



REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN PRESS RELEASE

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Yard Waste Collections in July

Yard Waste Collection occurs in Penticton, Naramata, Kaleden, West Bench, Heritage Hills and Carmi the week of July 6th to 10th. Homes in Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes, Oliver, Osoyoos, Keremeos and Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'G' will receive pickups the week of July 13th to 17th. Residents are asked to place bags and bundles out by 7:00 am on their regular garbage collection day.

Residents should place their yard waste in clear sturdy bags and bundle branches with twine or string. Bags and bundles should weigh a maximum of 23 kg / 50 pounds. Branches or stumps larger than 7.5 cm / 3 inches and 1 m / 3 feet in length will not be picked up. As well, lumber and food waste will not be collected.

An unlimited amount of properly bagged or bundled yard waste will be taken from each property. The next scheduled pickup is for the middle of August. For more details check your Curbside Collection calendar.

Do not burn yard waste at any time during the year. All landfills can accept up to half a metric tonne per trip (over 1000 pounds!) of yard waste free of charge. Burning yard waste increases the risk of uncontrolled wild fires while putting harmful pollutants into the local environment. In some areas burning yard waste is prohibited. Smoke and other fine particulates have been found to promote lung and heart issues; especially for the elderly, young children and people with pre-existing conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact the RDOS or your local municipality. The RDOS Solid Waste Department can be contacted at 250-490-4129, toll free 1-877-610-3737 ext. 4129 or e-mail info@rdos.bc.ca. Information on the Yard Waste Collection program is available at www.rdos.bc.ca.

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