



TOWN of CRESTON

CURBSIDE COLLECTION



PROGRAM GUIDE 2022



GARBAGE COLLECTION
BI-WEEKLY



RECYCLING COLLECTION
BI-WEEKLY



FOOD WASTE COLLECTION
WEEKLY

Less is
more>

Services + Solutions for Reducing Waste

GUIDELINES

The Town of Creston provides a Curbside Collection Program for single-family, secondary suites and multi-family with 4 units or less dwellings within Town limits.

- Food waste is collected **every week** in the Town of Creston green bin (other types of green bins are NOT permitted).
- Garbage and recycling are collected **every second week** (alternating weeks) on the same day as food waste.
- Collection will take place between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM.
- Have your containers at the curb by 7:00 AM on your collection day. DO NOT put them out the night before.
- For missed collections or rejections, please contact Tip-it (see contact info below).
- Please adhere to the noted weight restrictions - our collectors have to manually lift and dump all bins into the trucks.

FOOD WASTE

- Each household is permitted one Town-branded green cart for food waste that is collected every week.
- Food waste carts may contain a maximum of 18 kg (40 lbs) of food waste per collection.
- If you occasionally have more than the 18kg limit, extra food waste bag tags can be purchased at Town Hall.
- If you frequently have extra food waste, contact the Town to purchase an additional food waste cart and additional weekly collection for your home.
- Bags or liners used in the food waste carts must be made of 100% compostable paper products. It is not mandatory that you bag your food waste, however, it prevents material from sticking/freezing to the cart. Plastic biodegradable or compostable bags, plastic grocery bags, or garbage bags are not permitted.

RECYCLING

- All recyclables are to be placed loose in a Town-branded blue bin at the curb. DO NOT put in bags.
- Each household may place unlimited bins of recyclables at the curb for collection every second week. Special sorting of materials in bins is not required.
- As long as the Town-branded blue bin is present, additional bins can be used for collection provided they are clearly marked for recycling, has an open top (no lids) and weighs a maximum of 18 kg (40 lbs) when full. Town Hall carries recycling logo stickers for \$2 each that can be used to identify an unmarked container for recycling collection (a storage tote for example).
- Flatten large cardboard and place in your recycling bin. Cut or fold pieces to a maximum of 30"x 30" (76 cm x 76 cm) in size.
- See the Curbside Collection Sorting Guide pages in this guide for help on what goes in your curbside recycling bin and what goes to the depot.

GARBAGE

- Each household is permitted a maximum of 23 kg (50 lbs) of garbage every second week. Garbage can be bagged and placed in one garbage can (120 L) or placed in two regular-sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm) each weighing up to 11.5kg (25 lbs).
- All garbage must be placed in bags and tied or closed securely, even if using a garbage can.
- The Town does not provide garbage cans, however, we recommend their use to keep wildlife out of your garbage. Maximum size should be 120 L and made of a lightweight material.
- If you occasionally have more than the 23 kg limit, extra garbage bag tags can be purchased at Town Hall. Extra bags can weigh up to 11.5kg (25 lbs) each.
- Tip-It provides a subscription-based, extra garbage collection service if you require weekly collection. Contact Tip-It directly to arrange for this service (see contact info below).

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION 2022

- Once in the Spring and twice in the Fall, yard waste pickup will be provided.
- Spring – the week immediately following the Easter long weekend.
- Fall pickup #1 – the week immediately following the Thanksgiving long-weekend.
- Fall pickup #2 – the full week immediately following Remembrance Day.
- All Yard Waste must be placed in rigid, weather-proof containers or Kraft paper bags for collection. Each Yard Waste container/ bag can weigh up to 50 lbs (23 kg). Kraft paper bags are available at local retailers. Branches and prunings must be cut into 1 meter (3 foot) lengths and tied in manageable bundles.
- Materials will be accepted in unlimited quantities, provided each bag does not weigh more than 50lbs (23 kg).
- The following items are accepted for Yard Waste collection: clippings (grass, lawn, and hedge), sod, flowers, weeds (non-invasive), leaves, vegetable stalks, shrubs, and branches.
- Shrub and tree branches may be up to 6" (15 cm) in diameter and 3 foot" (100 cm) in length. Branches can be tied in manageable bundles or placed unbundled inside of compostable Kraft paper bags.

CRESTON RECYCLES APP

The Creston Recycles app can be downloaded free from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Features of the app include:

- Personalized notifications and reminders for regular collection schedules and special events via email or phone call. Accessible from the web App located at: www.creston.ca/Curbside-Collection;
- Printable schedules for collection days and events;
- Collection and event schedules can be exported to your everyday calendars (Outlook, iCal or Google Calendar);
- Receive emergency or non-emergency notifications for news, events, scheduling changes, and other information from the Town.
- Report problems regarding missed collections, service complaints, and issues with the app itself;
- "What goes where?" search tool that allows you to look up material-specific collection or drop-off requirements.

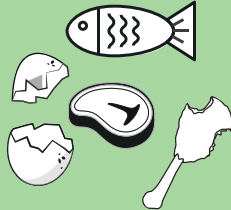


CURBSIDE COLLECTION & RECYCLE BC DEPOT SORTING GUIDE

CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE



fruit and vegetable scraps
(remove produce stickers)



eggs, seafood, meat,
and bones



butter, fat, and lard



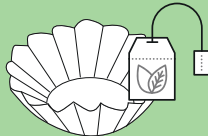
dairy products



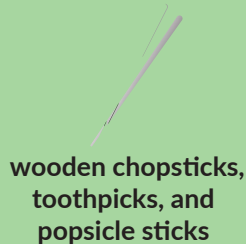
pasta and bread



nuts, seeds, and shells



coffee grounds, tea, and
filter papers



wooden chopsticks,
toothpicks, and
popsicle sticks



condiments, jams,
and sauces

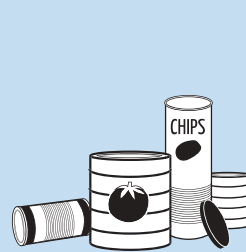


food soiled paper products
including: cardboard boxes,
paper fast food wrap & bags,
napkins, paper towels, and facial tissue

Shredded paper is also accepted - please secure
in organic compostable bags and place in green bin

Paper towels, napkins &
tissues **MUST** go in your
FOOD WASTE, even if
clean. **DO NOT** put these
in your recycling!

CURBSIDE RECYCLING (PACKAGING & PAPER ONLY)



spiral wound cans



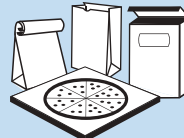
all types of plastic
containers and lids



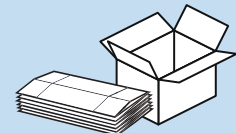
paper packaging
for wet items



aluminum, metal, and foil
containers and cans,
(does not include paint aerosols)



paper packaging for dry
items



corrugated cardboard
flattened and stacked
30"x30" max



single use coffee pods
(empty and remove lids)



newspaper, office paper, magazines, non-foil wrapping
paper, and gift bags (remove non-paper handles, ribbons & bows)
Contain shredded paper in a small box (ie. cereal box),
and place securely in or beside your bins

EMPTY and RINSE all containers
No special sorting of materials is required

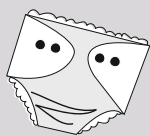


NO glass,
styrofoam, plastic
bags, pouches or plastic
wrappers - see
Creston Recycle Depot
items

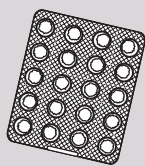
When In Doubt...there are Options!

Use Creston Recycles App for what-goes-where info (mobile app or on our website), call the Town, or contact the Recycling Council of BC (1-800-667-4321 / hotline@rcbc.ca). Please avoid "wish-cycling" - only residential packaging and paper are accepted by Recycle BC at this time.

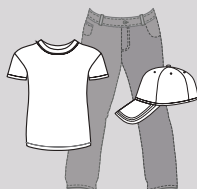
CURBSIDE GARBAGE (NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE)



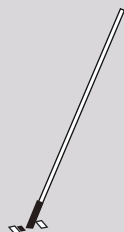
diapers



blister packs
(pills, gum, etc.)



worn-out clothing and shoes
that cannot be donated or
repurposed



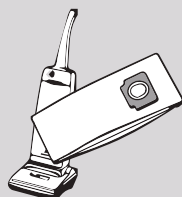
dryer sheets and
disposable mop pads



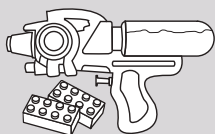
broken storage
containers



cigarette butts and
ashes



vacuum
bags



broken toys
(not electronic)



broken glassware and
ceramics



pet waste and
kitty litter

The above are examples of what
would typically go in the garbage.
See the Extended Producer
Responsibility section in this
Guide for the many recycling
options available before throwing
items in the garbage.



CRESTON RECYCLE DEPOT (RECYCLE BC)

412 Helen St, Creston
(behind Arrow Mountain Car Wash)

(ITEMS MUST BE SEPARATED BY CATEGORY)

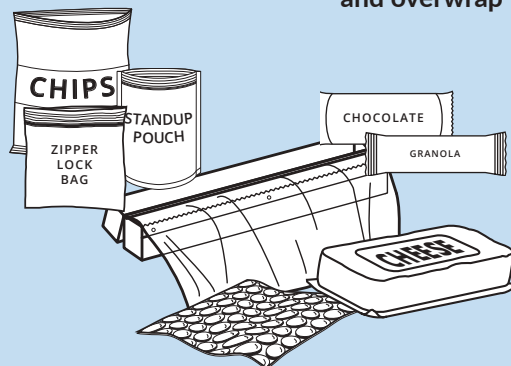
Cat = Category



Cat 8: glass jars and bottles
(remove lids and recycle
separately)

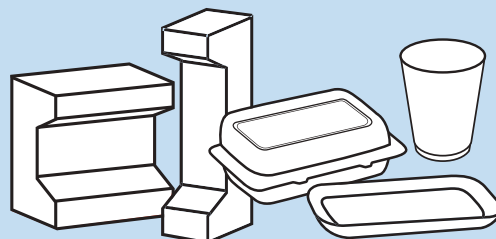


Cat 4: plastic bags
and overwrap



Cat 9: Other Flexible Plastic Packaging including: candy/
snack wrappers, chip bags, zipper-lock and stand up
pouches, plastic film wrap, cheese wrap, and bubble wrap

Visit recyclebc.ca/flexiblepackaging/ for more info



Cat 5: foam trays, cups, containers, and packaging
(no packing peanuts)

Please separate white and coloured foam

All materials accepted in the curbside program
are also accepted at Recycle BC Depots

Depot items are subject to change.

Find the most up to date information with the Creston Recycle App or contact
the Town for further assistance.

TIPS FOR WORKING WITH FOOD WASTE

- **Empty and rinse** your kitchen catcher frequently to prevent material build-up or **line** your kitchen catcher with paper towel, paper bag, newspaper or paper **compostable** liners.
- **Freeze** particularly smelly and messy food waste in your freezer until your collection day (dairy, meat, bones, shellfish...).
- **Drain** as much liquid as possible from your organic material before putting it in your kitchen catcher or food waste cart.
- **Wrap** your food waste in newspaper, paper towel or tissue paper to absorb excess moisture.
- **Sprinkle** some baking soda, white vinegar or lemon juice in your container to help fight odours.
- Keep your containers **cool** by storing them away from heat and direct sunlight. Heat speeds up decomposition and produces odour faster.
- Fats, oils and greases ("FOG") **must** not be dumped down the drain. Let these solidify or freeze, then scrape into your food waste. Large quantities of cooking oil can be added over several weeks to

ensure that FOG does not exceed more than 5% of the total volume of your food waste.

- **Soiled paper products** like paper towel, napkins & tissues should go in your food waste. These are not recyclable, even if clean. Don't put these items in your blue bin.
- **Small wood products** like popsicle sticks, toothpicks and chopsticks are also accepted in with your food waste. Break longer items into smaller pieces.
- Take your food waste cart to the curb for collection **every week**, even if it isn't full.

Only use **100% compostable paper products** when purchasing liners for your Kitchen Catcher. **Bag To Earth™** are plastic free, compostable paper liners and are an acceptable option.

"Biodegradable" or "oxodegradable" bags are not acceptable.

KEEP OUT OF YOUR FOOD WASTE CART



Diapers

Glass

Styrofoam

Metal

Yard waste

Animal bones greater than 2" in diameter

Pet waste & kitty litter

Pet hair or human hair

Plastic*

Biodegradable/oxodegradable plastics*



***IMPORTANT:** Biodegradable/oxo-degradable and compostable plastics are not permitted in your food waste. If you are not certain what is compostable then it is best to put it in the garbage. Do not put compostable plastics in your recycling as they can't be recycled with other types of plastic resins.

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), also referred to as Product Stewardship, is a concept where manufacturers, importers or retailers are responsible for funding the collection and recycling of the products or packaging they produce and sell. For example, the Recycle BC EPR program funds the collection and recycling of residential packaging and printed paper. Shown below are the many EPR programs that exist in BC. If you have to dispose of any of these types of items, check the websites listed or use our Creston Recycles app to see where you can drop them off for free.

Note that clean textiles and other fabric-based items are not currently covered by an EPR program but can be dropped off for free at the Gleaners in town. If you need further assistance see the “When in Doubt” options at the bottom of the sorting guide pages in this Guide, the on-line Waste Wizard at **creston.ca**, or call the Town at 250-428-2214.

 <p>Most items can be searched for at www.bcrecycles.ca If you don't find what you are looking for, refer to the links below</p>			
  <p>Oil & Antifreeze www.bcusedoil.com</p>	    <p>Household Batteries www.call2recycle.ca</p> <p>Lead-Acid Batteries</p>	  <p>ElectroRecycle SMALL APPLIANCE & POWER TOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM www.electrorecycle.ca</p>	
  <p>Refundable Beverage & Alcohol Containers www.return-it.ca/beverage/products</p>	  <p>Electronics www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/bc</p>	  <p>Large Appliances www.marrbc.ca</p>	
   <p>HEALTH PRODUCTS STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM www.healthsteward.ca</p>	  <p>OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA www.opecic.ca</p>	     <p>Household Hazardous Waste Paint Light Bulbs & Fixtures Smoke/CO2 Alarms www.productcare.org/province/british-columbia</p>	
  <p>Cellphones & Accessories www.recyclemycell.ca</p>	  <p>Packaging & Printed Paper www.recyclebc.ca</p>	  <p>Vehicle and Bicycle Tires www.tsbc.ca</p>	  <p>Digital and Mercury Thermostats www.hrai.ca/trp</p>



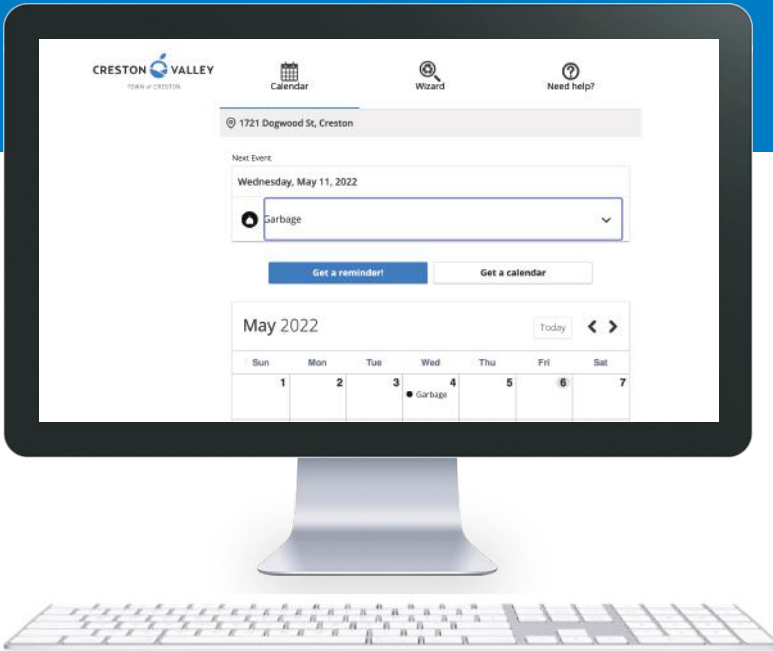
Don't see what you're looking to recycle?

The Recycling Council of BC maintains a comprehensive database for recycling or properly disposing of almost any item. Check out the “Recyclepedia” search tool on their website at rcbc.ca or contact them at: 1-800-667-4321 or email hotline@rcbc.ca

Visit creston.ca to:



- View your collection schedule by entering your address. **Please note: your collection day may change starting the week of May 31st.**
- View frequently asked questions.
- Learn what you can and can't put at the curb using our Waste Wizard.
- Set up email or phone reminders.



There's an app for that!

Download our mobile app
CRESTON RECYCLES



View your
waste collection
schedule



Receive reminders
about your
collection day



Learn if
materials
can be recycled

Sign up to receive notification reminders before your collection day! Download the Creston Recycles app from the Apple App store or Google Play store.



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