

What are kitchen scraps?

Kitchen scraps include all food leftovers:

- fruit and vegetable scraps
- plate scrapings
- meat, fish, giblets and bones
- dairy products, eggshells
- bread, cereal, grains, baking ingredients
- pasta, pizza
- household plants, cut and dried flowers
- coffee filters and grounds, tea bags
- solidified fats and grease
- soiled paper towels and tissues

Commonly unacceptable materials include: personal hygiene products, diapers and baby wipes, cigarettes, pet feces and litter.



How kitchen scraps collection works

- Collect your acceptable kitchen scraps in a container in your kitchen.
- Use BPI certified compostable bags, paper bags or newspaper to line your kitchen container. (Compostable bags mitigate odours, fruit flies, leakage and help keep your indoor container and outdoor tote clean.)
- Empty the contents of your kitchen container into your outdoor tote for collection by Public Works crews.

Q and A

I already compost in my backyard. Do I need to use a kitchen scraps bin?

Continue with backyard composting, but you will also need your kitchen waste bin. The kitchen scraps program takes in a wider range of materials than can be composted in backyard composters.

What do I do with my old bins?

Please recycle or re-use your bins in any way you can. Once washed and disinfected they can serve a variety of purposes around the home as a storage bin.

Does this program affect blue box recycling?

The CRD blue box will continue as is. Please continue to separate recyclables from your garbage and place your blue box roadside on your designated pickup day.

How will the garbage and kitchen scraps be collected from the curb?

The Township has purchased two new semi-automated trucks with compartments for garbage and kitchen scraps. Place the bins within three metres of the curb.

More information

For more information on the Township's new waste management system, call 250-414-7108, or visit www.esquimalt.ca/2bins.

For general information on kitchen scraps diversion, visit the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/kitchen-scraps



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WASTE MANAGEMENT CHANGES



AT THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Your Guide to Kitchen Scraps Collection
and Curbside Pickup



What is the new Waste Management Program at the Township?

Waste Resource Management and Sustainability Implementation were both identified as Council priorities in the Township's 2011-2014 strategic priorities document. The new Waste Management Program addresses both of these priorities.

There are two components to the new program: 1) separation and collection of kitchen scraps and 2) curbside pickup of both garbage and kitchen scraps.

Why separate kitchen scraps?

Starting in 2014, the Township of Esquimalt will be participating in the Regional Kitchen Scraps Strategy as part of a region-wide initiative to reduce kitchen scraps in the Hartland Landfill. The Capital Regional District estimates that 30% of the waste sent to the landfill is organic material. This material can be separated and converted into compost or fertilizer, supporting waste reduction and a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions.

Using the CRD's current estimate of organic waste in the landfill, the Township would be diverting approximately 510 tonnes of waste material per year from the landfill. Kitchen scraps will be banned from the Hartland landfill by January 1, 2015.

30% of waste sent to the landfill could be used as compost



Curbside pickup

Township crews will be switching from backyard to curbside pickup using new trucks capable of collecting both garbage and kitchen scraps.

Residents will be provided with specialized bins—free-of-charge—by the Township: two large 121 litre bins for waste (grey bin with grey lid) and kitchen scraps (grey bin with green lid), as well as a smaller under-the-counter tote for collecting kitchen scraps inside the home.



Why curbside instead of backyard?

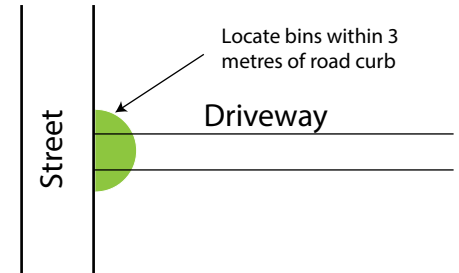
Curbside pickup is a preferred method of pickup for the following reasons:

- Worker safety
- Homeowner privacy
- Allows for semi-automated bin pickup
- Reduces potential for workplace injury



Curbside bin location

Residents are asked to leave their bins at the curbside in front of their residence, within three metres of the edge of the road.



For residents unsure of where to place their bins, Public Works staff will be available for site visits before the program is implemented. For those residents needing assistance to move their bins back to their original location, the Township will be providing assistance for qualified individuals through the *Residential Solid Waste Assistance Program*.

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