



2025 Residential Curbside Organics, Refuse & Recycling Collection Calendar

Town of Lake Cowichan
Public Works
250-749-6244

Refuse and Organics

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Recycle Only

Holiday - No Refuse, Organics or Recycle

Wednesday Jan. 1, 2025 refuse and organics moves to Friday Jan. 3, 2025

Tuesday July 1, 2025 refuse and organics moves to Monday June 30, 2025

Tuesday Sept. 30, 2025 recycle and organics pick up moves to Monday Sept. 29, 2025

Tuesday Nov. 11, 2025 recycle and organics pick up moves to Monday Nov. 10, 2025

Thursday Dec. 25, 2025 recycle pickup moves to Monday December 29, 2025

Thursday January 1, 2026 refuse and organics pick up moves to Friday Jan. 2, 2026

January 2025							February 2025							March 2025						
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Refuse/Recycle Collection Day by Street Name:

Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
Beaver Rd.	MacDonald Rd.	Boundary Rd.	Maple Ave.	Arbutus St.	Peterson Rd.
Carnell Dr.	Madill St.	Beech Cres	Maplewood Rise.	Berar Rd.	Point Ideal Dr.
Castley Heights	Neva Rd	Cedar Ave.	Mountainview Dr.	Coronation St.	Renfrew Ave.
Cowichan Lake Rd.	Nootka Cres.	Chappell Cres.	Natara Place	Cowichan Ave. W.	Riverside Dr.
Darnell Rd.	North Shore Rd	Comiakem Ave.	Nelson Rd.	Fern Rd.	Sahtlam Ave. W.
Deer Rd	Oak Lane	Cottonwood St.	Nitinat Ave.	Fir St.	Sall Rd.
Elk Rd.	Park Rd.	Cowichan Ave. E	Pine St.	Hammond Rd.	South Shore Rd.
Gordon Rd.	Plante Cres.	Dawn Coe Cres.	Poplar St.	Hemlock St.	Stevens Cres.
Gravelle Pl.	River Rd.	Driftwood Ter.	Prospect Ave.	King George St.	Stone Ave.
Greendale Rd.	Rockland Rd.	Edgewood Dr.	Quamichan Ave.	Lakeview Ave.	Tal Cres.
Grosskleg Way	Savoy Rd.	Eldred Rd.	Richwood Way.	Larch St.	Tal Rd.
Heritage Creek Dr.	Stanley Rd.	Grants Lake Rd.	Sahtlam Ave. E.	Nelson Rd. E&W	Wellington Rd.
Hillside Rd.	Tern. Rd.	Greenwell Dr.	Scholey Cres.		
Johnson Pl.	Wavell Rd.	Johel Cres	Somenos St.		
Kenvir Rd.	Wilson Rd.	Johel Rd.	Winter Dr.		
Lake Park Rd.	215 Madill St.	Kingfisher Pl.	Woods Cres.		
		Kwassin Cres.			

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CVRD Recycle Hotline
 Bings Creek
 Meade Creek
 250-746-2540

For further information - see reverse side

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Place clean recyclables in blue tote provided by the Town. Sorting is unnecessary. Please rinse and flatten containers.

ACCEPTED:

- MIXED PAPER**, including junk mail, brochures, envelopes, white and coloured office paper, fax paper, paper bags, carbonless copy paper, file folders, business cards, index cards, packing paper, calendars, shredded paper, gift wrapping paper (without foil), shredded paper (bagged)
- CARDBOARD**, fiber egg cartons, paper towel cores, cardboard packaging such as cereal, clean pizza boxes and detergent boxes
- NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES**, newspaper inserts including glossy material, phone books and catalogues (Do not tie or bundle newspapers)
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** including flattened packing boxes, liquor boxes, etc. (Maximum 30 cm X 90 cm)
- METALS**, including cans & tins, foil, aluminum pie plates and empty aerosol containers from food, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant and hairspray
- PLASTICS** any clean flattened plastic, jugs & bottles, jars & lids, tubs, empty pill bottles, milk jugs and garden pots/trays
- CARTONS**, milk, milk-type beverages, cream, ice cream, frozen yogurt, substitute eggs, molasses, soup, broth and sauce containers

NOT ACCEPTED:

- refundable containers
- unclean recyclables
- film plastic including plastic bags & overwrap
- waxed cardboard or waxed paper or wax-coated boxes
- paper towels, napkins or tissues
- books or soiled newspapers
- chip bags, other foil-lined bags or contaminated foil
- glass or ceramics
- syringes, needles or sharp objects
- coat hangers, pots, pans or baking trays
- paint cans, aerosols, hazardous materials
- pails larger than 25L

Free Recyclables at Meade & Bings Creek Facilities

Yard and garden materials including grass, leaves and branches no greater than 3 inches or 7.6 cm in diameter
(No sod, rock or dirt)

- Glass containers, clean and lids removed
- Scrap Metal (appliances, bicycles, BBQ's)
- Styrofoam, clean of all contaminants
- Film plastic including plastic bags

Other items may be dropped off at recycling depots in the Cowichan Valley. A free recycling directory is available from the C.V.R.D. with additional details.

This is Bear Country

Bears frequently wander into Town drawn by human food and/or garbage. Help keep bears away from your home by removing any bear-attracting food sources.

- ◆ Do not feed bears or leave pet food outside
- ◆ Do not overfill or stack garbage outside of your container
- ◆ Store garbage in secure enclosure (garage) until pick up day
- ◆ Put trash out on the morning that it will be picked up
- ◆ Freeze pungent waste until pick up day.

ORGANICS, REFUSE & RECYCLING

All totes must be at curbside by 7:00 am July 2 through August 30 and 8:00 am for the remainder of the year.

ORGANIC WASTE

One green 80L organics tote shall be collected according to the collection calendar.

ACCEPTED:

- Any food items or leftovers
- Fruits & vegetables
- Dairy products, butter, mayonnaise
- Meat, poultry, fish & bones
- Egg shells
- Baked goods & candies
- Pasta, rice, pizza
- Bread, cereal, grains
- Nuts, pits, seeds & shells
- Coffee filters & grounds
- Tea bags
- Soiled paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Solidified fats & grease
- Houseplants, cut & dried flowers
- Soiled pizza boxes
- Paper sugar & flour bags
- Paper fast food packaging (no plastic coating)
- Used paper plates & cups
- Waxed paper & parchment paper
- Soiled & waxed boxes
- Compostable plastic only

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Plastic bags, wrap and plastic lined paper products
- Plastic containers and cutlery
- Styrofoam
- Dental floss, rubber bands
- Bandages & gauze
- Make-up remover pads, cotton swabs & balls
- Vacuum contents or bags, Dryer sheets & lint
- Cigarettes butts
- Yard & garden waste
- Pet waste or litter
- Sanitary hygiene products, condoms
- Soiled diapers & baby wipes
- Biodegradable bags – use compostable liners only

GARBAGE COLLECTION

One charcoal 80L garbage tote shall be collected **every other week** according to the collection calendar.

1. All stove ashes, saw dust and animal waste must be bagged, tied and placed inside the charcoal tote.
2. Garbage bags at curbside will not be collected. Only bags placed inside the charcoal tote or in a can (for extra tagged bags) will be collected. Tags are available for purchase at the Town Office.

CVRD Recycling Depots

Meade Creek - Lake Cowichan: 8855 Youbou Rd.
Bings Creek - Duncan: 3900 Drinkwater Rd.

Minimum charge - \$7 for garbage
Recycling - free