

We're doing something completely different with your waste

Starting in mid September city residents will receive Green Bins and a Kitchen Bucket. These bins are visible symbols that recognize that not all the stuff we have been throwing into our garbage cans should be buried in the landfill.

We know that residents recognize that we need to change some things to extend the life of our landfill and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Roughly 40% of the material in our garbage cans is food waste that can be composted.

When you use the green bin for organic kitchen scraps you are helping divert material from the landfill and help create a useful product – compost.

HOW IS METHANE PRODUCED?

We know that most Canadians want to do something to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

When organic material (everything that is derived from plant or animal material) is buried in the landfill, it is cut off from oxygen. Yet it still decomposes in this oxygen-starved environment. This process produces methane. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas that is 21 times more effective at trapping the sun's rays within the Earth's atmosphere than carbon dioxide.

Methane is not produced in your backyard composter or in the RDKB's windrow composting process.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each residence has been provided with a 7-litre Kitchen Bucket and an 80-litre Green Bin.

- Keep the Kitchen Bucket handy.
- Fill the Kitchen Bucket with food scraps.
- Empty the Bucket into the larger Green Bin.
- Roll the Green Bin out to the curb on collection day.

THAT'S IT?

Some residents appreciate having a clean bin. Some options for reducing the 'yuck' are:

- Try reducing the amount of 'runny' materials. Cut back on the gravy's, sauces and other fluids that you put in the Green Bin.
- Rinse your Green Bin and Kitchen Bucket after each use.
- Line your Kitchen Bucket or Green Bin with paper bags. Bag liners are available at most Grand Forks Retailers.
- Try lining the bottom of the bin with folded newspaper or paper bags. Check out the RDKB website for tips on folding newspaper to make a Kitchen Bucket liner.

WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BIN?

The material that is targeted in the Green Bin collection program is the 'organic' material that has been previously tossed into the garbage. This includes all manner of kitchen scraps, paper towels, paper tissue, leftovers, fruit pits, and yes, even kitty litter, dog poop and disposable diapers! (Please see list below).

For the health protection of collection drivers, we require that messy material like dog poop, kitty litter and diapers be contained in paper bags.

DON'T TRY THIS IN YOUR BACKYARD

We know that the most cost-effective way to keep 'organic' material out of the landfill is to have residents compost in their backyards. However, we know that not everyone has the space or time to do this. We also know that there are materials that we want to keep out of the landfill that are problematic in your backyard composter.

Dairy, meat and even cooked foods can attract animals to your backyard bin. This material can be composted safer in the compost piles at the Grand Forks Landfill.

Animal waste and disposable diapers are also accepted in the Green Bin program. The concern with animal waste is that the material may contain pathogens. B.C. composting regulations require all pathogen containing materials to be 'cooked' at over 55 degrees Celsius for 14 days to kill these pathogens. The RDKB's composting process achieves this.

CAN I USE THE GREEN BIN FOR LAWN AND GARDEN WASTE?

No. The best way to process leaves and grass is to compost these materials in your own backyard. If you would like to get started with a backyard composter, call the RDKB @ 1.800.355.7352 for advice on how to make it work.

Residents of the City also receive a monthly Yard and Garden waste collection service. Visit the City's website to view the schedule for your neighbourhood.

Yard and Garden waste can also be brought to the Grand Forks Landfill. Tipping fees apply. Check out what is accepted and how to sort it at www.rdkb.com. or call 1.800.355.7352.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DOWNTOWN & RIVERSIDE RESIDENTS

Collection day for residents living east of 8th Ave on the north side of Central and east of 7th on the south side of Central: The collection day for these residents will be changing from Wednesdays to Tuesdays starting on October 2nd. Any questions/problems, please contact Kettle Valley Waste @ 1.877.447.9265. or visit www.rdkb.com to view the collection schedule.



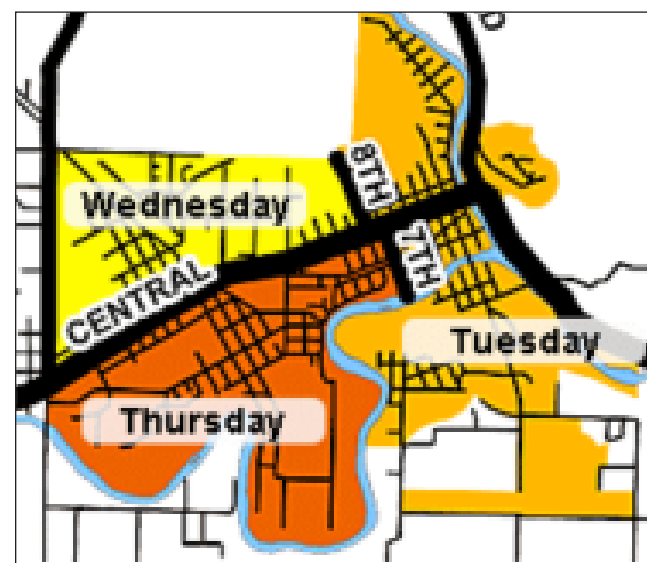
WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BIN?

- Baked goods, breads, cookies
- Eggs & Egg shells
- Cheese rinds & moldy cheese
- Seafood shells
- Leftover candy and snacks
- Fruit pits, seeds, etc.
- Muffin/cupcake papers
- Seed/nut shells
- Coffee, including filters
- Facial tissue
- Tea bags or loose tea
- Paper towels
- Fish bones, skins, guts
- Soiled, waxed, oily paper
- Meat, bones, skin, fat
- Rotten fruits & vegetables
- Biodegradable Clamshell packaging, pizza boxes
- Fruit and Vegetable Rinds and Peelings
- Food or cooking oil soiled paper
- Leftovers including cooked rice & pasta
- Houseplants, including soil
- Disposable diapers, (contained in a paper bag)
- Kitty litter, (contained in a paper bag)
- Animal waste (contained in a paper bag)
- Hamster & bird cage liner waste (contained in a paper bag)



➡ NO ⬅

- Motor oil, gasoline or grease soiled material
- Plastic material
- 'Biodegradable' or 'Compostable' plastic bags
- Lawn and Garden Waste





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Grand Forks Fire/Rescue Emergency Vehicle Awareness

You Can Help

- Signal, pull over to the nearest edge of the road on the approach of an emergency vehicle and stop.
- In an intersection, move out of the intersection if it is safe to do so, and then stop at the edge of the road until the emergency vehicle has passed.
- Check for additional emergency vehicles before pulling back out onto the roadway.
- Use your rear view mirrors frequently to monitor for emergency vehicles approaching from the rear.
- You may see emergency vehicles before you hear it. Be attentive to the flashing lights. It will give you more time to select a safe place to pull over.



The Benefits

- Emergency responders will be able to arrive on scene sooner to help those in need faster.
- Cooperating drivers on the highway help to lessen the stress encountered by emergency vehicle operators during an emergency response.
- Drivers avoid prosecution for 'failing to yield to an emergency vehicle'.
- Provide for a safer response for the crews on the emergency vehicle and the public.

"We can't help you if we can't get there"

Garbage Collection Regulation Bylaw No. 1937 Schedule of Rates and Charges

Starting on October 1st, 2012 the following rates, charges and schedules will apply:

Residential Garbage Collection Service - \$10.00 per month (\$20.00 bi-monthly) per residential dwelling unit as defined in the amended bylaw.

The new charges will show on your next utility bill which will be sent out the end of October.

Residential Garbage Collection Service Includes:

- Maximum of one (1) container or bag every **second week** of **garbage** as defined in the bylaw
- Green Bin provided by the City, with **food waste recycling material** as defined in the bylaw, will be collected **every week**
- Yard Waste collection will be collected 9 times per year

Tag-A-Bag tags for bags of garbage in excess of the one-bag limit every two weeks – 6 tags for \$18.00. These tags can be purchased at City Hall or at Overwaitea.

To review the Bylaw and details to the changes to the City of Grand Forks Garbage Collection regulation, please go to the City's website at: www.city.grandforks.bc.ca or by direct link to the recycling and garage site at: <http://www.city.grandforks.bc.ca/index.php/services/residential-garbage-collection/>. Further details for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Pickup service can be found at www.rdkb.com.