AUTOMATED CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION GUIDE & SCHEDULE

Organics (Food & Yard Waste) • Recycling • Garbage

January to December 2026

TOWN OF COMOX

1809 Beaufort Avenue, Comox • V9M 1R9

www.comox.ca/solidwaste

AUTOMATED CURBSIDE COLLECTION CARTS

PLACE AT THE CURBSIDE BY 8AM

THE CART SIZE AND MAX WEIGHT LIMIT IS LISTED ON THE LID: 360L = 332.5lbs / 240L = 227.5lbs / 120L = 122.5lbs
ALLOW FOR 1 METRE (3FT) OF CLEARANCE AROUND ALL CARTS.

Organics (Weekly collection) — GREEN LID CART

Both food and yard waste can be included in the green automated collection cart. Please ensure all the material is kept inside the cart with the lid completely closed. If you choose to line your organics cart, use paper such as a yard waste bag, newspaper, food soiled paper and cardboard (napkins & pizza boxes). For a detailed listing of acceptable organic items, visit **comox.ca/organicsbrochure**

NOT ACCEPTABLE:
- Biodegradable or compostable plastics
- Oils/grease
- Sod and soil
- Pet waste and diapers

ACCEPTABLE:
- Leaves
- Branches cut up to fit within your cart with the lid completely closed
- Grass clippings

Recycling (Bi-weekly Collection) — BLUE LID CART

Place all items loose in the cart, no need to bag or stack. Dry paper only. Empty and rinse containers. Remove any tape, string, ribbon or other contaminants.

Materials placed in plastic bags will not be accepted.

NOT ACCEPTED: TAKE TO THE RECYCLE DEPOTS
- Glass (bottles and jars)
- Foam packaging
- Hazardous Materials *review section in this brochure*
- Flexible Plastics *(saran wrap, zipper bags, chip bags, overwrap from paper towel, etc.)*

ACCEPTABLE:

PAPER:
- Paper plates, bowls, cups *(with thin plastic lining)*
- Paper party décor *(including paper decorations, signs, hats, tablecloths and pinatas)*
- Newspaper, inserts, flyers
- Shredded paper *(contained in a paper bag or box such as a cereal or shoe box)*

PAPER PACKAGING AND CARDBOARD:
- Cardboard boxes *(broken down and placed to fit inside the cart)*
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper bags
- Clean cartons

PLASTIC:
- Single-use plastic items: plates, bowls, cups, straws, cutlery, stir sticks, coffee/tea pods
- Plastic dental floss care and tape dispensers
- Plastic food storage containers

METAL:
- Thin gauge metal storage tins
- Food tins, cans and lids
- Aluminum foil wrap

Garbage/Landfill (Bi-weekly Collection) — BLACK LID CART

All garbage needs to be bagged. No loose items in cart. Use either one large, or multiple smaller bags, tied closed to prevent items from falling onto the street when the cart is being emptied.

Learn more about what can be diverted from the garbage and into the organics and recycling waste streams by searching for items with the Wizard tool at comox.ca/solidwaste—look for the Q symbol or download the Comox Curbside App.

RECYCLING DEPOTS

Courtenay Return-it Depot
250.338.6013 • 493 Puntledge Road, Courtenay
www.return-it.ca

ACCEPTABLE:
- Refundable beverage containers
- Glass bottles & jars
- Foam packaging
- Plastic bags & overwrap
- Paper & cardboard
- Smoke alarms
- Non-refundable milk and milk substitute containers
- Electronics
- Outdoor power equipment
- Small appliances & power tools
- Paint & aerosols cans
- Batteries and cellphones
- Thermostats
- Light bulbs, tubes & fixtures

Return-it Express & GO
In the parking lot at Comox Mall 215 Port Augusta St.
return-it.ca/locations/express-go-comox/
- Refundable beverage containers

Comox Valley Waste Management Centre
250.334.6016 • 3699 Bevan Road, Cumberland
www.cswm.ca
Accepts garbage, yard waste and Recycle BC materials including flexible plastics, glass & foam packaging, electronics, appliances, light bulbs, batteries, metal, paint and commercial recycling. Household hazardous waste accepted Thursdays, Fridays & select Saturdays – more details below.

Additional Information
Emterra Group • 250.336.8066
Recycle BC • www.RecycleBC.ca
Product Care Recycling • www.ProductCare.org
Recycling Council of BC • 1.800.667.4321 • www.rcbc.ca
Comox Strathcona Waste Management • www.cswm.ca

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

These materials are NOT accepted in any of the curbside collection carts: batteries; bleach or aerosol containers with any contents remaining; compressed gas cylinders (including used propane cylinders); containers for paint, motor oil, vehicle lubricants or antifreeze; containers for pesticides with the words explosive, corrosive or flammable, and biodegradable or compostable plastics. These materials are accepted by appropriate recycling facilities or Comox Valley Waste Management Centre on applicable days.
For more information, visit www.cswm.ca/hhw

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

PLACE AT THE CURBSIDE BY 8AM

GARBAGE & ORGANICS | RECYCLING & ORGANICS | STATUTORY HOLIDAYS*

January 2026

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February 2026

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March 2026

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August 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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*Weekend statutory holidays are not highlighted as they do not impact the regular weekday curbside collection schedule.

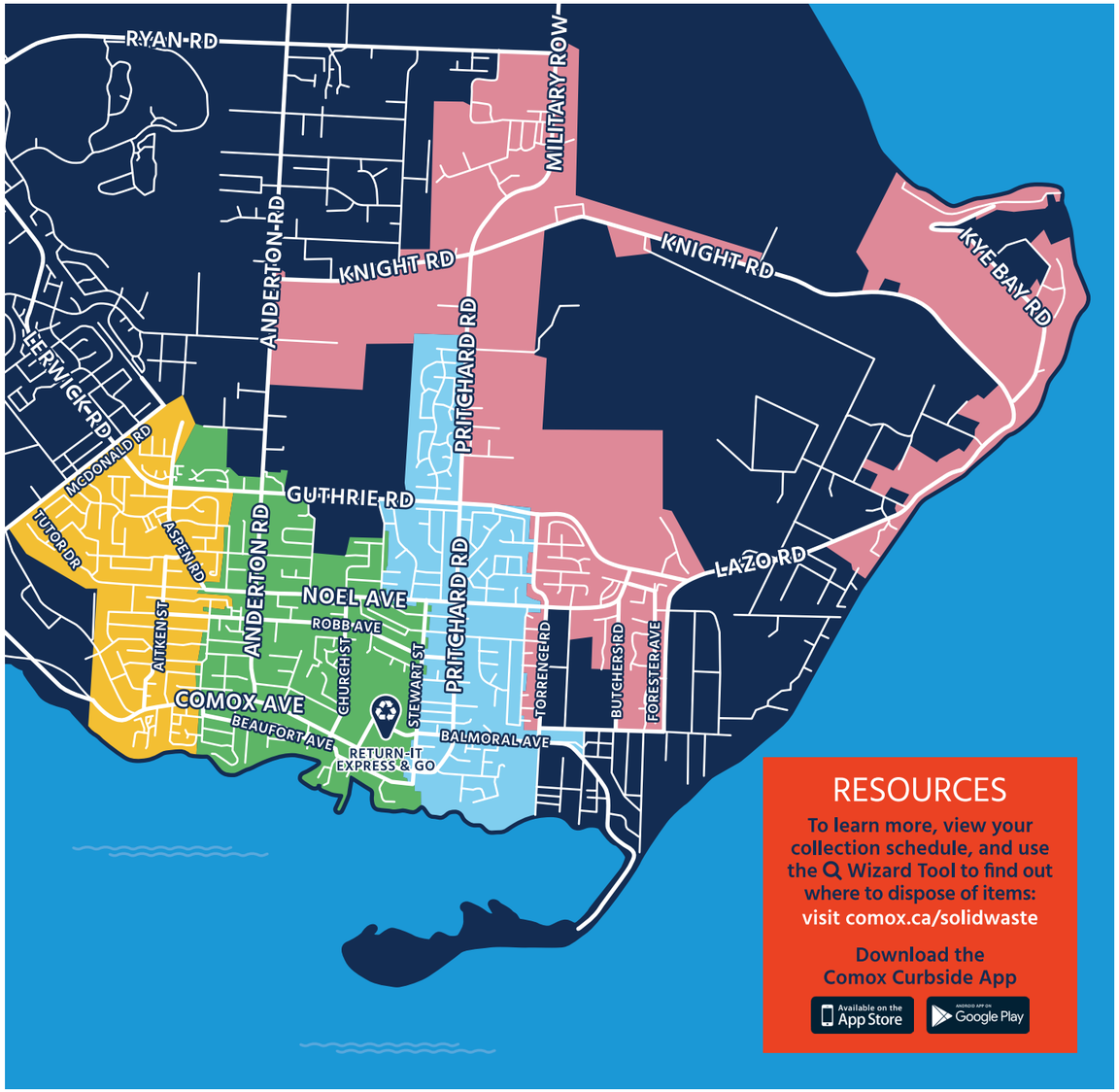
CURBSIDE COLLECTION QUESTIONS?

Emterra Environmental is the Town's curbside collection contractor. They can answer questions about collection zones, missed pickups, holiday or collection schedules. **For more information, call 250.336.8066**

YOUR COLLECTION ZONE

COLLECTION MISSED? PLEASE CALL EMTERRA AT 250.336.8066

YELLOW ZONE | GREEN ZONE | BLUE ZONE | PINK ZONE



RESOURCES

To learn more, view your collection schedule, and use the Wizard Tool to find out where to dispose of items: visit comox.ca/solidwaste

Download the Comox Curbside App

Available on the App Store | Google Play