

THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

WEST BOUNDARY/BOUNDARY

GREEN BIN USERS GUIDE

June 2017

The RDKB is expanding the successful kitchen scraps (green bin) waste diversion program to many residents of the Boundary & West Boundary who have not been receiving curbside garbage collection services. The goal of this program is to divert organic material from our garbage can to the RDKB's composting program.

We invite residents to divert any materials - made from plant or animal - from the garbage can to the Green Bin. (Please see list of materials on back)

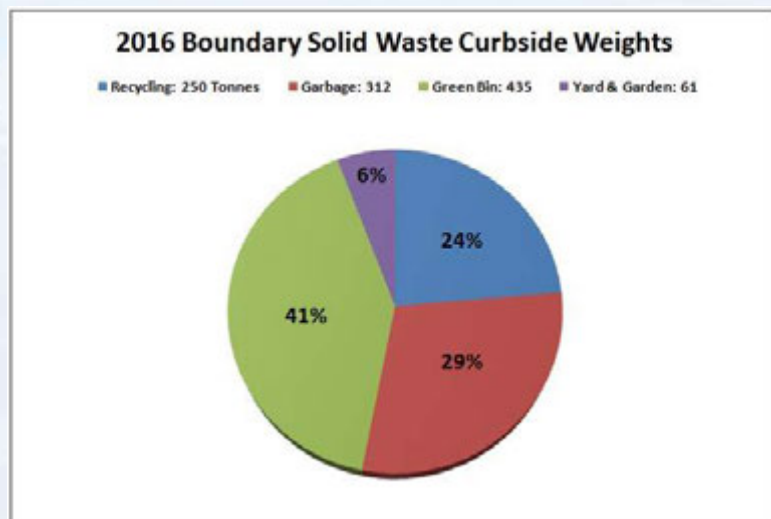
The RDKB will also provide garbage collection services for materials which are neither compostable nor recyclable - for a 'Pay as you throw' fee of \$3 per bag.

We hope that by providing easy-to-use curbside services we can increase the amount of recycling and organic waste diverted from the landfill and decrease backyard burning.

How does it work?

The RDKB has provided each resident with a kitchen bucket. Check the lid of the bucket or the other side of this leaflet to see a list of some of the materials that can be tossed into the bucket instead of into your garbage. When the bucket fills up, empty it into the Green Bin. On 'waste collection day' simply roll the bin to the curb. Your Green Bin and garbage can will be collected every week.

Does this waste diversion program actually work? Yes:



In 2016, RDKB's Green Bin program diverted 490 tonnes of compostables from the landfill.

In Your Home

Line your beige kitchen bucket with newspaper, paper bags or a paper towel.

Store your green bin securely so as not to attract bears etc.

Place your green bin at the curb on the morning of collection - NOT the night before.

Plastic bags or 'compostable plastic bags' are not allowed.

Rinse the green bin and kitchen bucket after each use.

Many 'yuck' problems are caused by excessive moisture content in the food. Try to restrict the amount of fluids you put in the bucket/bin.

Make 'garbage' the last, most inconvenient option in your home. In your kitchen, place your garbage can behind your recycling bin and compost bin. And, put a 'green can' in your wash-room for tissue paper.

What does the RDKB's curbside garbage and green bin service cost?

- * There is no fee to use curbside diversion programs (Green Bin and Recycling collection).
- * The cost of garbage collection at the curb is \$3.
- * The tipping fee for a bag of garbage at the transfer station or landfill is \$4
- * Illegal dumping and backyard burning is illegal and contrary to community values.

Solid Waste collection containers can attract bears etc.

Most of these encounters take place in carports and backyards.

Please ensure that your garbage can and green bin are stored securely.

Please put bins at the roadside only on collection morning.

Where do I get Garbage Tags?

Garbage bag tags retail for \$3.

Purchase tags from the following retailers:

West Boundary:

Beaverdell General Store,
Rock Creek Petro Canada,
McMynns Family Foods,
My Udder Store,
The Spot in Midway,
Beaverdell Waste Transfer Station,
Rock Creek Waste Transfer Station,
West Boundary (Greenwood) Landfill

Grand Forks:

Buy Low Foods,
Overwaitea Foods,
Extra Foods,
Grand Forks Landfill,
RDKB office - Grand Forks

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN PUT IN THE GREEN BIN

- Facial tissue & paper towels
- Paper plates & leftovers
- Baked goods: breads, cookies
- Cheese rinds & moldy cheese
- Leftover candy and snacks
- Muffin/cupcake papers
- Coffee & tea including filters
- Sauces/gravy
- Fish bones, skins, guts etc.
- Meat, bones, skin, fat
- Rotten fruits & vegetables
- Rinds & peelings
- Pet waste (bird/hamster shavings)
- Kitty litter & dog poop (MUST be paper bagged)
- Eggs & egg shells
- Lobster, oyster/clam Shells
- Fruit pits & seeds (peach, avocado, cherry etc.)
- Seed and nut shells (peanuts, sunflower, walnut, pistachio)
- Leftover rice & pasta
- Biodegradable clamshell containers, pizza boxes
- Wet newspapers
- Houseplants
- Disposable diapers
- Hair, finger nail clippings
- Meat/cheese paper wrap
- Soiled, waxed or oily Paper
- Chopsticks and toothpicks

DO *NOT* USE THE GREEN BIN FOR:

- Plastic bags
- 'Compostable plastic' bags
- Wood ash
- Cigarette butts
- Dryer lint & sheets
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Disposable coffee cups
- Twist ties/rubber band
- Yard & garden waste

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