

Beneath the Clocktower

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SPRING FOOD DRIVE MAY 27-29

Foodbanks receive the majority of their donations in December but food is needed year round.

Join the City of Duncan in helping restock the shelves. When you bring your recycling to the curb during the week of May 27-29, please place your donations, clearly marked FOOD BANK, at curbside.

City staff will collect the items and deliver them to the Cowichan Valley Basket Society on Garden Street.



ROAD RANGER

Sign up today <u>www.duncanroadranger.ca</u> to receive email notifications as they happen. Hear about significant projects or changes to the City, winter road condition reports and anything else that may impact your day!

YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Beginning the week of May 12, 2014, the City of Duncan will begin the Monthly Residential Yard Waste Pickup Program. The City's contractor will pick up recyclable glass and yard waste (as described below) **from all houses**. Pick up will take place once per month, usually at the beginning of each month. See below for dates.

The following items are eligible for pickup:

- Up to 10 large compostable garbage bags or reusable cans of yard waste including leaves and plants;
- Up to 2 bundles of sticks and branches of up to 2 inches in diameter and no more than 3 feet long tied with cotton string, weighing no more than 50 lbs;
- Unlimited loose glass in clean bins (e.g. blue bins).

Regular household waste, organics, or construction wood waste will not be permitted.



Pickup days will be the same as your garbage collection day (e.g. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). More information on pickup days can be obtained at City Hall.

To participate, residents simply put out their yard waste and recyclable glass on their first garbage or recycling day of the month.

Anticipated pick up weeks are:

| May 12-16 | June 2-6 |
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| June 30-July 4 | August 4-8 |
| September 1-5 | September 29 - October 3 |
| November 3-7 | December 1-5 |

SPRINKLING

The City of Duncan requests the cooperation of all homeowners and residents throughout the City in complying with the following sprinkling regulations:

- odd and even watering allowed 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (i.e. odd addresses on odd calendar dates and even addresses on even calendar dates);
- 3 hours maximum watering per day;
- automatic sprinkling systems must be programmed to match;
- car washing is ok;
- new lawns can water daily with a 21 day permit;
- hand watering of trees, shrubs and gardens is permitted any day during the above hours with a hose and spring-loaded nozzle or a bucket.

The above regulations are in effect from June 1 to September 30 each year.

To conserve water for emergency situations such as fire fighting, we ask that you **turn off your sprinkler** when you hear a fire siren.





CHANGES TO THE RECYCLING PROGRAM EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 2014



Multi-Material British Columbia (MMBC) is an industry led and funded non-profit organization that will assume responsibility for managing residential packaging and printed paper on behalf of industry on May 19, 2014. BC's **Recycling Regulation** was updated in 2011 to shift responsibility for managing the residential recycling of packaging and printed paper (PPP) from local governments and taxpayers to industry.

The City's agreement with MMBC will result in changes to some of the acceptable materials in our curbside recycling program. The most notable difference is that **film plastics** (plastic bags, overwrap etc) **will no longer be accepted** in our curbside program. All film plastics will be accepted at the recycling depot and many grocery stores take back their plastic grocery bags.

Curbside recycling bins containing items that are not acceptable will be left at the curb with a sticker describing why the recyclables were not collected. Please do not include recyclable items in your garbage.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING ACCEPTED PRODUCTS

Container Recyclables:

- ✓ Paper hot and cold beverage cups, milk and cream cartons, aseptic boxes and cartons, (e.g. soups, sauces); frozen dessert boxes, (e.g. ice cream)
- ✓ Metal cans and lids
- ✓ Aerosol cans (empty) and caps (e.g. food, air freshener, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray)
- ✓ Spiral wound paper cans and lids
- ✓ Aluminum foil wrap, aluminum take-out and baking containers
- ✓ Plastic clamshells, (e.g. for baked goods, fruit, eggs); tray and tops; tubs and lids
- ✓ Plastic cold drink cups and lids
- ✓ Plastic garden plant pots and seedling trays
- ✓ Plastic pails, (e.g. for laundry detergent, ice cream), must be less than 25L

Do Not Include:

- Class containers, plastic bags, film plastic or foam plastic (Styrofoam) Take to Recycling Drop-Off Depot
- × Straws, non-paper insulating wraps
- × Foil-lined cardboard lids
- × Aerosol cans that contained paint, waxes, polishes, lubricants, solvents, pesticides or hazardous wastes
- × Motor oil, lubricants, wax, solvents, flammable product or paint containers
- × Metal pots, coat hangers, scrap metal or appliances
- × Chip or foil bags, blister packs

Remember To:

- Empty and rinse containers
- Remove and recycle caps and lids
- Take deposit beverage containers to Return-It Depots

Paper Recyclables:

- Newspapers, inserts, flyers, catalogues, magazines, telephone books
- Household paper, envelopes, paper gift wrap, greeting cards
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard
- ✓ Boxboard boxes, cereal, pizza boxes
- ✓ Moulded boxboard, (e.g. egg cartons, beverage carry-out trays)
- ✓ Paper bags with single and multiple paper layers, (e.g. pet food bags without foil or plastic layers)
- ✓ Shredded paper

Do Not Include:

× Hardcover or paperback books; non-paper gift wrap, (e.g. foil, ribbons or bows); musical greeting cards with batteries; padded envelopes; boxes with wax coatings, (e.g. shipping boxes for groceries); foil or plastic lined paper or bags, (e.g. for cookies and some pet food); paper towel, napkins or tissues

Remember to:

- Empty and rinse containers
- Flatten large corrugated boxes and tie in bundles no larger than 8" thick (20 cm) x 30" wide (78 cm) x 30" tall (78 cm); staples and tape accepted; place beside recycling containers
- Remove plastic wrap from cardboard flats
- Place shredded paper in a tied, clear plastic bag (no opaque, coloured or black bags)



To find a location to recycle items which are not accepted in our curbside recycling program, please visit <u>http://www.zerowastecowichan.ca/recyclopedia</u> or call City of Duncan Public Works at 250-746-5321.