



# **RICHMOND RECYCLING & GARBAGE COLLECTION GUIDE**

## **FOR CENTRALIZED COLLECTION**

[richmond.ca/recycle](http://richmond.ca/recycle)



# WHAT'S IN THIS GUIDE?

Richmond offers a wide range of programs and services to make it easy and convenient for residents to recycle. For multi-family complexes, programs range from recycling carts in central collection areas to Richmond Recycling Depot drop-off services. This guide highlights each program and provides tips on how to recycle and reduce waste.



## GARBAGE CART PROGRAM

Centralized collection of household materials that cannot be recycled.



## LARGE ITEM PICK UP PROGRAM

Scheduled pick up of six household items per year. Call 604-270-4722 to arrange pick up.



## GREEN CART PROGRAM

Centralized collection of food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings.



## BLUE CART PROGRAM

Centralized collection of mixed packaging containers, mixed paper and glass bottles/jars.



## RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

Free drop-off of a broad range of recyclable household items.



## TIPS TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY AND SAFELY

Tips on how to avoid contaminating your recycling carts and preparing items for recycling.

# RECYCLE MORE AT THE RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

5555 LYNAS LANE, OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK,  
9:00 A.M. TO 6:15 P.M.

You'll be amazed by how much you can take – for free – to the Richmond Recycling Depot, open seven days a week. It's easy and convenient to drop off multiple items for safe recycling, including:

- Electronics
- Flexible plastic packaging (including chip bags, snack packaging, ziplock bags and bubble wrap)
- Fire extinguishers
- Lead acid batteries
- Motor oil, filters and antifreeze
- Plastic bags and overwrap
- Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam)
- Propane tanks and butane cylinders
- Small appliances
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Upholstered furniture

For a full list of items, visit [richmond.ca/depot](http://richmond.ca/depot), or refer to the Richmond Recycling Depot section of this guide. Look for our interactive depot map online.



# GARBAGE CART PROGRAM

The following information applies to complexes with City Garbage Cart collection. Please use the following tips to help keep recyclables out of the garbage and to make sure your garbage can be picked up safely.



## WHAT GOES IN THE GARBAGE? NOT MUCH!

The more we recycle, the less we need to throw in the garbage. The following are examples of the few remaining household items that go into the garbage:

- Diapers & baby wipes
- Dishware, broken ceramics/glass
- Plastic cling wrap
- Plastic utensils & drinking straws
- Biodegradable/compostable plastics

### PLEASE NOTE:

There are also some hazardous materials and other household items that must be taken to drop-off locations for safe disposal. Visit [richmond.ca/recycle](http://richmond.ca/recycle) for more information.



**REMINDER:** Food scraps are not permitted in the garbage – they are banned from the landfill by Metro Vancouver. Please recycle food scraps in the Green Cart.



## ADDITIONAL GARBAGE

### Garbage Disposal Vouchers

When you have excess garbage or items that are too large for the Garbage Cart, you can use a \$5 Garbage Disposal Voucher at the Vancouver Landfill. The Voucher will cover up to \$25 in disposal charges (one per household per year). Vouchers are available for purchase at all City facilities. Visit [richmond.ca/garbage](http://richmond.ca/garbage) for locations.

### Large Item Pick Up Program

Residents of complexes with City Garbage Cart service are eligible for the City's Large Item Pick Up program. See the Large Item Pick Up tab for information.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Under Bylaw #6803, you can be fined for putting household garbage in public litter bins or littering in parks and other public spaces, as well as for illegal dumping. Please help keep our community clean and litter-free.

## ! RECYCLING - NOT GARBAGE

The items below are **not** allowed in the garbage. Please recycle them as noted below.



### Rigid Plastic Containers

Put in your Containers Recycling Cart.



### Food Scraps/ Soiled Paper

Put in your Green Cart.



### Mixed Paper

Put in your Mixed Paper Recycling Cart.



### Polystyrene Foam (e.g. Styrofoam) Blocks

Bring to Richmond Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane.

# LARGE ITEM PICK UP PROGRAM

SET OUT  
AT 7:30  
A.M.

Richmond's Large Item Pick Up program is only available to complexes with City Garbage Cart service. This program provides a convenient collection service for up to six large household items per unit, per year, including mattresses, furniture and appliances.

This program is designed to make it more convenient to dispose of large household items and to help reduce illegal dumping. Through this program, large household items that can be recycled will be diverted from the landfill.

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

- 1** To schedule collection of up to six items per year, residents can contact the City's service provider, **Sierra Waste Services at 604-270-4722** or schedule online at [richmond.ca/largeitem](http://richmond.ca/largeitem).
- 2** Sierra Waste Services will contact you to provide a pick-up date and confirmation number.
- 3** On your scheduled pick-up date only, place items at the curb or designated collection point before 7:30 a.m. (no earlier than 8:00 p.m. the night before).



**!** **REMINDER:** Please ensure mattresses are dry and wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape before placing them at the curb for pickup. **TIP:** Reuse the bag from newly-purchased mattresses or purchase bags from home hardware and supply stores.

## WHAT'S ACCEPTED AND NOT ACCEPTED?

Each piece of furniture or large item counts as one item. For example, a table and two chairs equals three items. A metal bed frame, mattress, boxspring and separate headboard are four items, and a sectional couch with two parts is two items.



### ACCEPTED

- ✓ Appliances (stove, dishwasher, washer and/or dryer, hot water tank, refrigerator, freezer, microwave)
- ✓ Barbecue (remove lava rock briquettes and/or propane tank)
- ✓ Bed frame
- ✓ Electric lawnmower
- ✓ Exercise equipment (treadmill, elliptical, weight set)
- ✓ Furniture (couch, coffee table, chair, desk, dresser, TV stand, cabinet, table, hutch, crib, high chair, entertainment centre)
- ✓ Headboard
- ✓ Mattress, boxspring (must be dry)
- ✓ Outdoor furniture (chair, patio table, patio umbrella)
- ✓ Small household goods, provided they are boxed or bundled and are a reasonable size (one box or bundle is equal to one of the resident's six allotted items)
- ✓ Tires (car and light duty truck)
- ✓ Upholstered furniture (must be dry)

### NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Car bodies or parts
  - ✗ Carpets
  - ✗ Gas lawnmowers\*
  - ✗ Hazardous waste
  - ✗ Lumber
  - ✗ Demolition (drywall)
  - ✗ Home renovation (sinks, flooring, doors, windows)
  - ✗ Mattresses/boxsprings and upholstered furniture that are wet or infested with bed bugs or vermin
  - ✗ Propane tanks\*
  - ✗ Tree stumps
- For drop-off options, call Environmental Programs at 604-276-4010 or visit [richmond.ca/recyclesearch](http://richmond.ca/recyclesearch)

### PREPARATION – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Wrap mattresses in plastic and seal with tape to prevent them from getting wet. Cover boxsprings and upholstered furniture with tarps or plastic to keep it dry. Tarps will be left behind for reuse.
- ✓ Confirm mattresses, boxsprings and upholstered furniture are free of bedbugs to ensure they can be accepted for recycling.
- ✓ Remove latch/door from freezers, refrigerators or any other container equipped with a door, latch or locking device.

If your household item is not listed, contact Sierra Waste Services at 604-270-4722 to see if it is accepted for collection.

\* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot

# GREEN CART PROGRAM

Food scraps, garden trimmings and food-soiled paper are recycled in the Green Carts. These materials are not permitted in the garbage. It is important for every resident to take responsibility for recycling food scraps to keep these organic materials out of the garbage.



**No plastic or biodegradable/compostable plastic bags. Please use newspaper or paper bags to wrap your food scraps.**



## WHAT GOES IN YOUR GREEN CART

### ACCEPTED

- ✓ Breads & pastas
- ✓ Coffee grounds & filters
- ✓ Cooking oil in small amounts that can be wiped up & absorbed with paper towel or newspaper
- ✓ Egg & dairy products
- ✓ Fat & grease solids
- ✓ Fruits & vegetables
- ✓ Food-soiled paper towels, napkins & paper plates
- ✓ Microwavable popcorn bags
- ✓ Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, bones & table scraps
- ✓ Paper tea bags
- ✓ Rice & noodles
- ✓ Garden trimmings & plant clippings\*
- ✓ Small amounts of clean/untreated wood

\*Branches must be no more than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter and cut short enough to fit in the Green Cart with the lid closed.

### NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Compostable and/or biodegradable plastic bags
- ✗ Glass, metal or foil
- ✗ Large amounts of liquid grease or cooking oil\*
- ✗ Plastic bags & plastic takeout containers\*
- ✗ Plastic mesh tea bags
- ✗ Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam) materials\*

\* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot





## HOW TO RECYCLE FOOD SCRAPS

- 1** Collect food scraps in a kitchen container.
- 2** Take kitchen container and food soiled paper to the central collection area in your building.
- 3** Empty food scraps from the kitchen container into the Green Cart and close the lid.

Centralized Green Carts are lined by the City and cleaned once per month.



### TIPS TO PREVENT ODOURS

- Wrap food scraps in newspaper, paper bags or used paper towels (no plastic, compostable or biodegradable bags).
- Line kitchen container with paper bag liner\* or newspaper.
- Freeze food scraps – especially spoiled meat – until collection day.
- Sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen container.
- Wash your kitchen container regularly.

*\* Available at grocery and home supply stores.*

### **!** FATS, OILS & GREASE

Do not pour fats, cooking oils, grease or sauces down the drain. These materials can block sewer pipes, which can be costly to replace or repair.

#### Recycling Tips

- Absorb small amounts with used napkins/paper towel before washing dishes and recycle napkins in your Green Cart.
- Bring large quantities of used cooking oil to the Richmond Recycling Depot.



# BLUE CART PROGRAM

Richmond's Blue Cart program makes it easy and convenient to recycle rigid plastic and metal packaging and containers, mixed paper products and glass bottles/jars. These recyclable materials are not permitted in the garbage. Use the Recycling Wizard in the Richmond Recycling app or visit [richmond.ca/recyclesearch](http://richmond.ca/recyclesearch) for more tips on where to recycle items.

Combine all newsprint and paper items into the Mixed Paper Recycling Cart



Place glass jars and glass bottles in the Glass Recycling Cart



Put plastic bottles, tin and aluminium cans and packaging containers in the Containers Recycling Cart



## PLEASE RECYCLE CORRECTLY

When items not accepted by Recycle BC are found in Blue Carts, the City may be subject to fines that impact costs for residents. Please recycle the items below at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



**MIXED PAPER RECYCLING CART**

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Catalogues &amp; magazines</li> <li>✓ Cereal boxes</li> <li>✓ Clean pizza boxes</li> <li>✓ Corrugated cardboard (small pieces 30 cm x 30 cm / 1 ft x 1 ft)</li> <li>✓ Flattened cardboard boxes</li> <li>✓ Newspapers, inserts &amp; flyers</li> <li>✓ Paper bags</li> <li>✓ Paper egg cartons</li> <li>✓ Paper gift wrap &amp; greeting cards</li> <li>✓ Paper takeout containers (including those with a shiny coating)</li> <li>✓ Shredded paper (place inside paper bag to avoid scattering)</li> <li>✓ Writing paper &amp; envelopes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove plastic liners/covers.</li> <li>• Remove any food residue.</li> <li>• Flatten boxes.</li> <li>• Cut cardboard into small pieces (30 cm x 30 cm / 1 ft x 1 ft).</li> <li>• <b>Place in the Mixed Paper Recycling Cart.</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i> Drop off oversized/large amounts of cardboard at the Richmond Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Cardboard boxes with wax coating</li> <li>✗ Foil-lined cardboard lids from takeout containers</li> <li>✗ Metallic wrapping paper*</li> <li>✗ Musical greeting cards with batteries</li> <li>✗ Padded envelopes</li> <li>✗ Paper bags lined with plastic (pet food or tortilla chip bags)</li> <li>✗ Plastic candy wrappers*</li> <li>✗ Plastic bags used to cover newspapers/flyers*</li> <li>✗ Ribbons &amp; bows</li> </ul>

**GLASS RECYCLING CART**

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Clear or coloured glass bottles &amp; glass jars (pickle jars, jam jars, spaghetti sauce jars, soy sauce bottles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove lids &amp; caps.</li> <li>• Remove food residue.</li> <li>• Empty &amp; rinse.</li> <li>• <b>Place in the Glass Recycling Cart.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Ceramic products</li> <li>✗ Glasses, dishes, cookware, window glass or mirrors</li> <li>✗ Lids &amp; caps (place in Containers Recycling Cart)</li> </ul>

**CONTAINERS RECYCLING CART**

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Aluminium &amp; tin cans &amp; lids</li> <li>✓ Aluminium foil &amp; foil containers (foil wrap, pie plates, food trays)</li> <li>✓ Empty aerosol cans &amp; caps (food items, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray)</li> <li>✓ Paper &amp; plastic drink cups with lids</li> <li>✓ Paper food containers &amp; cartons (ice cream, soup)</li> <li>✓ Plastic &amp; paper garden pots &amp; trays</li> <li>✓ Plastic bottles &amp; caps (food items, condiments, dish soap, shampoo, mouthwash)</li> <li>✓ Plastic containers, trays &amp; caps (bakery containers &amp; deli trays)</li> <li>✓ Plastic tubs &amp; lids (margarine, spreads, dairy products such as yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream)</li> <li>✓ Spiral wound paper cans &amp; lids (frozen juice, potato chips, cookie dough, coffee, nuts, baby formula)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove food residue.</li> <li>• Remove caps or lids; place loose in the Containers Recycling Cart.</li> <li>• Empty and rinse.</li> <li>• <b>Place in the Containers Recycling Cart.</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i> Flatten containers where possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Aerosol cans with hazardous materials (spray paint)*</li> <li>✗ Butane cylinders*</li> <li>✗ Ceramic plant pots</li> <li>✗ Compostable/biodegradable plastic</li> <li>✗ Containers for motor oil, or vehicle lubricant*</li> <li>✗ Flexible plastic packaging*</li> <li>✗ Garden hoses</li> <li>✗ Paper takeout containers</li> <li>✗ Plastic bags &amp; overwrap*</li> <li>✗ Plastic string &amp; rope</li> <li>✗ Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam) materials*</li> <li>✗ Propane tanks*</li> </ul>

\* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot

# RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

5555 LYNAS LANE – OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 9:00 A.M. TO 6:15 P.M.

The Richmond Recycling Depot is ideal for recycling a broad range of household items, including many that are not accepted in centralized collection. This includes hazardous materials like butane cylinders, propane tanks and other items that are banned from the landfill.



## ACCEPTED (Limit: 0.75 cubic metres / 1 cubic yard of material per day)

- ✓ Batteries (household & lead-acid)
  - ✓ Bicycle tires & tubes
  - ✓ Butane cylinders
  - ✓ Cell phones
  - ✓ Cooking oil & animal fat
  - ✓ Corrugated cardboard
  - ✓ Electronics
  - ✓ Empty aerosol & spiral wound cans
  - ✓ Empty motor oil & antifreeze containers
  - ✓ Exercise & hobby machines
  - ✓ Fire extinguishers
  - ✓ Flammable aerosols or liquids
  - ✓ Flexible plastic packaging (crinkly wrappers, stand up & zipper lock pouches, etc.)
  - ✓ Fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent lights & fluorescent tubes
  - ✓ Glass food & beverage containers
  - ✓ Large appliances
  - ✓ Lights & lighting fixtures
  - ✓ Mixed paper (cereal/paper boxes, clean pizza boxes, magazines, flyers, paper egg cartons, etc.)
  - ✓ Motor oil, oil filters & antifreeze
  - ✓ Paint, solvents, pesticides & gasoline
  - ✓ Plastic bags & overwrap
  - ✓ Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam)
  - ✓ Propane tanks
  - ✓ Rigid plastic
  - ✓ Scrap metal
  - ✓ Sewing, knitting & textile machines
  - ✓ Small electrical appliances & power tools
  - ✓ Thermostats, smoke & carbon monoxide alarms
  - ✓ Tin & aluminium cans
  - ✓ Tires
  - ✓ Upholstered furniture
  - ✓ Used books
  - ✓ Yard & garden trimmings – up to 0.75 cubic metres (1 cubic yard) at no charge for Richmond residents; branches must be no more than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter. Each additional cubic yard is \$20, or drop off an unlimited amount of yard trimmings at Ecowaste Industries free of charge. Proof of residency is required. Visit [ecowaste.com](http://ecowaste.com) or call 604-277-1410. **Note:** Commercial operators are charged \$25 per yard for all trimmings at the Richmond Recycling Depot.
- For a full list of accepted items and an interactive depot map, visit [richmond.ca/depot](http://richmond.ca/depot).



## NOT SURE WHERE TO RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?

Check out the Recycling Wizard, available in the free Richmond Recycling app and at [richmond.ca/recyclesearch](http://richmond.ca/recyclesearch).



**ITEMS FOR PICKUP AT THE RECYCLING DEPOT**

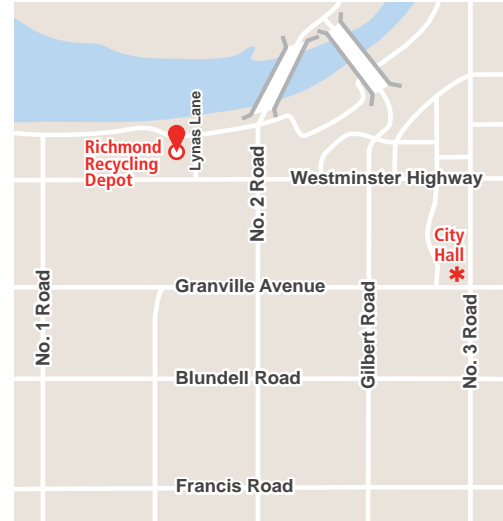


**RECYCLING SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT RECYCLING DEPOT:**

Kitchen Containers and Blue Cart indoor collection bags.

**GARBAGE DISPOSAL VOUCHERS:**

**\$5 Garbage Disposal Voucher:** Use at the Vancouver Landfill. Each Voucher covers up to \$25 in disposal charges. Limit one per household per year.



**Address:** 5555 Lynas Lane  
**Hours:** Seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
 (Closed statutory holidays)

# LET'S RECYCLE CORRECTLY AND SAFELY!

Recycling is considered contaminated when items are placed in the wrong cart, non-recyclable materials or items not accepted in the Blue Cart are put in the cart, or when items are bundled in plastic bags. Hazardous materials pose safety risks to collection staff and can be a fire hazard so they are not accepted in the Blue Cart.



The following are not accepted in the Blue Cart.  
Please take them to the Richmond Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane.



**Electronics** such as radios, computers, monitors, printers and televisions.



**Non-packaging plastics** like toys, hangers and laundry baskets.



**Non-packaging metal** like pots, pans, scissors, etc.



## DID YOU KNOW?

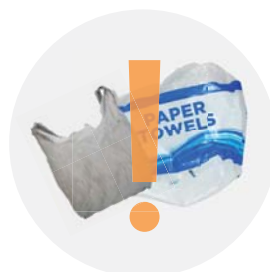
Propane tanks and butane cylinders are hazardous and need special handling. Please take these items to the Richmond Recycling Depot.



**Flexible plastic packaging** such as ziplock bags, crinkly wrappers, woven and net plastic bags, etc.



**Polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam)** including cups, blocks and packaging.



**Plastic bags** such as grocery bags and package overwrap.



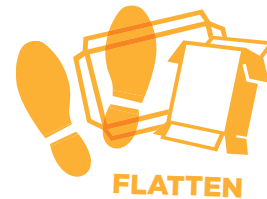
## HOW TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY

### SAVE SPACE

- Flatten boxes, and paper and plastic containers/cartons.

### REDUCE CONTAMINATION

- Empty and rinse containers before recycling.
- Sort items into correct cart – put glass bottles/jars in the Glass Recycling Cart and food scraps in the Green Cart.
- Remove lids and place materials separately in the carts.
- Do not stack items of different materials together or put recyclables in plastic bags.



**REMINDER:** Find out where to recycle items properly with the Recycling Wizard, available in the free Richmond Recycling app and at [richmond.ca/recyclesearch](http://richmond.ca/recyclesearch).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Report illegal dumping and missed collection, or order recycling supplies

**604-276-4010**

**[garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca](mailto:garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca)**

Find where to recycle household items, including hazardous materials

**[richmond.ca/recyclesearch](http://richmond.ca/recyclesearch)**

**[richmond.ca/depot](http://richmond.ca/depot)**

Tips to support a circular economy

**[richmond.ca/rethink](http://richmond.ca/rethink)**

Schedule large item pick up

**604-270-4722**

**[richmond.ca/largeitem](http://richmond.ca/largeitem)**

Donate used items

**[richmondshares.bc.ca](http://richmondshares.bc.ca)**

Recycle BC tips and resources

**[recyclebc.ca](http://recyclebc.ca)**

Recycling Wizard and more

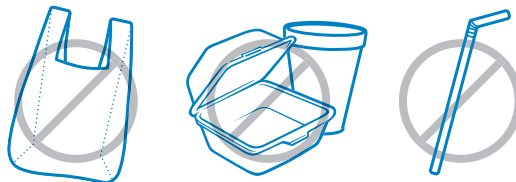
**[Richmond Recycling app](#)**

Richmond Recycling Depot

**[richmond.ca/depot](http://richmond.ca/depot)**

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## TIPS TO AVOID SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

By making better choices – such as reusable bags and straws, or compostable paper products – we are doing our part to help reduce pollution. Together, we can reduce waste by avoiding single-use items and choosing better alternatives.

### TRY THESE ALTERNATIVES:



✓ Paper or reusable bags

✓ Reusable cups and containers



✓ Containers that are recyclable in the Blue Cart



✓ Reusable straws (metal, silicone, glass or hard plastic)

Learn more about the problems from this unnecessary waste and how to avoid single-use items at [richmond.ca/singleuse](http://richmond.ca/singleuse).

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