



REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN PRESS RELEASE November 5, 2009

Yard Waste Collections in November

Yard Waste Collection occurs in Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes, Oliver, Osoyoos, Keremeos and Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'G' the week of November 16th to 20th. Homes in Penticton, Naramata, Kaleden, West Bench, Heritage Hills and Carmi will receive pickups the week of November 23rd to 27th. 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 cannot be picked up as they may damage compression equipment in the garbage trucks. Lumber and food waste also cannot be collected. Home owners can dispose up to 500 kg / 1100 pounds per load of yard waste, clean lumber and large branches at any landfill free of charge.

All RDOS Landfills can take 500 kg of yard waste free of charge year round. This will be the last curbside yard and garden waste collection in 2009.

Backyard compost bins are still available for sale at the Campbell Mountain, Summerland, Oliver and Keremeos landfills. These easy to use compost bins come with an instruction manual and cost \$39 taxes included. These bins help turn kitchen scraps, yard waste and rotten pumpkins into excellent food for your garden and house plants. For information on this limited time sale or tips on composting please contact the RDOS Solid Waste Department.

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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