

Yard & garden waste

“Yard and garden waste” means organic materials, substances or objects including, but not necessarily limited to grass, lawn and hedge clippings, grass sod, flowers, weeds, leaves, vegetable stalks, shrubs, and shrub and tree branches less than 75 mm (3 inches) in diameter, but does not include invasive species such as morning glory, blackberry, wild mustard, ox-eye daisy, wild carrot, couch grass and poison hemlock (Environment and Wildlife Regulation, B.C. Reg. 144/2004)

Esquimalt and View Royal residents can drop off yard and garden waste at Esquimalt’s Yard & Garden Waste Transfer Station, operated by Ellice Recycle at 605 Canteen Road near the Public Works Yard. This service is free to Esquimalt and View Royal residents. Please bring your utility bill or driver’s licence showing proof of residence. Hours of operation: Monday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding statutory holidays).



Community Recycling Depot

The Community Recycling Depot, operated by Pacific Mobile Depots, provides residents with an opportunity to recycle household items that are not allowed in curbside blue boxes, such as soft and hard plastics, styrofoam, and electronics. Drop off fees for residents apply. The depot takes place every second Saturday of the month (except June and September).



More information:

For more information on the Township’s waste management program, call 250-414-7108, or visit esquimalt.ca/2bins.

Additional online resources

Collection map and schedule

esquimalt.ca/municipalServices/garbageRecycling/garbage/

Kitchen scraps diversion
crd.bc.ca/kitchenscraps

Recycling
crd.bc.ca/recycle

Pacific Mobile Depot
pmdrecycling.com

Illegal Dumping
crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/illegal-dumping



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What goes where?



Your household guide
to sorting garbage,
kitchen scraps and
yard & garden waste



What goes where?

The Township of Esquimalt is minimizing materials delivered to the Hartland Landfill by separating kitchen scraps from garbage. This reduces overall waste volume by more than 30% and will prolong the life of the landfill. Kitchen scraps are delivered to a specialized facility and converted into compost or fertilizer, decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. We are also committed to keeping our community beautiful by offering a free yard and garden waste drop off for residents.

Please keep this brochure handy as a reference to “what goes where.”

Kitchen scraps bin (green lid)

Use your kitchen scraps bin for the following:

- fruit & vegetable scraps
- food leftovers, plate scrapings
- meat, fish, giblets & bones
- dairy products, butter, mayonnaise
- eggshells
- bread, cereal, grains
- pasta, pizza
- baked goods, candies
- soiled paper towels & tissues
- soiled paper food packaging
- used paper cups & plates
- flour & sugar bags
- coffee filters & grounds
- tea bags
- solidified fats & grease
- baking ingredients, herbs, spices
- nuts, pits, seeds & shells

NOTE: Only certified compostable bags, paper bags or newspaper may be used to contain your kitchen scraps (degradable, biodegradable and plastic bags are not acceptable in your kitchen scraps bin).



Garbage bin (grey lid)

As defined by our waste bylaw, garbage includes:

- bread clips or ties
- hair
- pet feces (i.e. dog, cat, bird)
- foil wrap, plastic wrap, styrofoam
- plastic bags
- cereal and cracker box liners, waxed paper
- any noxious or offensive substance
- vacuum bags & contents
- cigarettes & butts
- dryer sheets & lint
- sanitary hygiene products, condoms
- lined bags (chips, cookies, pet food)
- butter wrappers
- make-up removal pads
- cotton swabs & balls
- dental floss
- rubber bands
- bandages & gauze
- soiled diapers, baby wipes



Garbage does not include:

- ashes
- construction waste, including wood
- kitchen scraps
- hazardous waste*
- recyclable materials**
- yard & garden waste
- furniture & appliances
- automobile bodies, parts or tires

On collection day

Please have your bins placed at the curbside by 7 a.m., and ensure that bungee cords or other straps securing the lid have been removed.

Extra garbage tickets

If you have more garbage than will fit in your grey bin, please purchase extra garbage tickets (\$8 for a sheet of 4) at the Esquimalt Municipal Hall or the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Please place the bag—maximum weight 25 kg (55 lbs)—in a standard Township container, attach your sticker, and place with your other bins for pickup.

***“HAZARDOUS WASTE” means any gaseous, liquid and solid waste which requires special disposal techniques to avoid creating health hazards, nuisances or environmental pollution, and includes toxins, poisons, corrosives, irritants, strong sensitizers, flammables, explosives, infectious wastes, condemned foods, asbestos, hypodermic needles, dead animals, animals parts or animal excrement. Flammable wastes exclude plastics, paper and paper products.**

**** Your blue bin is picked up by the CRD. For a complete listing of recyclables, please visit: www.crd.bc.ca/recycle**