

The Village of Lions Bay has become the latest municipality to join the Recycle BC residential packaging and paper recycling program as a collection partner. Starting September 2, 2022, the majority of residents likely won't be aware of a change happening at the curb, but a change is happening, nonetheless.

Under the new partnership, the current curbside collection program will continue to be operated by the Municipality through its current contractor, Waste Control Services, but the collected materials will be managed by Recycle BC. Lions Bay residents who are currently part of the curbside recycling program will not see any changes to their day-to-day recycling. For more information, see our initial announcement here.

To get ahead of the curve and for a comprehensive list of what goes where and to download a detailed recycling charts visit www.lionsbay.ca/recycling. For more information about Recycle BC visit recyclebc.ca.

Recycle BC FAQ

What changes can I expect to see?

There will be no changes to what residents can put in the blue recycling totes. Since 2018, Municipal Staff have been working to align the residential recycling program to ensure there will be no changes to residents.

Who will be picking up my recycling?

Curbside recycling will continue to be picked up by Waste Control Services. Residents will not see any changes to their curbside collection pick up and schedule. As always, Waste Control Services operates a dispatch service to attend to customer service inquiries – simply call 604-986-9777 if you have any concerns with your waste collection.

What is contamination?

Contamination in residential recycling refers to material that is not accepted in the curbside recycling program. Contamination reduces the ability to effectively recycle material. If we recycle only materials that are accepted in our recycling program, we can keep contamination

levels low. The following brochures will help you sort your materials: <u>Mixed Containers</u> and <u>Mixed Paper</u>

Where does my recycling go?

Once your materials are collected through the curbside collection program, they are transported to a material recovery facility (MRF). Once they arrive, the materials are unloaded in bulk and put onto a conveyor belt where the sorting process begins. After non-recyclable materials are manually removed, the recyclables are separated, quality controlled and baled together with like materials. Once material is sorted and baled, the bales are sent to end markets and processed into new raw materials. Many materials are recycled back to their original purpose, such as plastic bottles and paper products, while others are transformed into something completely new. To lean more about the process, visit www.recyclebc.ca/recycling-process/.

• Who is Recycle BC and what is its mandate?

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper recycling throughout British Columbia, servicing over 2 million households or over 99% of B.C. The recycling program is funded by businesses, such as retailers, manufacturers, and restaurants, that supply packaging and paper to B.C. residents, thus shifting costs away from local governments and homeowners. Recycle BC strives for recycling leadership, offering equitable, effective, and efficient residential recycling services.

• What do I do with non-curbside recyclable materials?

Items such as plastic bags, overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging and Styrofoam that are not accepted in the curbside recycling program will continue to be accepted at recycling depots and London Drugs stores. Residents of Lions Bay can bring their recyclable materials to the North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre located at 30 Riverside Drive West, North Vancouver (604-681-5600), or any other participating depots

Where can I find a list of what goes where?

For more information about local recycling programs including a list of what goes where please visit https://www.lionsbay.ca/recycling.