



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Deadline for Survey for Rural RDOS and Keremeos Residents Coming End of February

Residents in the Village of Keremeos and rural Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) are being asked to consider options to replace blue bag recycling. The deadline for submitting a survey is the end of February.

Currently residents with rural curbside recycling collection can use clear or clear blue bags as containers. By July 2020, clear bags used to contain recycling will no longer be accepted by recyclers. Other bags, such as shopping bags, overwrap, wrappers or pouches, are already banned in all recycling collection programs in the RDOS.

The RDOS is asking residents to consider three options. The first is for the RDOS to supply and maintain one 240 L rolling cart to each property. The cost is estimated at \$14 a year for this service. The second is for the RDOS to supply and maintain two 120 L bins. The cost is estimated at \$10 a year for this service.

The third option is for residents to supply their own reusable recycling container. Under the present system this is already allowed. The RDOS and Village of Keremeos can supply free 'Recycle Only' stickers that residents can place on their own carts, bins or cans to better identify their recycling bin. Residents interested in purchasing their own cart should contact the RDOS for information as not all carts can be lifted by the waste collector.

An information brochure has been mailed to all properties in the rural RDOS and Village of Keremeos. An online survey is available through the RDOS webpage with a video showing the three options. Surveys are asked to be filled in by February 28th, 2019. For more information please contact the RDOS Solid Waste group at info@rdos.bc.ca, 250-490-4129 or toll free at 1-877-610-3737

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Online survey link with brochure and video: <https://surveysrdos.limequery.com/548226?lang=en>

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