



Your Roadmap to The Changes Happening to Kitimat's Curbside Waste Collection Program

April 2021



What's happening with Kitimat's Curbside Waste Collection Service in 2021?

Kitimat's curbside collection service is modernizing and will align with many other BC communities that have embraced reducing the amount of garbage sent to landfill. This year Kitimat's residential curbside waste collection program will be expanding to ultimately include separate collection of recyclables, food scraps and yard waste, in addition to the current garbage collection service. These are exciting changes that will not only make recycling and composting convenient but will also reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and help us tackle climate change.

Two Phases of Change

The new collection program will be implemented in two phases.

The first phase, which will begin in May, will be the addition of separate yard waste collection. To support this new service, yard waste will no longer be permitted in the garbage. Also, to help ensure the health and safety of collection crews, the maximum weight of any container set out for collection (yard waste or garbage) will be 23 kg (50 lb).

The second phase, scheduled to launch this October, will expand the curbside collection service to include recycling collection and food scraps collection.

Why the changes?



We have heard the community ask for more options to reduce garbage. Kitimat was recently invited by Recycle BC to join the BC-wide residential recycling program, which means we will be able to provide curbside recycling collection and have the majority of the recycling costs paid for by Recycle BC. Also, the Province of BC has identified the diversion of organic waste from landfills as a critical measure to addressing the climate crisis. Collecting yard waste and food waste for composting is a great opportunity for Kitimat to help be part of the solution to climate change.

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Visit: www.Kitimat.ca/WayLessWaste

Email: WayLessWaste@Kitimat.ca

For inquiries about your collection day, please call our collection contractor Geier Waste at 250-632-4689.

For other inquiries, please call the District of Kitimat at 250-632-8900.



Starting in May: What you need to know

- Yard waste collection will begin in May and will be collected every-other-week until November. Find out when your collection day is by checking out the table to the right.
- All yard waste needs to be in a paper yard waste bag (available at most grocery and hardware stores) or in a plastic garbage container (Maximum size of bags and container is 121 Litres (32 gal)).
- Acceptable yard waste includes leaves, grass, prunings and twigs including grass clippings, hedge and tree prunings, small twigs, chipped tree waste, branches not exceeding 12 mm (½ inch) in diameter and 1.2 m (4 feet) in length, and plant materials from flower beds and vegetable gardens. **Do not include** rocks, soil, sod, plastic bags, plant pots, pet waste or kitchen scraps in with your yard waste.
- We have included one “YARD WASTE” sticker for your plastic waste container along with this information sheet. This sticker will help the collection staff identify that the content of the container is yard waste. If you would like an extra sticker, please contact the District of Kitimat by phone 250-632-8900 or email WayLessWaste@Kitimat.ca.
- Up to 4 paper bags or containers of yard waste can be set out for each collection.
- For the safety of the collection staff, maximum weight of each container set out for collection is 23 kg (50 lb).
- As of May, yard waste will not be allowed in your regular garbage. You can have it collected at curbside as part of the new yard waste collection program or drop it off at the composting area at the District of Kitimat Landfill.

Where Will the Yard Waste Go?

The collected yard waste will be composted in a separate area at the Kitimat landfill. Landfill equipment is used to turn the compost piles which adds oxygen into the piles and keeps the composting process happening. Once the process is complete, the compost will be blended with soil and spread on the closed portions of the landfill. This gives a good base to plant vegetation which will help return these parts of the landfill back to nature.



If your garbage pick up day is Tuesday or Thursday, your Yard Waste pick up is:

Garbage Collected Tuesday or Thursday

Monday, May 3, 2021
Monday, May 17, 2021
Monday, May 31, 2021
Monday, June 14, 2021
Monday, June 28, 2021
Monday, July 12, 2021
Monday, July 26, 2021
Monday, August 9, 2021
Monday, August 23, 2021
Monday, September 6, 2021
Monday, September 20, 2021
Monday, October 4, 2021
Monday, October 18, 2021
Monday, November 1, 2021

If your garbage pick up day is Wednesday or Friday, your Yard Waste pick up is:

Garbage Collected Wednesday or Friday

Monday, May 10, 2021
Monday, May 24, 2021
Monday, June 7, 2021
Monday, June 21, 2021
Monday, July 5, 2021
Monday, July 19, 2021
Monday, August 2, 2021
Monday, August 16, 2021
Monday, August 30, 2021
Monday, September 13, 2021
Monday, September 27, 2021
Monday, October 11, 2021
Monday, October 25, 2021
Monday, November 8, 2021