

November 9, 2020

Collection and Recycling of Used Curbside Collection Containers

Until November 30, 2020, Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) residents who do not want to or are not able to repurpose their used collection containers can recycle them. This initiative was launched as a response to residents who expressed interest during the automated cart selection period in 2019.

“I am pleased with how well RDN residents are transitioning to our new automated curbside collection service. We heard and are responding to residents’ requests for a region-wide collection and recycling of the used waste containers,” said Chair Ian Thorpe. “This is another great initiative to keep recyclables out of the region’s landfill and achieve our ultimate goal of 90% waste diversion.”



Option 1 - Drop Off at Approved RDN Disposal Facilities – until November 30, 2020

RDN residents can drop off clean, used garbage, recycling and/or food waste containers during regular operating hours free of charge at either:

- RDN Church Road Transfer Station – 860 Church Road, Parksville
- RDN Regional Landfill – 1105 Cedar Road, Nanaimo

Please note, the free drop off only applies to the empty and clean used waste containers; standing tipping rates apply for all other waste. Any residents who want the used containers to repurpose for other uses,

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for example animal feed or storage, are welcome to pick them up at the landfill or transfer station on a first-come, first-served basis. At the end of the campaign, all remaining containers will be shipped to Merlin Plastics for recycling.

Option 2 - Curbside Pickup - November 17 to 28, 2020

RDN residents will have **TWO** opportunities to set out their clean, used garbage, recycling and/or food waste containers for pickup at curbside the day **AFTER** their regularly scheduled collection day. Please note, **ONLY** clean waste containers free of waste will be collected.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	15-Nov	16-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov
Curbside Collection Day		RB	RC	RD	RE	RA	
Used Container Collection Day			RB	RC	RD	RE	RA
	22-Nov	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov
Curbside Collection Day		RB	RC	RD	RE	RA	
Used Container Collection Day			RB	RC	RD	RE	RA

To confirm your collection route, please visit rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection-schedules. Frequently asked questions regarding the new automated curbside collection service can be found on the RDN website at rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection-faqs. In effort to streamline curbside collection related inquiries, such as cart exchanges, please:

- Visit rdn.bc.ca/curbsideonline
- Email the RDN Automated Curbside Collection Hotline at curbside@rdn.bc.ca
- Call the RDN Automated Curbside Collection at 250-390-6501 or toll free at 1-877-607-4111

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