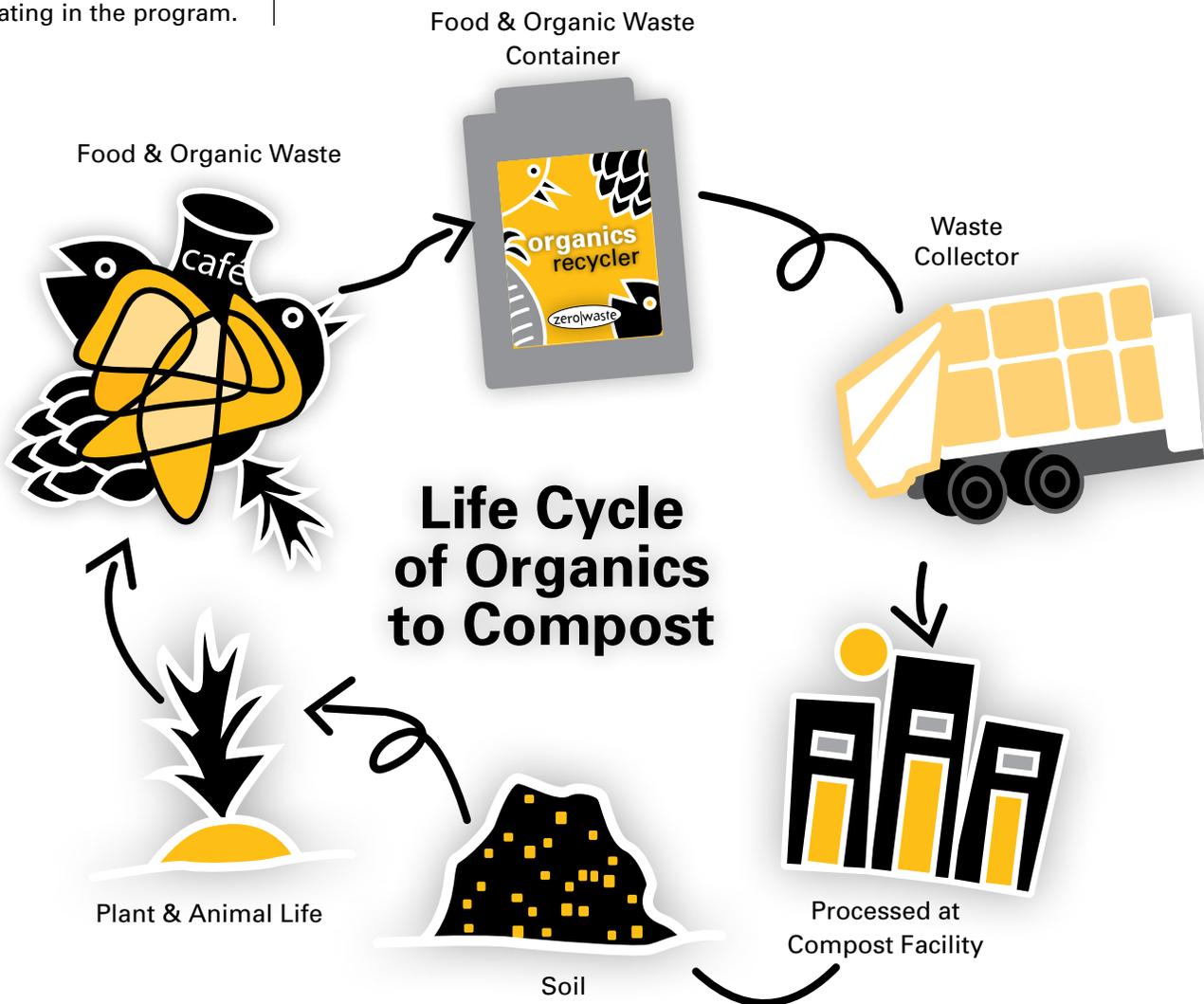
Up to 3,000 households in the RDN will participate in the six-month organics collection pilot project. The project is designed to determine how much organic material can be diverted from the landfill, the cost, impacts on collection efficiency and the ease of participating in the program.

Organic materials, such as food waste and soiled paper, comprise about 40 per cent of household garbage. Many of these materials are unsuitable for backyard composting but they can provide feedstock to a licensed composting facility. An example is the plant at Duke Point that currently processes the region's commercial food waste to produce a soil amendment for landscaping and gardens.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund is contributing half of the \$180,000 cost of the residential organics pilot project. Participating

households will receive kitchen containers for storing their organic materials, totes for curbside collection, information packages and individual consultations if required.

Getting organic materials out of the garbage and to a composting facility that produces a beneficial product will extend the life of our landfill. Just as importantly, it contributes to the sustainability of our region because for every tonne of food waste we divert we can achieve nearly an equal reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.



## HOW TO RECYCLE OR DISPOSE OF ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOUR GARBAGE

Special Collection Days have been discontinued. With the wide range of alternatives now available throughout the region, it is easy to take responsibility for recycling or safely disposing of unwanted materials that can't go out with the garbage.

### INFORMATION RESOURCES

#### RDN Recycling Directory

The on-line RDN Recycling Directory shows where you can recycle items ranging from appliances and building materials to tires and yard and garden waste.

Go to [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca), click on the Environmental Services/Solid Waste section and click on Recycling Directory. Select your location and what you want to dispose of or recycle. The Directory will list where to take items, if there are any fees and if a drop-off or pick up service is provided.

#### RCBC RECYCLING HOTLINE

Don't have Internet access and have questions about how to recycle oversize and other unwanted items? Call the Recycling Council of BC Hotline at 1-800-667-4321. Hotline staff are available Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and callers can leave a message after hours.

### MAKE A DEAL!

Save time and money when replacing an old appliance, mattress or carpeting. Make it part of the deal to have your old unit picked up and disposed of when your new purchase is delivered.

### Support community-based or charitable organizations

Consider donating your reusable household items, clothing, books and furniture. Here is a sample of worthy organizations throughout the region. *Please call for drop-off instructions and to confirm hours of operation.*



#### Society of Organized Services

(188 West Hirst Ave., Parksville)  
Accepts most household items in reusable and working condition. Drop-off and pick-up service available.  
Ph. (250) 248-2532.

#### Canadian Diabetes Association

(255-2000 North Island Hwy, Nanaimo) – Accepts clothing and many household items in reusable and working condition. Provides a pick-up service only.  
Ph. (250) 758-4223.

#### Nanaimo ReStore

(Unit 1-4128 Mostar Road, Nanaimo) Accepts reusable building materials such as windows, doors, paint, hardware, lumber, tools etc. Drop-off and pick up service available. To check suitability of your items, or for more information call (250) 758-8743 or visit [www.habitatnanaimo.org/restore](http://www.habitatnanaimo.org/restore)

#### Salvation Army

(867 Bruce Ave., Nanaimo) Accepts clothing and many household items in reusable and working condition. Provides a pick-up and drop-off service.  
Ph. (250) 754-9342.

#### Salvation Army

(192 West Island Hwy, Parksville) Accepts clothing and many household items in reusable and working condition. Provides a drop-off service.  
Ph. (250) 248-8154.

#### Salvation Army

(103 – 671 Beach Ave., Qualicum Beach) - Accepts clothing and many household items in reusable and working condition. Provides a drop-off service.  
Ph. (250) 752-1850.

#### Friends of Haven House Thrift Store

(451 Albert St., Nanaimo) - Accepts children's items, clothing and some household items in reusable and working condition. Provides a drop-off service.  
Ph. (250) 754-3687.

#### Gabriola Island Recycling Organization

(700 Tin Can Alley, Gabriola Island) Accepts clothing, books and some household items in reusable and working condition. Call before dropping items off.  
Ph. (250) 247-9257.

#### Computer Recycling

##### *Nanaimo Recycling Exchange (NRE)*

(2477 Kenworth Rd., Nanaimo)  
The NRE accepts used computer equipment for recycling (fees apply). The NRE also accepts residential yard and garden waste (fees apply), household hazardous waste (paints and solvents, used oil etc.), and clean reusable household items. For more information call (250) 758-7777 or visit [www.recycling.bc.ca](http://www.recycling.bc.ca)

#### Working Refrigerators

##### *BC Hydro Fridge Buy-Back Program*

BC Hydro will pick up and recycle your old inefficient fridge and give you \$30 for it. Call 1 866 516-4357 or visit [www.bchydro.com](http://www.bchydro.com) for details and conditions.

#### Vancouver Island Metal Salvage

Accepts household and industrial metal items, appliances, scrap metal etc.  
Ph. (250) 756-6480

#### Budget Steel

Accepts a wide range of scrap metal, appliances, wood and other materials. Call (250) 716-0047 or visit [www.budgetsteel.com](http://www.budgetsteel.com)

Or you can check yellow pages under **Recycling Centres** for other options.

## INSIDE YOUR BLUE BOX

### HOUSEHOLD PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Includes milk jugs, margarine and yogurt containers, and dish soap and laundry detergent bottles. Excluded are containers made of foam plastic such as styrofoam, containers that held chlorine or ammonia-based products, motor oil containers, metal bottle lids or caps, spray nozzle heads and metal attachments.

Rinse to remove food or other residue. Leave labels on. It is important that all plastic containers be flattened or stacked (yogurt and margarine containers) to reduce the amount of space required in the truck.

### GLASS CONTAINERS

Food and beverage containers. Leave labels on. Rinse. Discard caps.

No other types of glass, such as kitchen ware, ceramics, drinking glasses, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors or any broken glass.

### METALS

Food and beverage containers.  
Cans – Rinse and remove labels and flatten if possible.  
Foil and trays – Rinse, flatten and fold together.

No metal pots, foil contaminated with food, plastic or paper, paper laminated with foil, take-out food lids, butter or cigarette wrappings, foil, yogurt lids or other metal products.

## INSIDE YOUR YELLOW BAG

**HOUSEHOLD PAPER** – including junk mail, envelopes, brochures, paper bags, fibre egg cartons, and household boxboard packaging such as cereal, detergent, and shoe boxes, paper towel cores and toilet paper, white and coloured office paper, computer paper and telephone books.

Remove liners. Flatten packaging and place inside bag.

No drinking boxes, tissues, paper towels, waxed paper or papers with plastic or foil lamination.

## INSIDE YOUR BLUE BAG

**NEWSPAPERS**, inserts, sales flyers, magazines and catalogues.

No books or soiled newspapers.

### TEXTILES CLOTHING AND LINENS

Place clean textiles in a separate plastic shopping bag tied with a piece of fabric or string.

Place on top of or beside blue box.

No shoes, hand bags or non-fabric items.

### CARDBOARD

Packing boxes, liquor boxes, etc.

Flatten bundle and tie not larger than 30" x 30" x 8". Place beside blue box.

No waxed or coated boxes, soiled pizza boxes, or non-corrugated boxes.



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### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Other disposal questions...  
construction waste, yard  
waste, hazardous waste

Call our Environmental  
Services Department at  
390-6560 (School District 68)  
or 954-3792  
(School District 69)

### BILLING INFORMATION

Call our Finance Department  
at 390-4111  
or Toll Free in B.C.  
1-877-607-4111

OR

Visit our website at:  
[www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca)



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