



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-  
SIMILKAMEEN  
PRESS RELEASE  
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**Yard Waste Collection Next Week**

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Yard Waste collections occur in Penticton, Naramata, Kaleden, West Bench, Heritage Hills and Carmi the week of July 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Homes in Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes, Oliver, Osoyoos, Keremeos and Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'G' get pickups the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. Residents are asked to place bags and bundles out by 7:00 am on their regular garbage collection day.

Yard waste should be placed out in clear bags or be bundled with twine or string. Bags and bundles should weigh no more than 25 kg / 55 pounds. To be collected in this program, branches must be smaller than 7.5 cm / 3 inches in diameter and shorter than 1 m / 3 feet in length.

Food waste and lumber are not collected with this service and should not be mixed in bags or bundles. Please remember you can take up to 500 kg / 1100 pounds per load of yard waste, clean lumber and large branches throughout the year to any landfill free of charge.

Backyard compost bins, priced at \$39 taxes included, are available at the Campbell Mountain, Summerland, Oliver and Keremeos landfills. For a limited time, compost bins are also available to residents in the Similkameen at the Village of Keremeos and Town of Princeton. Compost bins help turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into excellent food for your plants.

If you have any questions about this collection, 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](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca). Information on the Yard Waste Collection program is available at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca).

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