



Aerated Compost Windrows— fans connected to aeration piping blow air into the windrows, which maintains ideal oxygen and temperature for decomposition.

Why Composting? Why Now?

In our landfills, organic waste creates significant problems:

- It takes up finite landfill space, impacting capacity and lifespan of these costly sites
- It can pollute the environment by contributing to the generation of leachate (run-off from landfills)
- When it rots in an oxygen-poor environment such as a landfill, large amounts of methane are generated. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas
 - Reducing landfill methane is a key Climate Action. Learn more at rdck.ca/climateaction

Diverting this material to composting facilities greatly reduces the negative impacts of landfilled organic wastes. Additionally, composting is a great way for us to turn waste products into a resource that is valuable to local communities for the production of healthy soils and food. You can also compost at home, if you have the space, time, know-how, and a way to keep it wildlife safe.

For tips and resources on backyard composting, visit rdck.ca/backyardcomposting.

Contact Us

Monday to Friday
8:30 to 4:30

Closed on Statutory Holidays

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Organic Waste Disposal Guide

For Residential and Commercial Customers



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Organic Waste Disposal Options

The RDCK has two Composting Facilities that process organic waste in the region. The Creston and Central Composting Facilities are designed to accept most organic wastes and produce a high-quality (Class A) compost available for local uses. Compost sales are expected to start in fall 2025. Stay Tuned!

When open, customers can dispose of organic waste at four RDCK Waste Disposal Facilities.

Check the RDCK Website or call before arriving for up-to-date Facility Operating Hours and Closures.

Public Organic Waste Disposal Facility Operating Hours

Closed on all Statutory Holidays

Creston (1501 Mallory Road)

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Central (Salmo) (550 Emerald Road)

Summer (May 1 to Sept. 30)

Wednesday & Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Winter (Oct. 1 to April 30)

Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ootischenia (671 Columbia Road)

Summer (April 1 to October 31)

Monday to Saturday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Winter (November 1 to March 31)

Monday to Saturday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Grohman Narrows (1201 Insight Drive)

Monday to Saturday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Organic Waste Tipping Fees - 2025

The Organic Waste tipping fee is lower than Mixed Waste. Customers can dispose of organic waste by weight or by container (120L max).

Check the RDCK Website for current tipping fees

If Organics are brought in with garbage, one organics container can be disposed of for FREE

Accepted Materials

The Composting Facilities are able to accept:

- All fruits and vegetables
- Raw, cooked, and spoiled foods
- Food-soiled paper & cardboard
- Dairy, eggs, fish, and meat scraps
- Breads, grains, nuts, and seeds
- Household plant cuttings, leaves, and flowers
- Wooden utensils, chopsticks and toothpicks
- Non-liquid cooking oils, fats and grease
- Grass clippings, dead leaves, straw, and twigs
- Livestock manure
- Animal bedding from wood, straw, or sawdust
- Non-liquid brewery and winery waste
- Dehydrated food waste
- **Bio-Based Certified Compostable** bags, bin liners, and foodservice wares

The RDCK can now accept certain bio-based **certified compostable** plastics and packaging.

Check to make sure they have **one of these logos**, and avoid “biodegradable” products.



Not Accepted Materials

While our facilities accept things not typically composted at home (meats, bones, cooked food etc.) there are many items that must stay out of the composting facilities.

The Composting Facilities will not accept:

- Household garbage
- Liquid oils, fats and grease
- Glass, metal, or sharp items
- Loads more than 5% “free liquid”
- Waxy and glossy paper and cardboards
- Cat litter or pet feces
- Noxious and invasive plants
- Animal bones more than 5cm in diameter
- Whole animal carcasses, entrails, and offal
- Ash and soot
- Plastic packaging - remove food from wrappers and packaging
- “Biodegradable” plastics and packaging

Dumped loads containing prohibited material will be charged double the mixed waste rate.

Larger loads that could fill a pick-up truck bed require 48-hours notice for disposal.

Call the Resource Recovery Department to arrange: 250-352-8161

For tips and resources on keeping your organic waste containers clean and wildlife safe, visit rdck.ca/organics.