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Yard Waste Collection in October

Yard Waste collections occur in Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes, Oliver, Osoyoos, Keremeos and Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'G' the week of October 4th to 8th. Homes in Penticton, Naramata, Kaleden, West Bench, Heritage Hills and Carmi get pickups the week of October 11th to 15th. Residents are asked to place bags and bundles out by 7:00 am on their regular garbage collection day during their scheduled week.

Yard waste should be in clear bags or branches can be bundled with twine or string. Bags and bundles should weigh a maximum of 25 kg / 55 pounds. For collection 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.

Regular collection of garbage and recycling will occur on Thanksgiving Day, Monday October 11th.

Home owners are reminded that any RDOS landfill will take, free of charge, up to 500 kg / 1100 pounds per load of yard waste, clean lumber and large branches any time of year. Organic waste from agricultural operations will also be accepted free of charge.

Compost bins, priced at \$39 taxes included, are still available at the Campbell Mountain, Summerland, Oliver and Keremeos landfills. For a limited time they are also available for purchase through the Village of Keremeos. These easy to use compost bins come with an instruction manual. Used as directed, compost bins help turn kitchen scraps, yard waste and rotten vegetables into excellent food for your garden and house plants.

Residents are asked to be careful when composting large amounts of fruit waste. Fruit waste can attract bears and provide a breeding area for pests such as the Spotted Wing Drosophila. Do not compost large amounts of fruit waste at one time and bury it deep within your compost pile to reduce odours and contact with flies. Freezing your fruit before placing it out for composting is recommended to reduce fruit flies and speed up the break down of material.

For more information on composting or curbside collection please contact the RDOS Solid Waste Department at 250-490-4129, toll free 1-877-610-3737 ext. 4129, e-mail info@rdos.bc.ca or visit www.rdos.bc.ca.

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