

Voter and Service Eligibility

If you received this by mail, it likely means your household is considered eligible for curbside collection services. Go to rdck.ca/JCurbside to confirm eligibility and to register to vote in the referendum. You can also register at the polls.

Only occupied single family homes without shared waste collection are considered eligible for services. That said, anyone who lives within the service area (tenants and owners), or those who own a home here but live elsewhere in BC can vote.

Review the proposal and service area maps to confirm eligibility online, or get in touch: engage.rdck.ca | organics@rdck.ca | 250.352.1576

Service Details

If the referendum passes, in 2025 you would receive waste collection including:

- **Bi-weekly garbage** - With a wildlife resistant garbage bin
- **Weekly food waste** - With a bear-resistant curbside bin and a counter-top container
- **Existing recycling service remains in place, and unchanged**

Exact costs will only be known after next steps. **At most, households would be charged \$283.06/year, starting in 2025** with no increases until 2029. This would equal **\$23.59/month, or \$5.44/week**. The service would be a Utility Fee or a Parcel Tax, and only applied to those who have access to the service – not a general tax.

We will work to keep costs as low as possible, while still providing a good quality, reliable service.

Waste would be collected wherever your driveway meets a public road. Residents with long driveways should be able to fit the bins in their vehicles to take them to the road, or find other solutions to logistical concerns.

Troubleshooting and strategies for managing winter, steep streets, storage, wildlife and other concerns will be provided to residents if the referendum passes. We're aware of the unique challenge in our area and believe we can make this work in a safe and effective way. Rural communities similar to ours throughout BC receive these kinds of services successfully.

All eligible residents are encouraged to review the proposal and vote in the referendum to have your say.



Resident Name
Street Address
Town, BC
POSTAL



Why a Referendum? Why Now?

- The service area boundary reflects feedback from the consultation in early 2023
- A referendum is a democratic and widely supported method of establishing services
- We want to know if residents support paying for the service based on the new maximum cost: \$283.06 per year (\$23.59/month, \$5.44/week).
- The service can only be established if the referendum passes

Public Information Sessions:

April 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Castlegar Community Complex
– Monashee Room

April 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Online, Remote – via Zoom
Call in details at rdck.ca/jcurbside



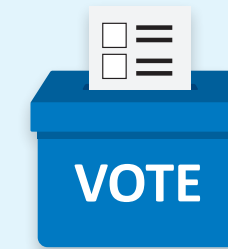
Have more questions about voter registration and the referendum process?

Visit rdck.ca/JCurbside for more information, or scan the QR code to go directly to the website.



Have Your Say

Curbside Collection



UPCOMING REFERENDUM

Expanded Curbside Collection Services for your Address – **Garbage & Food Waste**

Establishing curbside waste collection services in your area is being put to a vote. Through the consultation in early 2023, residents expressed enough interest to proceed to a referendum. **The service will only happen if the majority of voters support it.**

Advanced Polls: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

General Poll: Saturday, May 11, 2024

8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Castlegar and District Community Complex
2101 6 Ave, Castlegar, BC

Make Sure You Know the Facts and Have Your Say.



Bins shown here are for illustration purposes only and do not represent actual supplied bins.

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Why Curbside? Why Now?



Improves Access

to waste disposal services and saves trips to landfills and transfer stations. Separating waste streams is easier with curbside collection.



Increases options for diverting waste from landfills. Organic waste makes up **35%** of household waste*

Green bin pickup **accepts more** items than most at-home composters, things like:

- all fruit and veggie scraps
- cooked food
- meats + bones
- dairy + grains
- food soiled paper

*Based on provincial averages of household waste



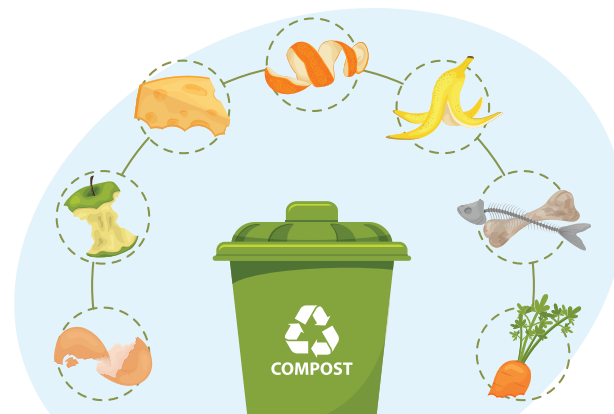
Cost Effectiveness

Now is the best chance to receive these services at highly competitive costs – much lower than individual waste collection subscriptions.



Recycling helps reduce landfilled waste, and contributes to a circular economy. Keep up the great work.

Your recycling service will remain in place regardless of the outcome of the referendum for these additional waste streams.



Why Divert Organics?



Extends Landfill Life

Cost + Space: It takes up finite landfill space, impacting capacity and lifespan of these costly sites, which also costs tax payer dollars.



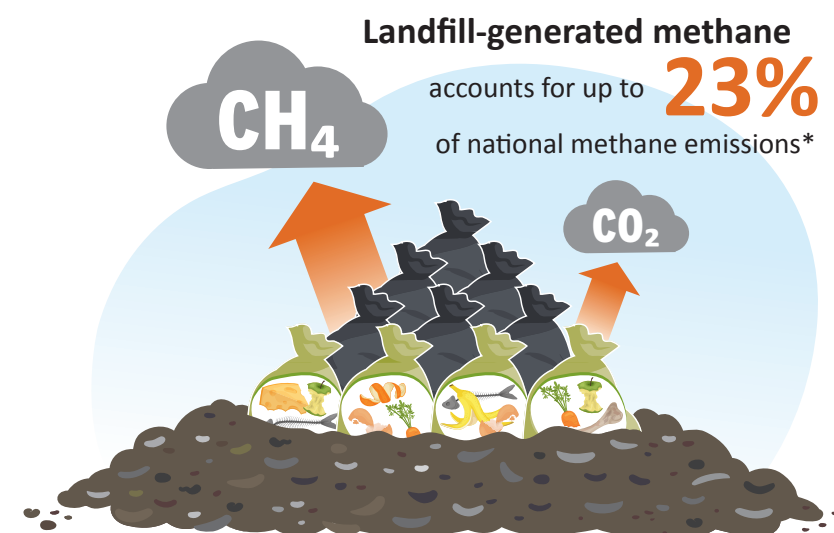
Reduces Environmental Impact

Landfills create pollution. Reducing our waste reduces the potential harm these sites have on the local environment.



Reduces Landfill Emissions

Methane Gas (CH₄): It is emitted when organic materials decompose in an oxygen-poor environment such as a landfill.



Methane emissions trap up to **80x more** heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide (CO₂) over 20 years*

*Visit engage.rdck.ca/curbside to view sources.

Composting for our Communities

Composting is a great way for us to turn a waste product into a resource that is valuable to local communities for the production of fertile soils and healthy food.

RDCK Composting Facilities are designed to produce a high-quality, Class A compost fit for growing food and any other soil improvement needs.

Diverting organics to composting facilities makes sense on every level. Curbside collection helps keeps the compost cycle turning.



Be part of the circular economy and zero waste effort in the RDCK!



Have more questions and want to learn more?

Visit engage.rdck.ca for more information, or scan the QR code to go directly to the project page.

Learn More at engage.rdck.ca