

RDOS News Area 'A'

Compost Bin Sale!

The RDOS is hosting a huge one day only **Compost Bin** sale **Saturday June 6th, 2009** at the **Penticton Trade and Convention Centre** from **9 am to 3 pm**. First come, first served. **\$39 per bin** each (taxes included)! Maximum two per home. Open to all RDOS residents.



Home composting is an excellent way to reduce your waste and make great compost for your plants and garden. Compost turners and kitchen scrap pails will also be available for purchase during this one day Compost Bin sale.

For tips on home composting contact the RDOS!

Working with the Environment

If a building project or disturbance is proposed within 30m of a watercourse, or in a sensitive area, please consult your OCP regarding development permits. For more info check our website mapping and Environmental Planning sections.



Bear Proof Your Home!

- Keep garbage in the house or animal-proof shed until pick-up or drop-off day
- Remove unused fruit trees or pick fruit daily
- Consider bear-proof fencing in orchards or vineyards with chronic bear problems
- Use birdfeeders only in winter
- Burn off the barbecue grill after each use. Store in secured area
- Bring pet dishes and pet food inside and clean up any spillage
- Use a compost bin (not pile) and place it away from wooded or hidden areas.
- No eggs, meat, cooked foods in your compost
- Use a layer of dirt or lime to cover up the smell of fruit in your composter



Visit www.bearaware.bc.ca for more details.



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Yard Waste Pickups

Jun 2, Jul 14, Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 17

Unlimited amount of residential yard and garden waste including grass, leaves and branches on your scheduled pickup dates by 7:00 am.

- Place out in clear bags or bundles
- Max weight 25 kg / 50 pounds for each bag or bundle
- Tie bundles with string or twine (1m / 3 feet max)
- No lumber or large branches



Free drop off of all yard and wood waste up to 500 kg / 1000 lbs at Osoyoos Landfill all year around.

2009 Dog Licenses

2009 Dog Licenses are available at Osoyoos Home Hardware, Shell Gas Station on Hwy 97, or the RDOS Office or online at www.rdos.bc.ca, click on Payment Options. If you have animal control concerns please contact Marshall and Daniels Security 250-498-7881 or toll free 1-866-995-4426; (24 hours a day / 7 days a week) or e-mail: mdsecurity@telus.net.

www.OkanaganReuses.com

Serving the Okanagan and Similkameen valleys, www.OkanaganReuses.com allows anyone to trade unwanted items, give them away or sell them for a nominal fee. Signing up is free and it beats making a trip to the landfill!



Battling Invasive Plants

Non-native plants can be highly destructive and difficult to control. Invasive plants degrade wildlife habitat, reduce the yields and quality of crops, impact recreational sites and reduce land values. Report any sightings of the following invasive weeds: tansy ragwort, orange hawkweed, leafy spurge, velvetleaf, rush skeletonweed and yellow starthistle. Sightings should be reported to the RDOS Invasive Plant Program at info@rdos.bc.ca. For more information on invasive plants go to: www.rdos.bc.ca or www.weedsbc.ca



Warren Weed Warrior

Fight the Bite!

Although West Nile Virus has not been found in BC it is coming. This potentially fatal disease is carried by mosquitoes. Reduce the bites you get this summer by following these simple steps:

- Remove standing water from tires, flower pots, pool covers and bird baths every 2 days.
- Install secure screens on your windows and doors and fix holes that may let bugs in
- Use mosquito repellent as directed
- Wear light coloured long sleeves and pants; especially at dawn and dusk

Mosquitoes can breed in 1 teaspoon of water. Be sure to remove stagnant water near your home!

Eliminate Garbage Burning!



The burning of garbage (prohibited materials) has been a long standing practice, however we now understand that there are health consequences, so it's time to stop burning.

Home garbage fires smolder and burn at temperatures that release hundreds of toxic chemicals into the air we breath and can contaminate water and plant surfaces.

**Never Burn Garbage—Choose the alternative
Recycle-Reuse-Dispose to the landfill**

Turn Your Key and Be Idle - Free

- 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting your engine, produces more air pollution, and will damage your engine.
- 10 minutes of idling a day uses more than 100 litres of gasoline in a year.
- With oil prices soaring at over \$100 a barrel, every litre counts!



More Than Just Bottles

Visit the **Osoyoos Bottle Depot** at **8305 72 Ave** to recycle free of charge (during business hours!):

- Paint (take dry, empty paint cans for recycling to the landfill)
- Televisions / Computers / Monitors
- Household Printers and Faxes

Phone the depot at 495-2399 for information.

Recycle other items at the Osoyoos stores below:

- Rechargeable batteries - **Source by Circuit City**
- Medicine or supplements - **Pharmasave**
- Used Oil / Filters / Containers - **OK Truck**

For more ways to recycle contact the RDOS.

Glass Collection

The next Glass Collection for the rural Osoyoos area (Area 'A') will be Sept 8th. Place out all clear or coloured container glass by 7:00 am. Free glass recycling at all landfills.

- Use re-usable plastic or wood containers
- **PLEASE DO NOT USE CARDBOARD BOXES FOR GLASS PICKUPS!**

RDOS Board Meetings - Online

The RDOS Board Schedule of Meetings and Agenda can be viewed at www.rdos.bc.ca > **Regional Government** > **Schedule of Meetings**.

To receive the RDOS Board Agendas by e-mail, visit www.rdos.bc.ca and click on > **Agenda Mailing List**.

Provincial Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation Prohibited Burning List

- tires
- treated lumber
- plastics
- rubber
- drywall
- paint
- manure
- drywall
- paint
- asphalt products
- biomedical
- fuel and lubricant containers
- railway ties
- tar paper
- demolition waste
- domestic waste
- treated lumber

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