



## News Release

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### **Yard Waste Pick Back ON!**

The increasing hours of daylight is another sign that gardening season is on the way, and with that so is yard waste collection. Starting Monday, March 1 all residents receiving curbside garbage/recycling collection will also benefit from yard waste pick up every two weeks until the end of December.

“Now is the time to do that pre-season check-up of your yard waste cart,” says Waste Reduction Facilitator Rae Stewart. “Make sure to take out any materials that don’t belong and may have landed in your yard waste cart by mistake over the winter months. Anything at all that is not yard waste and could damage equipment or compromise the composting process, must be removed before you put your cart out at the curb.” Things like:

- plastics
- flower pots
- garbage
- bags of any kind
- pet waste
- recycling materials
- rocks, sod or soil

Stewart adds all the yard waste collected curbside is composted and given new life as a valuable soil enhancer--so it’s important to keep it free of any materials that could contaminate the end product or damage equipment. Last year alone the program collected just under 15,000 tonnes of yard waste at the curb and turned it into high quality compost instead of it being buried at the landfill.

You’re reminded to put your yard waste out for collection by 7:00 am on the morning of your regular garbage day. The following items are accepted in your yard waste cart:

- Leaves, tree needles
- Branches, prunings - up to 5 centimetres (2 inches) in diameter & less than one metre (3 feet) in length
- Wood chips, bark
- Garden plants
- Fruit droppings
- Grass clippings

To determine your yard waste collection week, please refer to the [Living Greener Calendar](#) at [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle) or download the Recycle Coach app at [rdco.com/recyclecoach](http://rdco.com/recyclecoach). This free app

gives you collection schedule info and a “What goes where” search feature in the palm of your hand!

Additional 360 litre yard waste carts can be purchased from your municipality. For additional yard waste carts and collection options, contact your municipality or follow the yard waste link at [rdco.com/yardwaste](http://rdco.com/yardwaste).

Please Note: During the Spring season ramp up, delivery of new and replacement carts can take longer to process due to limited current inventory and seasonal high demand.

If you are interested in purchasing the finished compost GlenGrow from the Glenmore landfill please visit [Okanagancompost.ca](http://Okanagancompost.ca) or call 250.469.8868.