

Bylaws, Bans and Your Business



Richmond's Business Recycling Resources Program provides support to help businesses increase recycling and manage their waste.

There are a number of bylaws and disposal bans that affect businesses. The following is a summary of the key regulatory requirements for businesses operating in Richmond. *Please note that the tools and resources in this program should be used with, not in place of, all applicable building codes, City standards and other relevant legislation.*

Metro Vancouver Disposal Bans

Metro Vancouver is the regional government responsible for overall waste management and planning for the 21 member municipalities in the region, as well as one electoral area and one treaty First Nation.







In addition to establishing regulatory requirements and responsibilities for waste management, Metro Vancouver also determines what items are banned from the garbage.

At Metro Vancouver disposal facilities, loads are inspected for items banned from the garbage, such as recyclable materials, product stewardship materials, or hazardous materials that pose a risk to waste collection workers, the public or the environment.

! If banned materials are found in the garbage at Metro Vancouver disposal facilities, fines can be applied to the affected loads and these costs can be passed down to individual businesses.

BANNED FROM THE GARBAGE

These materials are not permitted in the garbage in Richmond (as a member municipality of Metro Vancouver). Your business must have a plan to dispose of these items, including using recycling depots or contracting a private waste hauler service for collection.

 Banned Item	 Recycling Options
Beverage containers 	Return-It depots
Clean wood 	Ecowaste Industries
Containers: glass, metal or recyclable plastic 	Richmond Recycling Depot* or contracted waste hauler
Corrugated cardboard 	Richmond Recycling Depot* or contracted waste hauler

 Banned Item	 Recycling Options
Polystyrene (Styrofoam™) packaging 	Richmond Recycling Depot*
Food waste 	Contracted waste hauler
Green waste 	Richmond Recycling Depot* or contracted waste hauler
Recyclable paper 	Richmond Recycling Depot* or contracted waste hauler

* See richmond.ca/depot for quantities and fees.



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Metro Vancouver Disposal Bans (cont.)

HAZARDOUS AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT MATERIALS



Some hazardous materials that are banned from the garbage can be recycled through provincially regulated recycling programs, while others are considered hazardous to people, animals and the environment or have high operational impacts and require special handling and/or safe disposal.

Visit Metro Vancouver's [Disposal Ban Program webpage](#) for a full list and more information.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS with Provincially-regulated Recycling Programs

Hazardous Materials pose a safety risk to people, animals and the environment.

These items may be safely disposed of at the Richmond Recycling Depot.

(For accepted quantities, visit richmond.ca/depot.)



Antifreeze and antifreeze containers



Batteries



Flammable liquids and solvents



Fluorescent lights



Gasoline



Pesticide products

Pharmaceutical products may be returned to pharmacies.

(For collection locations, call 604-732-9253 or visit healthsteward.ca.)



HAZARDOUS AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT MATERIALS Requiring Businesses to Source and Use a Safe Disposal Option

Operational Impact Materials may cause undue risk of injury or occupational disease to people at a disposal site or the public and environment, or may adversely impact operations at a disposal site. See Metro Vancouver's [Disposal Ban Program webpage](#) for details.

- Asbestos
- Biomedical waste
- Containers bigger than 205 L
- Creosote-treated wood
- Gypsum / drywall
- Flammable materials
- Mattresses
- Refuse that would cause undue risk of injury or occupational disease to any person at the disposal site or contravene Occupational Health and Safety Regulations
- Toxic plants (Giant hogweed, Daphne/Spurge laurel and Devil's club)

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City of Richmond Bylaws

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAN BYLAW

City of Richmond

Single-Use Plastic and Other Items Bylaw No. 10000 was adopted to help reduce unnecessary waste and plastic pollution, and affects all businesses operating in Richmond.

The bylaw bans the use of plastic checkout bags, plastic straws and foam food service ware for prepared foods.

Learn more at richmond.ca/SingleUse.

Related Federal Legislation

The federal government has enacted Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations which will prohibit the manufacture, import, and sale of six categories of single-use plastics: checkout bags, cutlery, food service ware made from or containing problematic plastics, straws, ring carriers and stir sticks.

To learn more about the Regulations coming into force and timelines, see the [federal overview webpage](#).

Related Provincial Legislation

The provincial government has enacted the Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation which will ban and restrict the sale of the various single-use plastic items in a phased implementation timeline. This regulation works alongside the City's Bylaw 10000, which remains effective and enforceable.

To learn more about the provincial regulation and access resources, see the [provincial overview webpage](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION BYLAW

The City of Richmond regulates rodent control in order to protect public health.

! Please be advised that the Medical Health Officer and an Inspector are authorized to enter any buildings/land for the purpose of determining the presence of rodents and may order any person to take steps to control rodents.

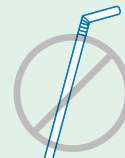
For more information, refer to Richmond's [Public Health Protections Bylaw No. 6989](#) or see *Tips to Deter Illegal Dumping, Unsanitary Premises and Rodents* in the Business Recycling Resources toolkit.

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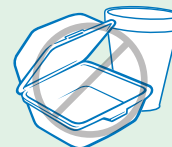
Richmond's *Single-Use Plastic and Other Items* Bylaw No. 10000 bans:



PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS
(including biodegradable and compostable plastics)



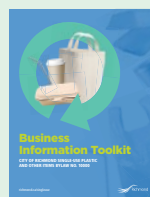
PLASTIC STRAWS
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FOAM FOOD SERVICE WARE
for prepared food
(such as plates, bowls, cups and clamshell containers)

Free Resources for Richmond Businesses

The City offers resources to assist businesses with sourcing alternatives, informing their customers and training staff. Find them at richmond.ca/BusinessRecycling.



Business Information Kit
(English & Chinese)



Customer Information Sheet
(English & Chinese)



Point of Sale Items
(posters, shelf signs, tabletop display, window decals)

Businesses are required to:

- Refrain from storing waste or debris in a manner that could shelter or provide food for rodents
- Construct and maintain buildings to prevent rodent access
- Dispose of food correctly so as to not attract rodents
- Dispose of food contaminated by rodents as it is not fit for human consumption



City of Richmond Bylaws (cont.)

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES REGULATION BYLAW

The City regulates the upkeep of properties, as outlined in the *Unsightly Premises Regulation Bylaw No. 7162*. This bylaw states a property owner or occupier must not allow the property to become or remain unsightly, or cause or permit the collection or accumulation of rubbish, filth, discarded materials, noxious or offensive or unwholesome matter or substances on or around the property.

For more information, please refer to Richmond's [Unsightly Premises Regulation Bylaw No. 7162](#).



ILLEGAL DUMPING

Property owners must ensure garbage and recycling materials are properly stored and maintained to ensure there is no risk to public health or safety. Garbage and recycling service issues are regulated under *Solid Waste & Recycling Regulation Bylaw No. 6803*.

This bylaw outlines specific requirements for property owners. In particular:

- No person may place garbage or recycling materials out for collection on another person's property.
- Dumping is illegal – A person must not deposit or dump garbage or other discarded materials on any road, park, or public place. This is a ticketable offence.

How to Report Illegal Dumping

- City property: Complete the online [City Customer Feedback Form](#) for illegal dumping or call the Bylaw office at 604-276-4345.
- Private property: Call Richmond RCMP at 604-278-1212.

For more information, please refer to the City of Richmond's [page on Illegal Dumping](#).



REGISTER FOR THE FREE BUSINESS RECYCLING RESOURCES PROGRAM

Access resources, training and customized coaching, learn how to develop a waste diversion plan and more.

Online richmond.ca/BusinessRecycling

Email BusinessRecycling@richmond.ca

Phone 604-276-4010



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