

Let's  
trim  
our  
waste!



# **RICHMOND RECYCLING & GARBAGE COLLECTION GUIDE**

## **FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION**

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



# LET'S RECYCLE CORRECTLY!

The following are a few tips to safely recycle household items that are not accepted in Blue Box/Cart recycling.

If there is contamination in the recycling – items in the wrong bins, unaccepted materials or recycling bundled in plastic bags – these materials will not be accepted at processing facilities and go in the garbage. Hazardous materials pose safety risks to collection staff and can be a fire hazard.

**The following items are not accepted in Blue Box/Cart recycling. Please recycle them using drop-off programs.**



**Electronics** such as computers, monitors, printers, televisions and radios are accepted at Return-It depots. ([www.return-it.ca/electronics](http://www.return-it.ca/electronics))



**Non-packaging plastics** like bags, over wrap, toys, hangers and laundry baskets are accepted at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



**Styrofoam** like take-out boxes, cups, meat trays and packaging are accepted at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



**Cell phones and batteries** are hazardous items if not recycled properly. Please recycle them at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



**Hazardous liquids** like paints, solvents, pesticides and gasoline can be recycled at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



**Propane tanks** are hazardous items. Please return them to Richmond Husky service stations or the Vancouver Landfill.



## DID YOU KNOW?

If you're not sure where to recycle household items, you can easily find out using the Recycling Wizard on the free Richmond Collection Schedule App available at the Apple and Android app stores and [www.richmond.ca/recycle](http://www.richmond.ca/recycle) or visit [www.metrovancouverrecycles.org](http://www.metrovancouverrecycles.org).

# WHAT'S IN THIS GUIDE?

Richmond offers a variety of programs and services to make it easy and convenient to recycle. This guide highlights each program and provides tips on how to recycle.



## GARBAGE CART

**Biweekly** curbside collection of household materials that cannot be recycled.



## LARGE ITEM PICK UP

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



## GREEN CART

**Weekly** collection of food scraps, food soiled paper and yard trimmings.



## BLUE BOX/CART

**Weekly** collection of mixed packaging containers, mixed paper and glass jars and bottles.



## RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

**Free drop off** of Styrofoam, appliances, batteries, cell phones, plastic bags and overwrap, etc. Sale of residential compost bins and rain barrels.



## RECYCLING TIPS & OTHER DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Tips on proper preparation of recyclables and resources for hazardous material disposal.

# GARBAGE CART COLLECTION

7:30  
a.m.

Biweekly curbside garbage collection is provided to residents in single-family homes and some townhomes. For townhomes with private garbage collection, this information may not apply. Please contact your building or property manager for information.



## WHAT GOES IN THE GARBAGE? NOT MUCH!

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

- Diapers & baby wipes
- Broken ceramics & broken glass
- Plastic cling wrap
- Plastic cutlery
- Chip bags and candy wrappers

*\*There are also some hazardous materials and other household items that must be taken to drop-off locations for safe disposal. See the Tips and Other Disposal Options tab for more information.*



## GARBAGE CART TIPS



### ONE CART PER HOUSEHOLD

Carts are provided by the City and annual fees for curbside garbage collection are based on cart size.



### BIWEEKLY GARBAGE PICK UP

Place garbage and recycling at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day, **every other week.**



### SAFE STORAGE

Please return all of your garbage and recycling containers to their storage location by 9 p.m. on collection day.



### ADDITIONAL GARBAGE

- Garbage Tags and Garbage Disposal Vouchers are available for purchase at all City facilities. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit [www.richmond.ca/garbage](http://www.richmond.ca/garbage).
- Garbage Tags: \$2 each for each additional garbage bag/can.
- Garbage Disposal Voucher: \$5 each, value up to \$25 at the Vancouver Landfill (one per household per year).
- Large Item Pick Up Program: Curbside pick-up of mattresses, furniture, etc. See Large Item Pick Up tab for information.

**GARBAGE CART EXCHANGE:** If you would like to exchange your current Garbage Cart for a different size, or if you require a new Garbage Cart, either due to loss, damage or you are a new resident and your Richmond home does not have a Garbage Cart, please call 604-276-4010. The cost to exchange a Garbage Cart is \$25. Your curbside collection fee will be adjusted according to the size of your cart.



#### EXTRA LARGE

360 litres  
D 34.5 x W 25 x  
H 44.5 inches



#### LARGE

240 litres  
D 27.5 x W 24.5 x  
H 43 inches

Standard size for  
single-family homes



#### MEDIUM

120 litres  
D 21.5 x W 19 x  
H 37.5 inches

Standard size  
for townhomes



#### SMALL\*

80 litres  
D 20 x W 16 x  
H 34.5 inches

\* Extra Small cart (46.5 Litres) is also available by request at the same rate as a Small cart.

# CURBSIDE COLLECTION FOR LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

7:30  
a.m.

Richmond's Large Item Pick Up program provides convenient curbside collection service for up to four large household items 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, which will help Richmond achieve its goal for 80% waste diversion by 2020.

**Large Item Pick Up is currently provided to residents in single-family homes and townhomes with City Garbage Cart and/or Blue Box service.**

## STEPS ON HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

- 1** To schedule collection of up to four items per year, residents can contact the City's service provider, **Sierra Waste Services at 604-270-4722** or schedule online at [www.richmond.ca/largeitem](http://www.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 before 7:30 a.m. or no earlier than 8:00 p.m. the night before.



## SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

**Safety Notice:** The item(s) must be able to be safely handled from the curbside in order to qualify for collection. To ensure your mattress or cloth furniture can be handled safely, please keep them dry and mould-free by covering them in a plastic bag. Reuse the bag from newly-purchased furniture or purchase bags from home hardware and supply stores. Water-logged items that become too heavy may not be picked up due to safety considerations for staff.

## 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

- ✓ Furniture (e.g. couch, coffee table, chair, desk, dresser, TV stand, cabinet, table, hutch, crib, high chair, entertainment center)
- ✓ Appliances (e.g. stove, dishwasher, washer and/or dryer, hot water tank, refrigerator, freezer, microwave)
- ✓ Electric lawnmower
- ✓ 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 four allotted items)
- ✓ Barbecue (remove lava rock briquettes and/or propane tank)
- ✓ Mattress or boxspring
- ✓ Headboard
- ✓ Bed frame
- ✓ Outdoor furniture (chair, patio table, patio umbrella)
- ✓ Weight training equipment (treadmill, elliptical, stationary bike, stair master, weight set)

### NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Car bodies or parts
  - ✗ Carpets
  - ✗ Gas lawnmowers
  - ✗ Hazardous waste
  - ✗ Lumber
  - ✗ Demolition (drywall)
  - ✗ Home renovation (sinks, flooring, doors, windows)
  - ✗ Propane tanks
  - ✗ Tires
  - ✗ Tree stumps
- For drop-off options, call the RCBC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9253

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



### DID YOU KNOW?

Wet mattresses cannot be recycled and pose safety hazards for lifting, which is why you need to cover your mattresses in plastic before placing them at the curb for pick up.

# GREEN CART

## FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD TRIMMINGS RECYCLING

7:30  
a.m.

Food scraps are banned from the garbage, which means they must be recycled or composted. Richmond's convenient options to recycle food scraps and yard trimmings include the Green Cart program, home composting (bins available at the Richmond Recycling Depot), and garden and yard trimmings drop-off services at the Richmond Recycling Depot and Ecowaste.



## WHAT GOES IN YOUR GREEN CART

### ACCEPTED

- ✓ Breads & pastas
- ✓ Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
- ✓ Egg & dairy products
- ✓ Fat & grease solids
- ✓ Fruits & vegetables
- ✓ Food-soiled paper towels, napkins, paper plates & pizza delivery boxes
- ✓ Microwavable popcorn bags
- ✓ Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, bones & table scraps
- ✓ Rice & noodles
- ✓ Small amounts of cooking oil that can be wiped up and absorbed with paper towel or newspaper
- ✓ Yard trimmings & grass clippings

### NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Compostable and/or biodegradable plastic bags
- ✗ Glass, metal or foil
- ✗ Large amounts of liquid grease or cooking oil\*
- ✗ Plastic bags & plastic take out containers\*
- ✗ Styrofoam materials\*

\* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot



**PLEASE DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN YOUR GREEN CART**



Do not put fats, oils or grease down the sink, garburator or dishwasher, as this causes build-up and damage to sewer pipes.



## GREEN CART TIPS



Place cart at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on collection day and no earlier than 8:00 p.m. the night before.



Please return your Green Cart to its storage location by 9:00 p.m. on collection day.



Use an unlimited amount of paper yard waste bags and/or Green Cans for extra yard trimmings. To order a Green Can sticker, contact Environmental Programs at 604-276-4010.



Ensure branches do not extend beyond the top of the container. They must be less than 4 inches (10 cm) in diameter.



To prevent odours:

- Sprinkle baking soda in your cart
- Wash your can/cart regularly
- Wrap food scraps in newspaper, paper bags or used paper towels and freeze until collection day

For program requirements visit [www.richmond.ca/greencart](http://www.richmond.ca/greencart).

**GREEN CART EXCHANGE:** If you would like to exchange your current Green Cart for a different size, or if you require a new Green Cart, either due to loss, damage or you are a new resident and your Richmond home does not have a Green Cart, please call 604-276-4010. The cost to exchange a Green Cart is \$25.



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### COMPACT

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H 27 inches

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Standard size  
for townhomes

# BLUE BOX & BLUE CART RECYCLING

7:30  
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Richmond's Blue Box and Blue Cart programs make it easy and convenient to recycle paper products, aerosol cans, spiral wound containers, milk cartons, plastic/paper drink cups, aluminium foil, tin can, rigid plastic containers and glass bottles and jars. These recyclable materials are not permitted in the garbage.

## WHAT GOES WHERE:

Combine all newsprint and paper items into a yellow Mixed Paper Recycling Bag or Mixed Paper Recycling Cart



Glass jars and bottles are recycled using the grey Glass Recycling Bin or Glass Recycling Cart



Plastic bottles, tin and aluminium cans and more recyclable items go in your Blue Box or Containers Recycling Cart



## HOW TO GET REPLACEMENT BOXES AND BAGS

There is no charge for new or replacement Blue Boxes, Mixed Paper Recycling Bags, Glass Recycling Bins and Blue Cart Indoor Collection Bags. Boxes and bags are available for pick up at the Richmond Recycling Depot or City Hall. Replacement boxes and bags can be requested by calling the Environmental Programs Information Line at 604-276-4010.

**MIXED PAPER RECYCLING BAG/CART**

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Newspapers, inserts &amp; flyers</li> <li>✓ Flattened cardboard boxes</li> <li>✓ Catalogues &amp; magazines</li> <li>✓ Cereal boxes</li> <li>✓ Clean pizza boxes</li> <li>✓ Corrugated cardboard (small pieces, 30 cm x 30 cm)</li> <li>✓ Junk mail</li> <li>✓ Paper bags</li> <li>✓ Paper egg cartons</li> <li>✓ Telephone books</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>• <b>Place in Mixed Paper Recycling Bag or Mixed Paper Recycling Cart</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Blue Box Collection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excess cardboard must be flattened and bundled. Bundle size: 3 ft x 2 ft x 4 in (90 cm x 60 cm x 10 cm)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i> Oversized/large amounts of cardboard can be dropped off at the City's 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 take-out containers</li> <li>✗ Plastic bags used to cover newspapers/flyers</li> <li>✗ Metallic wrapping paper</li> <li>✗ Ribbons or bows</li> <li>✗ Musical greeting cards with batteries</li> <li>✗ Padded envelopes</li> <li>✗ Plastic or foil candy wrappers</li> </ul>

**GLASS RECYCLING BIN/CART**

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Clear or coloured glass bottles &amp; 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 Glass Recycling Bin or Glass Recycling Cart.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Glasses, dishes, cookware, window glass or mirrors</li> <li>✗ Ceramic products</li> <li>✗ Lids &amp; caps (place in Blue Box/ Containers Recycling Cart)</li> </ul>

**BLUE BOX/CART FOR CONTAINERS**

ACCEPTED	HOW TO RECYCLE	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Empty aerosol cans &amp; caps (food items, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray)</li> <li>✓ Paper food containers &amp; cartons containing liquid when sold</li> <li>✓ Paper &amp; plastic drink cups with lids</li> <li>✓ Plastic containers, trays &amp; caps (bakery containers &amp; deli trays)</li> <li>✓ Plastic &amp; paper garden pots &amp; trays</li> <li>✓ Spiral wound paper cans &amp; lids (frozen juice, potato chips, cookie dough, coffee, nuts, baby formula)</li> <li>✓ Aluminium cans &amp; lids</li> <li>✓ Aluminium foil &amp; foil containers (foil wrap, pie plates, food trays)</li> <li>✓ Plastic jars, lids, bottles &amp; caps</li> <li>✓ Plastic tubs &amp; lids (margarine, spreads, dairy products such as yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream)</li> <li>✓ Tin cans &amp; lids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove food residue.</li> <li>• Remove caps or lids; place loose in the Blue Box/Containers Recycling Cart.</li> <li>• Empty and rinse all containers.</li> <li>• <b>Place in Blue Box or 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) or with remaining contents</li> <li>✗ Butane canisters</li> <li>✗ Ceramic plant pots</li> <li>✗ Compostable/biodegradable plastic bags &amp; containers</li> <li>✗ Containers for motor oil, vehicle lubricant or wax products</li> <li>✗ Garden hoses</li> <li>✗ Plastic bags &amp; over wrap*</li> <li>✗ Propane tanks</li> <li>✗ Styrofoam materials*</li> </ul> <p>* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot</p>

# RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

## 5555 LYNAS LANE – CONVENIENT AND CLOSE TO HOME

The Richmond Recycling Depot is ideal for recycling and drop off of items like large and small appliances, paint, solvents and other materials banned from the landfill. The City is continually expanding the range of materials accepted at the Recycling Depot.



### ACCEPTED

- ✓ Empty aerosol & spiral wound cans
  - ✓ Batteries & cell phones
  - ✓ Cooking oil & animal fat (up to 2, 5-litre containers are accepted)
  - ✓ Corrugated cardboard
  - ✓ Exercise & hobby machines (treadmills, elliptical & cross trainers)
  - ✓ Fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent lights & fluorescent tubes
  - ✓ Glass food & beverage containers
  - ✓ Large appliances (fridges, freezers & dishwashers)
  - ✓ Large metal items (bike frames & clean barbecues)
  - ✓ Magazines, including glossy catalogues & flyers
  - ✓ Paint, solvents, pesticides & gasoline (restrictions apply)
  - ✓ Plastic bags & overwrap
  - ✓ Plastic food & beverage containers
  - ✓ Power tools
  - ✓ Lights & lighting fixtures
  - ✓ Sewing, knitting & textile machines
  - ✓ Small electrical appliances (toaster ovens & electric mixers)
  - ✓ Styrofoam
  - ✓ Tin & aluminium cans
  - ✓ Used books
  - ✓ Up to 1 cubic yard of garden trimmings at no charge for Richmond residents. Each additional cubic yard is \$20. Alternatively, Richmond residents can drop off an unlimited amount of yard trimmings at Ecowaste Industries free of charge. Proof of residency is required. Visit [www.ecowaste.com](http://www.ecowaste.com) or call 604-277-1410 for hours of operation and directions.
- Note:** Commercial operators are charged \$20 per yard for all trimmings at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1996, more than 35 million kilograms of batteries have been diverted from landfills. Batteries collected are sent to recycling facilities where they are processed into reusable metals and materials. These are used to produce new batteries, stainless steel products and cement additives. For more information, visit [call2recycle.ca](http://call2recycle.ca).



## ITEMS FOR PURCHASE AT THE RECYCLING DEPOT



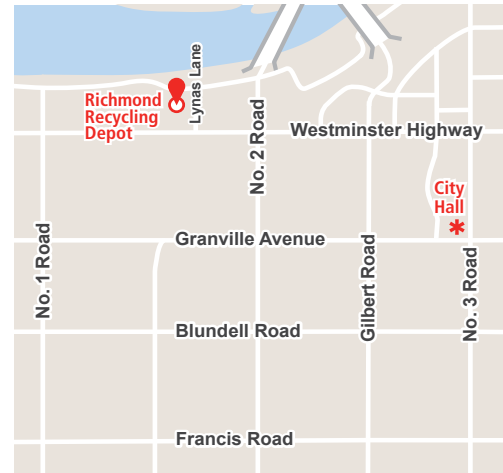
**RAIN BARRELS:** Rain barrels are available for purchase. The barrels require a water diverter unit to hook up to the downspout of the water runoff from the roof. Water diverters are available for purchase at hardware supply stores.

**COMPOST BINS:** Available to residents at a reduced price of \$25 plus tax.

### GARBAGE DISPOSAL VOUCHERS & TAGS:

**\$2 Garbage Tags:** May be purchased to help dispose of additional waste for curbside collection. One Garbage Tag must be present on each additional garbage can or bag.

**\$5 Garbage Disposal Voucher:** Value for up to \$25 in disposal charge at the Vancouver Landfill and are valid during regular operating hours. Limit one per household per year.



**Address:** 5555 Lynas Lane

**Hours:** Wednesday to Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
(Closed on statutory holidays)

# RECYCLING TIPS

Recycling is easy with these simple tips to ensure proper preparation of your recyclables.



Remove lids, and place materials separately in bins, not stacked or tied in plastic bags. Bagged items will go straight in the garbage.



Line your kitchen container with newspaper, a paper bag liner or used paper towel. Sprinkle kitchen container with baking soda to reduce odours.



Empty and rinse containers and jars to make sure no food is left inside. Recycle glass jars and bottles in the Glass Recycling Bin/Cart. Remove lids and recycle plastic and metal lids separately in the Containers Recycling Cart/Blue Box.



Flatten cardboard and/or cut into smaller pieces. Put shredded paper in a paper bag before placing in the Mixed Paper Recycling Bag/Cart to avoid scattering.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Do not put plastic bags, compostable and/or biodegradable plastic bags in your recycling bins. Recycling bundled in plastic bags is not accepted at the processing facility and will be put in the garbage. Food scraps wrapped in plastic bags contaminate the finished compost and are not accepted at the processing facility.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & ALTERNATE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

The following are examples of household items that require special handling and can be dropped off at service locations:



ITEM	DROP-OFF LOCATION	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Biodegradable or compostable plastic bags, plates and utensils	Household garbage		
Batteries and cell phones	Richmond Recycling Depot Richmond Regional Recycling	5555 Lynas Lane 13300 Vulcan Way	604-276-4010 1-855-701-7171
Drywall (restrictions apply)	Vancouver Landfill	5400 72 Street, Delta	604-873-7000
Electronics	OK Bottle Depot Richmond Regional Recycling Ironwood Bottle Depot	7960 River Road 13300 Vulcan Way 110-11020 Horseshoe Way	604-244-0008 1-855-701-7171 604-275-0585
Electronic toys	Richmond Regional Recycling	13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171
Plastic bags, overwrap, toys and containers	Richmond Recycling Depot	5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Propane tanks	Richmond Husky Service Husky Auto Gas	8011 No. 3 Road 9060 Bridgeport Road	604-270-3822 604-278-0011
Styrofoam	Richmond Recycling Depot	5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010



### DON'T SEE YOUR ITEM HERE?

For a list of more drop-off locations:

- Use the City's Recycling Wizard available on the Richmond Collection Schedule app and at [www.richmond.ca/recycle](http://www.richmond.ca/recycle)
- Call the RCBC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9253
- Visit [metrovancoverrecycles.org](http://metrovancoverrecycles.org)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Report Illegal Dumping or Missed Collection  
**604-276-4010**

RCBC Recycling Hotline  
**604-732-9253 (604-RECYCLE)**

Schedule Large Item Pick Up  
**604-270-4722**

Recycling Directory  
**[www.metrovancouverrecycles.org](http://www.metrovancouverrecycles.org)**

Register for Free Workshops  
**[www.richmond.ca/register](http://www.richmond.ca/register)**  
**604-276-4300 & press 2**

Compost Hotline  
**604-736-2250**

Donate Used Items  
**[www.bc.reuses.com](http://www.bc.reuses.com)**

Multi Material BC Recycling Tips  
and Resources  
**[www.recyclinginbc.ca](http://www.recyclinginbc.ca)**

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## GET WEEKLY COLLECTION REMINDERS

Download the Richmond Collection Schedule app at the Apple or Android app stores or go to [www.richmond.ca/recycle](http://www.richmond.ca/recycle) to receive weekly reminders about garbage and recycling collection.

You can also use the Recycling Wizard within the app or online, for tips on where to recycle items.

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