



**Public Works and Transportation Committee
Electronic Meeting**

**Anderson Room, City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026
4:00 p.m.**

Pg. # ITEM

MINUTES

PWT-3 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee held on March 18, 2026.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

May 20, 2026, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **2026 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 17 TO 23, 2026:
ROOTED IN SERVICE, POWERED BY COMMUNITY**
(File Ref. No. 10-6000-00) (REDMS No. 8292975)

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Designated Speaker: Bryan Shepard

Pg. # ITEM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the 2026 National Public Works Week campaign as outlined in the report titled “2026 National Public Works Week - May 17 to 23, 2026: Rooted in Service, Powered by Community”, dated March 18, 2026, from the Director, Public Works, be received for information.

2. **RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – REPORT 2025: WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE**
(File Ref. No. 10-6370-01) (REDMS No. 8332992)

PWT-20

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Designated Speaker: Kristina Grozdanich

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Recycling and Solid Waste Management – Report 2025: Working Together to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”, from the Director, Public Works, dated March 26, 2026, be approved and made available on the City's website, through various communication tools including social media channels and as part of community outreach initiatives.

3. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT



Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe, Chair
Councillor Kash Heed
Absent: Councillor Alexa Loo
Also Present: Councillor Laura Gillanders (by teleconference)
Councillor Bill McNulty
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee held on February 18, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AGENDA ADDITIONS

The Chair advised that Speeding and Traffic Hazards Near Errington Elementary School will be considered as Item No. 3A, Issues Related To Parking and Construction In The Spires Road Neighbourhood will be considered as Item No. 3B, Road Sign on Nelson Road will be considered as Item No. 3C, and two non-agenda delegations from Nelson Taylor and Erjun Ma will be added.

DELEGATIONS

- (1) Nelson Taylor, Richmond resident, reported of unsafe conditions on Minler Road, noting increased traffic due to Gilbert Road construction detours, lack of sidewalks, and safety concerns for pedestrians in a nearby school area. Mr. Taylor expressed concern about the risk of a serious accident and suggested that sidewalks and road widening would help improve safety and reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians.

A brief discussion ensued regarding (i) the potential for sidewalks to alleviate some issues in the area and (ii) accidents in the area.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff review the situation on Minler Road to review the width of the road as well as the potential addition of sidewalks and long-term traffic calming measures and report back with recommendations.

The question on the referral motion was not called as discussion ensued regarding traffic calming options. Staff advised that a transportation study for Minler Road is underway, with findings to be shared via memorandum. Staff added that while some speeding is observed in the area, traffic generally complies with posted speed limits. Staff plan to engage residents on potential traffic calming measures, noting options such as a traffic circle at Lucas Road and Minler Road and the installation of speed cushions.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) the narrow roadway, (ii) pedestrian safety concerns on Minler Road and the related February 18, 2026 Public Works and Transportation Committee discussion, which prompted a traffic study, (iii) funding options, (iv) potential short- and long-term solutions including traffic calming measures, (v) the number of boulevards without sidewalks in Richmond subdivisions, (vi) accident trends and potential links to Gilbert Road construction detours, and (vii) the effectiveness of traffic calming measures such as speed humps.

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Staff were directed to provide a memorandum summarizing the speed study results, pedestrian counts, ICBC collision data, and options for Council to consider interim improvements to pedestrian safety, such as installing a gravel shoulder, extruded curb, delineators, or a combination of the options.

The question on the referral motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

The following **motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff report back to the March 23, 2026 Council meeting with immediate road safety options for Minler Road that can be implemented within 30 days, complete with a cost-benefit analysis.

CARRIED

- (2) Erjun Ma, Organizer and Richmond Transit Committee Lead, Movement: Metro Vancouver Transit Riders, spoke to (i) the importance of improving speed and reliability of Richmond's bus system, (ii) advocacy for transit that is fast, reliable, affordable, and accessible, and (iii) infrastructure improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) delays to the installation of a left-turn lane at Blundell Road and No. 3 Road due to property constraints and (ii) the ongoing project and potential future improvements at the Garden City Road and Granville Avenue intersection.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **AWARD OF CONTRACT 8521Q – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PVC PIPE & PVC FITTINGS**

(File Ref. No. 10-6000-00) (REDMS No. 8279787)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, be authorized to negotiate and execute Contract 8521Q, Supply and Delivery of PVC Pipe and PVC Fittings with Andrew Sheret Ltd. for an initial one-year term at an estimated total value of \$925,667, excluding taxes, as outlined in the report titled "Award of Contract 8521Q – Supply and Delivery of PVC Pipe & PVC Fittings" dated February 23, 2026 from the Director, Public Works; and*

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- (2) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, be authorized to negotiate and execute up to four additional one-year extensions of Contract 8521Q, Supply and Delivery of PVC Pipe and PVC Fittings with Andrew Sheret Ltd. for a maximum estimated value of \$4,817,210, excluding taxes, over five years as outlined in the report titled “Award of Contract 8521Q – Supply and Delivery of PVC Pipe & PVC Fittings dated February 23, 2026 from the Director, Public Works.*

CARRIED

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT – 8459Q – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MUNICIPAL CASTINGS

(File Ref. No. 10-6000-00) (REDMS No. 8317041)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, be authorized to negotiate and execute Contract 8459Q - Supply and Delivery of Municipal Castings with Westview Sales Ltd. for an initial one-year term at an estimated total value of \$266,787, excluding taxes, as outlined in the report titled “Award of Contract – 8459Q – Supply and Delivery of Municipal Castings” dated February 23, 2026 from the Director, Public Works; and*
- (2) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, be authorized to negotiate and execute up to four additional one-year extensions of Contract 8459Q - Supply and Delivery of Municipal Castings with Westview Sales Ltd. for a maximum estimated contract value of \$1,396,587, excluding taxes, as outlined in the report titled “Award of Contract – 8459Q – Supply and Delivery of Municipal Castings” dated February 23, 2026 from the Director, Public Works.*

CARRIED

3. PROPOSED APPROACH TO LOWERING SPEED LIMITS

(File Ref. No. 10-6500-01) (REDMS No. 8324594)

In response to a query from Committee, staff advised that a review of all City roads, including those within the West Cambie block, was undertaken to determine suitability for a 30km/h speed limit.

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Discussion ensued regarding (i) criteria for lowering speed limits to 30 km/h on residential roads, including narrow pavement widths and absence of centre lines, (ii) the differing context of higher-volume roads in the City Centre area, (iii) the ongoing transformation of the City Centre area in the context of Transit-Oriented Areas, (iv) conducting case-by-case analysis of City Centre roads in consultation with stakeholders and residents, and (v) support from Vancouver Coastal Health.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Council approve Option 3 to lower the posted speed limit to 30 km/h as described in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation;*
- (2) *That staff bring forward bylaw amendments to facilitate the speed limit reduction, as described in Option 3 in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation;*
- (3) *That Council approve Option B for the public education plan as described in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation; and*
- (4) *That staff bring forward amendments to the Traffic Calming Related Measures – Policy 7018, as described in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued regarding speed limits on non-arterial and arterial roads in other municipalities.

As a result of the discussion, the following **amendment motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the motion be amended to add:

- (5) *That the Proposed 30 km/h Residential Neighbourhood Speed Zones map be adjusted to include the West Cambie block; and*
- (6) *That staff conduct analysis for Arcadia Road, Eckersley Road, Spires Road, Bennett Road, and Jones Road in the City Centre area to determine suitability for a 30 km/h speed limit.*

The question on the amendment motion was not called as discussion ensued regarding conducting further analysis in the City Centre area streets to determine suitability for a 30 km/h speed limit as indicated in Dr. Dawar letter of support dated March 13, 2026.

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Margie Sanderson, Director of Organizing, Vision Zero Vancouver, spoke in support of the staff recommendations, expressing that (i) reducing vehicle speeds dramatically reduces the risk of a fatality, (ii) future speed measures include the City Centre area, and (iii) she supports collaborative traffic calming measures.

Erjun Ma spoke in support of the staff recommendations, noting (i) the installation of signage required for enforcement and (ii) improving safety on arterial roads.

The question on the **amendment motion** was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

The question on the main motion as amended, which reads as follows:

- (1) *That Council approve Option 3 to lower the posted speed limit to 30 km/h as described in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation;*
- (2) *That staff bring forward bylaw amendments to facilitate the speed limit reduction, as described in Option 3 in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation;*
- (3) *That Council approve Option B for the public education plan as described in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation;*
- (4) *That staff bring forward amendments to the Traffic Calming Related Measures – Policy 7018, as described in the report titled “Proposed Approach to Lowering Speed Limits”, dated February 17, 2026, from the Director, Transportation;*
- (5) *That the Proposed 30 km/h Residential Neighbourhood Speed Zones map be adjusted to include the West Cambie block; and*
- (6) *That staff conduct analysis for Arcadia Road, Eckersley Road, Spires Road, Bennett Road, and Jones Road in the City Centre area to determine suitability for a 30 km/h speed limit.*

was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

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3A. SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC HAZARDS NEAR ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Discussion ensued regarding (i) addressing traffic and road safety concerns near schools in coordination with the Richmond School District No. 38 and Parent Advisory Councils, (ii) conducting a traffic study, (iii) installation of a stop sign on the minor road coming from the school at Herbert Road, and (iv) a comprehensive, school-specific package of roadway improvements to address identified issues.

Gregory Ould, Richmond resident, spoke to his concerns regarding ongoing traffic safety issues on the road adjacent to Errington Elementary School, referencing his submission (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1).

Further discussion ensued regarding options to install speed humps and other traffic calming measures including options for a crosswalk.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff review and investigate traffic calming measures in and around Errington Elementary School, including feeder roads, to ensure the City is addressing concerns brought forward by the neighborhood, and report back.

CARRIED

3B. ISSUES RELATED TO PARKING AND CONSTRUCTION IN THE SPIRES ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Committee referenced resident reports regarding concerns about a lack of traffic controls in the Spires Road area, including difficulty with passing and parking. Committee requested that staff review options to improve conditions for residents during ongoing construction in the Spires Road neighbourhood.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) permit parking is available in the Spires neighbourhood, with one permit currently issued, and (ii) staff will review the parking and construction situation with the City's Bylaw department and inspectors.

3C. ROAD SIGN ON NELSON ROAD

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Committee referenced a resident reporting a road sign near 7172 Nelson Road that is obscured by vegetation. Staff advised they will investigate and ensure the sign is visible or relocate it if necessary.

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4. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:44 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Councillor Michael Wolfe
Chair

Shannon Unrau
Legislative Services Associate

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.



ON TABLE ITEM

Date: Mar 18, 2026
Meeting: PWT
Item: NEW Addition

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 12:03 PM
To: Bason, Evangel
Subject: FW: *Urgent Safety Concerns* – Speeding and Traffic Hazards Near Errington Elementary School

From: Gregory Ould <gregory.ould@blanketbc.org>
Subject: *Urgent Safety Concerns* – Speeding and Traffic Hazards Near Errington Elementary School
Date: March 13, 2026 at 6:13:22 PM PDT
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Dear Team Richmond,

I am writing to formally express serious concern regarding ongoing traffic safety issues on the road adjacent to **Errington Elementary School** in Richmond.

Each morning I walk my young daughter to school, and crossing the street has increasingly felt like playing a game of "Frogger."

Vehicles regularly travel well above the posted 30 km/h school zone speed limit, often at what appears to be double the permitted speed.

Most concerning is that many of these vehicles appear to be driven by parents rushing to drop their own children off at school. While I understand that mornings can be busy, the safety of all children must come first.

Yesterday morning marked the third consecutive day where my daughter and I narrowly avoided being struck by a speeding vehicle while crossing near the school. (**UPDATE** — My wife and daughter also had a similar incident this afternoon) In my case, the driver was clearly traveling far too quickly and had to slam on the brakes, screeching to a halt at the last moment. In my wife's experience, the driver of the white Tesla (license plate R6736F), just drove on through without even realizing she nearly hit two people.

Both situations are unacceptable and pose serious and immediate risk to children, families, and pedestrians.

We have previously raised these concerns informally with police officers, but I am now submitting this formal letter of concern (to anyone who will listen) requesting prompt action.

Additionally, I would like to bring attention to another hazardous intersection: (please see attached photos)

The corner of the small road leading into the Errington Elementary School entrance and Herbert Street currently has no stop sign or yield sign. Vehicles exiting the school frequently pull out quickly, often without sufficient visibility or caution. This has resulted in several near misses and potential collision situations, creating another significant safety risk.

Given that this is an elementary school where young children walk daily, these issues require immediate attention and corrective action. Possible solutions could include increased enforcement of the school zone speed limit, additional signage, traffic calming measures, or the installation of appropriate stop or yield controls at the Herbert Street intersection.

Our children must feel protected and safe at all times when traveling to and from school.

I respectfully request that this matter be reviewed and addressed as soon as possible, and I ask that this letter receive a response within seven (7) business days, which I believe is a reasonable timeframe.

If these concerns are not addressed, I will feel compelled to pursue additional avenues, including raising this matter with local media in order to ensure the safety of the students and families who rely on this school every day.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very serious matter. I look forward to your prompt response and to seeing meaningful action taken to improve safety around Errington Elementary School.

[UPDATE] — We did have two Constables show up this morning to show that “police are watching” and we do appreciate that, but we think more needs to be done. Thanks again for your support in this important matter.

Respectfully,

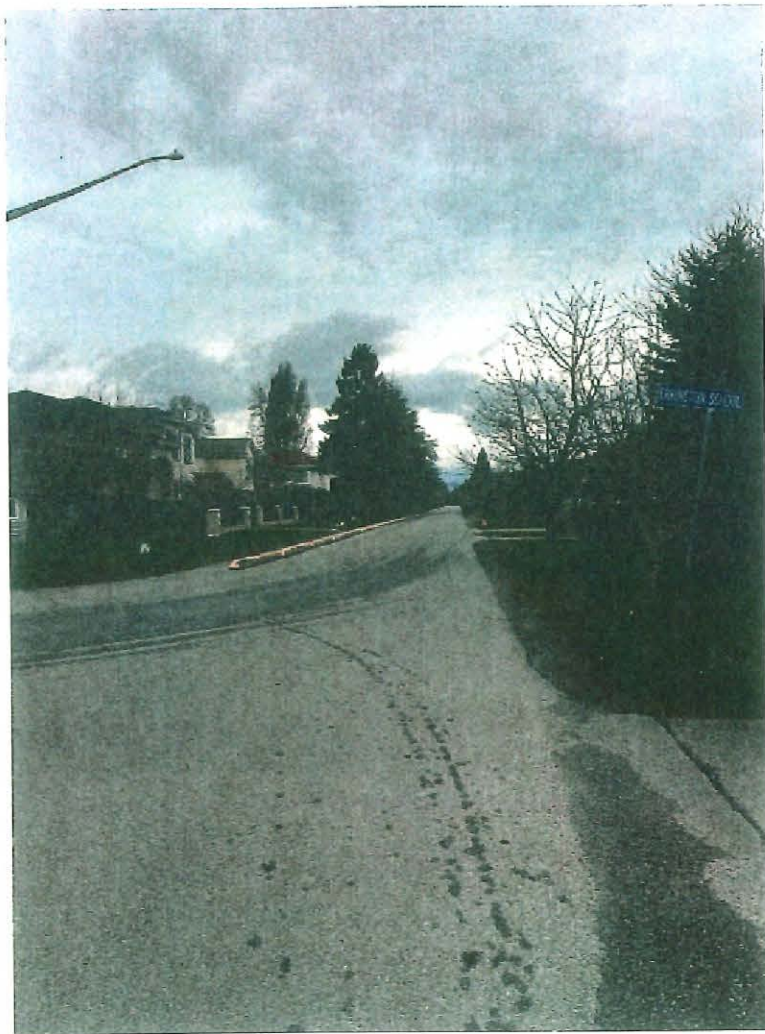
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Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee **Date:** March 18, 2026
From: Suzanne Bycraft
 Director, Public Works **File:** 10-6000-00/Vol 01
Re: **2026 National Public Works Week - May 17 to 23, 2026: Rooted in Service, Powered by Community**

Staff Recommendation

That the 2026 National Public Works Week campaign as outlined in the report titled “2026 National Public Works Week - May 17 to 23, 2026: Rooted in Service, Powered by Community”, dated March 18, 2026, from the Director, Public Works, be received for information.

Suzanne Bycraft
 Director, Public Works
 (604-233-3338)

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Parks Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Corporate Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

The Canadian National Public Works Association's annual National Public Works Week is from May 17 to 23, 2026. This national campaign is designed to build awareness of the functional infrastructure key for community livability and well-being. Those who design, build and maintain City infrastructure are recognized and acknowledged during National Public Works Week. The campaign also helps to raise awareness of infrastructure-related jobs, such as skilled trades.

In celebration of the 2026 National Public Works Week with the theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community", the City will host two in-person educational events at the Works Yard for Richmond students and the public. These events will feature engineering exhibits, interactive stations and displays of public works and parks equipment. The virtual campaign will include social media content, community engagement highlights and an interactive map of capital projects throughout the City.

Both in-person and virtual campaigns are outlined in this report.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.

1.3 Increase the reach of communication and engagement efforts to connect with Richmond's diverse community.

Analysis

Background

Each May, National Public Works Week honours individuals committed to serving their communities through careers in public works. The week aims to engage and educate the public about the vital role of public works in their everyday lives. The City recognizes National Public Works Week through a proclamation outlining the following areas:

- Public Works services provided in the community are an integral part of Richmond citizens' everyday lives.
- The support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems, parks services and programs such as water, sewer, roads, public buildings, recycling and solid waste collection.
- The health, safety and comfort of the community greatly depend on these facilities and services.

- The quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skills of Public Works officials.
- The efficiency of qualified and dedicated personnel who staff these departments is materially influenced by people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

2026 Campaign Theme and Components

This year's National Public Works Week theme is "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community". The City's 2026 campaign will highlight how staff exemplify this theme by operating, maintaining and upgrading City infrastructure; promoting environmental stewardship through initiatives like water conservation and recycling programs; creating and maintaining parks and open spaces, conducting community engagement events and programs; preparing for emergencies and extreme weather events; and adopting innovation and technology for efficient service delivery.

The City will recognize National Public Works Week in two phases: by hosting two in-person events that will take place during the week of May 26 and by producing a virtual campaign that will launch on May 17 and will run for the duration of National Public Works Week.

In-Person Events

Project WET (May 26 and 27, 2026)

Project WET, the City's annual water education program developed in partnership with the Richmond School District, will be held on May 26 and 27. In 2025, the program was presented to eight elementary school classes, with approximately 215 students and teachers. Similar participation is expected for the 2026 program. This interactive program teaches elementary school students the importance of water consumption, conservation, quality and supply. Students will also learn about the City's emergency water treatment trailer, recycling programs, dikes, pump stations, and sanitary sewers. This event serves to educate younger generations and establish a relationship between the City and its future leaders.

Public Works Open House (May 30, 2026)

The annual Public Works Open House will take place on Saturday, May 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Works Yard. The free event offers residents the chance to engage with City staff, gaining insight into their roles and the programs they oversee. Attendees can also explore various booths, participate in interactive displays, eat at one of the local food vendor trucks, and enjoy live entertainment in the picnic area.

The most popular station is Big Dig, which features mini-excavators, with guided supervision of City crews. Children have the opportunity to experience digging on an excavator. In addition to the mini-excavators, various pieces of static equipment are available for photo opportunities, allowing children to strike a pose on their favourite vehicle. To alleviate long lines, a "Crew Pass" system was implemented that designates time slots for Crew Pass ticket holders.

Event favourites such as the Kidcrete, Kidstruction, crafts, games, play areas, nature and environmental sustainability displays, Richmond Fire-Rescue and emergency displays will return this year. To ensure traffic flows smoothly and minimize interruptions, there will be traffic control on Lynas Lane from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional parking will be available at nearby parking lots: the Austria Vancouver Club and Archibald Blair Elementary School. Shuttles will be provided between the overflow parking lot at Archibald Blair Elementary and will drop event attendees at the Works Yard during the event. Attendees will also be encouraged to take public transit, carpool or ride bikes or scooters.

This event relies on numerous staff from within Operations and other areas of Engineering and Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Facilities and Project Development, other departments as well as participating agencies to volunteer their time to deliver a well-coordinated event. In 2025, over 300 staff volunteered their expertise to successfully deliver the event.

Virtual Campaign (May 17 to 23, 2026)

Social Media

The public will be invited to celebrate this year's National Public Works Week by visiting the City's social media channels from May 17 to May 23. The channels will feature pictures and videos of different City staff and services, showcasing the dedication staff have for their community.

Video: "National Public Works Week 2026: Community"

For National Public Works Week, the City is creating a short video highlighting the "Community" aspect of this year's theme: *Rooted in Service, Powered by Community*. This video will feature short interviews with staff, capturing their perspectives on what "community" means to them in their roles at the City. By compiling these candid insights, the goal is to showcase the dedication, impact and essential contributions of public works professionals, while also promoting awareness and appreciation of their work within the community.

Interactive Map

A link to the "2026 Capital Projects Highlights: Engineering and Public Works" interactive map will be included in the promotional page for National Public Works Week. The map shows planned or ongoing projects for the year and provides information on each project.

Together, these initiatives emphasize the connection between Public Works and the community, demonstrating the City's commitment to service, education and infrastructure excellence. By engaging residents through informative and engaging content, we continue to build awareness and appreciation for the essential work that keeps Richmond thriving. These efforts embody key Richmond core values, People and Excellence, by highlighting the dedication of our staff, the high standards of service we uphold, the leadership in proactive maintenance, the teamwork that drives our success, and the Innovative approaches we take to enhance the City's infrastructure and quality of life.

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Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

The Canadian National Public Works Association's annual National Public Works Week is from May 17 to 23, 2026, and the City plays an active role in celebrating it. Two in-person events and a virtual campaign will be held to recognize and highlight the people who provide, operate and maintain the City's foundational infrastructure services.

Project WET will be held over two days on May 26 and 27. The second event, the Public Works Open House, will take place on Saturday, May 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Both events will be held at the Works Yard. The virtual campaign launches May 17th. Cities across Canada participate by raising awareness of public works contributions and encourage community support for these dedicated employees who consistently improve the quality of life for residents.



Nicholas Siu
Project Manager, Water Services
(604-244-1224)

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Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee **Date:** March 26, 2026
From: Suzanne Bycraft **File:** 10-6370-01/2025-Vol
 Director, Public Works 01
Re: **Recycling and Solid Waste Management – Report 2025: Working Together to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Recycling and Solid Waste Management – Report 2025: Working Together to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”, from the Director, Public Works, dated March 26, 2026, be approved and made available on the City's website, through various communication tools including social media channels and as part of community outreach initiatives.

Suzanne Bycraft
 Director, Public Works
 (604-233-3338)

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Climate Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS:	APPROVED BY CAO

Origin

This report presents the City's annual progress in recycling and sustainable waste management practices, highlighting results achieved in 2025 and providing insights into upcoming planned initiatives as outlined in the attached "Recycling and Solid Waste Management – Report 2025: Working Together to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle".

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #5 A Leader in Environmental Sustainability:

Leadership in environmental sustainability through innovative, sustainable and proactive solutions that mitigate climate change and other environmental impacts.

5.1 Continue to demonstrate leadership in proactive climate action and environmental sustainability.

5.3 Encourage waste reduction and sustainable choices in the City and community.

Analysis

Guided by Council's leadership and commitment to advancing circularity through the *Richmond Circular City Strategy* and the *Community Energy and Emissions Plan*, the City continues to deliver a comprehensive range of waste reduction, recycling, and waste management services in support of this vision. The City also prioritizes ongoing communication and community outreach to increase awareness of available programs, promote proper recycling practices, and inspire positive behaviour change among residents.

The "Recycling and Solid Waste Management – Report 2025: Working Together to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" ("Report") provides the City's annual progress update for 2025 (Attachment 1). The Report also includes detailed program information, insights into upcoming initiatives and a comprehensive section of tips and resources to support waste management efforts.

2025 Highlights

In 2025, the City focused on collaboration with community partners and residents to improve recycling quality, reduce waste, and promote reuse. The following are key highlights from 2025:

- **Enhanced Textile Recycling:** Established bins at the Richmond Recycling Depot and collected 72,795 lbs (33,019 kg) of textiles. The City also launched the Rethink Clothing & Textiles campaign to promote reuse and repair options. Additionally, the City hosted 12 Reuse & Repair Cafés to encourage repair and reuse efforts, with approximately 340 items repaired, including 32 toys at the Teddy Bear Hospital event.
- **Bike Reuse and Dog Waste Collection Pilot Programs:** Concluded the Bike Reuse Pilot Program, which resulted in the full repair of 33 bikes and 1,553 salvaged bike parts for use in future repairs. The City also implemented the Dog Waste Collection Pilot Program, which diverted 13,500 kg of dog waste from the landfill. Additional actions approved by Council on both of these items for 2026 are noted in the 2026 Focus Areas section below.

- **Communications and Outreach:** Staff supported 16,278 customer calls and hosted 47 outreach activities with 1,655 attendees, including promoting new outreach opportunities through partnerships with BC Housing, IKEA, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and the Richmond School District. Green Ambassadors attended 10 symposiums, planning or training sessions, and supported 9 events with over 1,600 volunteer hours.
- **Richmond Recycling Depot:** 281,965 vehicle visits occurred at the Recycling Depot, equating to an average of 801 vehicles per day. During their visits, customers dropped off more than 7,386 tonnes of recyclable materials. General site improvements included addressing safety by stabilizing the foundation for the lock block wall for the yard trimmings section and improving the recyclability of stored materials, per Recycle BC, by installing a tent to prevent recycling from getting wet in inclement weather.
- **Public Spaces and Litter Management:** In City public spaces, garbage and recycling bins were attended 34,682 times per month, for a total of 417,432 bin visits per year to keep the community clean. Completed retrofits to approximately 150 bins provided by TransLink to add mixed paper recycling at select bus stops in Richmond. To increase accessibility, staff relocated bus stop bins to accommodate brail signage from TransLink.
- **Waste Diversion:** Residents in single-family homes continue to recycle about 78.5% of their household waste through various recycling and waste reduction programs. The Blue Box and Blue Cart programs recycled 7,001 tonnes of packaging, containers and paper, while the Green Cart program diverted 21,917 tonnes of food scraps and yard trimmings from the landfill, transforming them into nutrient-rich soil.

2026 Focus Areas

The City will continue to support the transition to a circular economy by exploring new strategies and implementing new initiatives through sustainable waste management practices. Key focus areas in 2026 will include:

- Operate a City Bike Reuse program to take bikes in good condition that are dropped off at the Richmond Recycling Depot and provide them to eligible organizations, which will repair and refurbish bikes that will then be donated for reuse in the community.
- Review the Business Recycling Resources pilot program and establish future approaches.
- Add designated dog waste collection bins at the 13 remaining City off-leash dog areas and some trails in Richmond and implement a communications campaign to educate dog owners on proper disposal of dog waste.
- Test options for reusable containers at the Cherry Blossom Festival and Farm Fest to determine feasibility of integrating reusable containers as part of City events.
- Continue to pursue increased community engagement initiatives to help residents and businesses recycle correctly, reduce contamination, promote waste reduction behaviours, and actively support the transition to a circular economy.

- Continue to monitor opportunities to incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) technology in waste collection trucks to collect data and enable timely recycling feedback to residents.
- Identify and implement opportunities to improve recycling quality in public space bins through public education and awareness campaign.
- Explore opportunities to use geographic information system (GIS) data to increase litter route efficiency and distribution and implement a communication and education campaign to raise awareness about reducing litter. In 2025, the City responded to 943 illegal dumping calls.
- Subject to provincial funding grants, launch a six-month pilot program providing youth with paid, hands-on experience in municipal climate related work.
- Implement Contamination Remediation Plans to address curbside and multi-family recycling quality in compliance with Recycle BC notice provided to the City. The program objectives are to reduce the amount of glass and bagged or nestled materials in the Blue Box/Cart by 25% from 7.3% to 5.475% in the curbside stream, and from 11.3% to 8.47% in the multi-family stream.

Financial Implications

None.

Conclusion

The City is providing residents with an annual progress report through the “Recycling and Solid Waste Management – Report 2025: Working Together to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”. The Report highlights Richmond’s proactive and collaborative approach to circular waste management, showcasing ongoing efforts and community partnerships that support reducing waste, increasing reuse, and improving recycling practices across the city. It also outlines key achievements, progress toward sustainability goals, and Council’s continued commitment to responsible resource management.



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City of Richmond Recycling
and Solid Waste Management

REPORT 2025

WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE



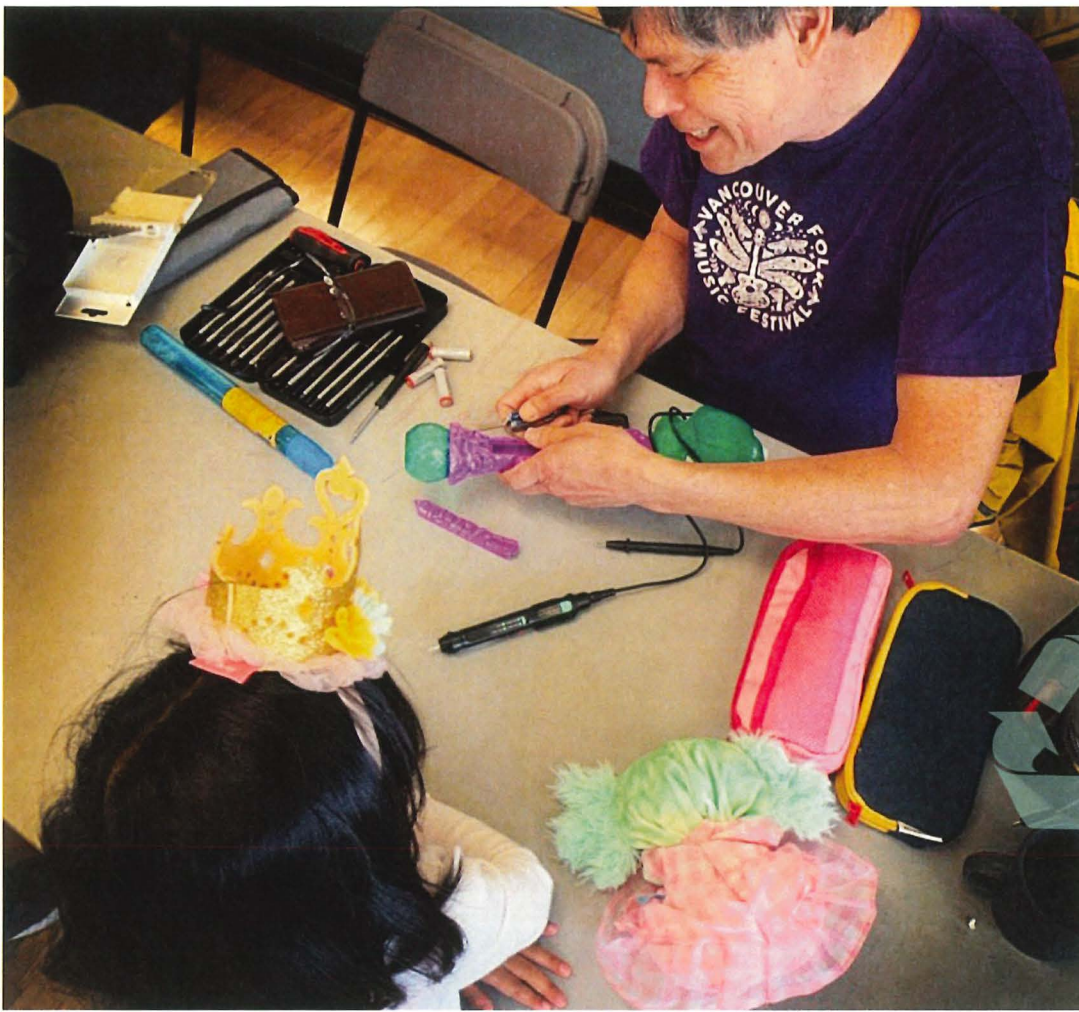
Environmental Programs is responsible for residential garbage and recycling services, including collection, drop-off services at the Richmond Recycling Depot, public spaces recycling and litter collection services.

With Council's leadership and commitment to strategic planning and policy, the City strives to help create more sustainable waste management through our programs and services to support a circular economy. The City believes that it is our responsibility to support our community and preserve our planet for future generations.

Through outreach and engagement, working with our residents and local businesses, and partnering with local agencies, the City also strives to meet and exceed all regional waste diversion goals by continuously expanding our programs and service offerings.

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Reuse and Recycle are Key to Waste Reduction

As part of its commitment to sustainable waste management, the City of Richmond has implemented a variety of programs to help residents reduce, reuse and recycle.

Throughout the year, City staff host a number of events and activities to help residents to not only learn more about how to reduce waste, but also connect with each other. This includes the popular Reuse & Repair Cafés, Richmond Recycling Depot tours, Bike Reuse and Dog Waste Collection Pilot Programs, Green Ambassadors, Recycling Champions and more.

Residents continue to show their dedication to reducing waste while embracing new opportunities to reuse and recycle. Through ongoing collaboration with the community, Richmond aims to be a fully circular city by 2050, as outlined in the *Richmond Circular City Strategy*.

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WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE

1.0

Annual Outlook

Richmond's continued success with waste diversion and actions that support a circular economy is thanks to residents, businesses and community organizations working together and leveraging City programs and services.

Richmond remains focused on delivering programs and services that make it easy for community members to reduce waste, extend the life of household products and recycle correctly so materials will be accepted by processors and kept out of the landfill. In 2025, the City's commitment to sustainable waste management included exploring new service options through pilot programs, expanding recycling programs and outreach initiatives, and keeping residents informed through education and awareness campaigns.

Recognizing the growing issue with textile waste, which is increasing significantly due to factors such as "fast fashion" resulting in quick changing trends and low quality fabric with decreased durability, Richmond has taken action to encourage repair and reuse of textiles. The City established textile recycling at the Richmond Recycling Depot, resulting in 72,795 lbs (33,019 kg) of collected clothing and other textiles in 2025. These collected materials are sorted, with gently used items being recirculated for use through partnership with Auxiliary to BC Children's Hospital. To help raise awareness about reducing textile waste, the City also launched its Rethink Clothing & Textiles marketing campaign. The campaign encourages residents to reuse and repair clothing rather than buying new, and includes tips on how to donate, sell or repurpose items.

33,019
KG OF TEXTILES
COLLECTED

The City also expanded its Repair Fairs, which focused on free repairs, into Reuse & Repair Cafés where residents can also share and trade donated items to support reuse. The City hosted 12 Reuse & Repair Café events in 2025 with residents bringing clothing, textiles, small appliances, bikes and electronics for repair.

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Working with the public and partners, Richmond made continued progress in 2025 through initiatives to improve recycling, reduce waste and encourage reuse.

These highly popular events are delivered with the help of volunteer repair specialists. This program, funded in part by Metro Vancouver, resulted in an estimated 379 repaired items, including 30 toys at the “teddy bear hospital” event, plus 250 donated items were recirculated for continued use. The City also reached a milestone in 2025 with one thousand items repaired since the inception of the program. *(See pages 24 and 25 for more information about these programs.)*

Working with community partners is also the foundation of the successful Bike Reuse Pilot program, which concluded in 2025. Approximately 500 bicycles are taken to the Richmond Recycling Depot each year. The pilot program involved assessing bikes to determine if they were suitable for refurbishing, making repairs where needed, and then distributing the used bikes to residents through a partnership with the Pedal Foundation, a registered charity. Through the program, 33 bikes were fully repaired, refurbished and donated to Richmond residents. While the majority of bikes were correctly dropped off for recycling and were not suitable for repairs, an additional 1,553 bike parts were salvaged from these bikes and reused to support bike repairs. Based on the success of the pilot program, a City-run bike reuse program has been approved for implementation in 2026.

Richmond has a long-established commitment to working with local youth to promote responsible, sustainable waste management, support a circular economy and build leadership skills through its high school Green Ambassador program. Following a comprehensive review of the Green Ambassador program, the City is exploring new opportunities to support youth through the development of a pilot program that involves partnering with Youth Climate Corps BC to hire youth to work on City projects that relate to climate action and resiliency.

Established in 2020, Youth Climate Corps BC is a non-profit organization that empowers youth to take action to address the climate crisis. This includes providing jobs at a liveable wage and training young people to encourage them to engage in their communities and gain hands-on experience in climate-based jobs while building leadership mindsets around climate resiliency.

The City's new pilot program, which will start in 2026, is specifically targeted to Richmond youth, and will provide them with paid, hands-on experience working on City projects.

Richmond also continues to work closely with Recycle BC in a shared commitment to encourage consistent, high quality recycling. A new contract was set in 2025 that increased incentives for the collection of packaging and printed paper and helped lower Richmond's recycling utility rates for 2026. The City also completed its bi-annual audit at the Richmond Recycling Depot to determine the percentage of commercially generated flexible plastic, glass and Styrofoam being dropped off for recycling.

In response to Recycle BC reports that highlight recycling contamination concerns and to address staff and contractor safety, the City implemented education and awareness campaigns and worked together with partners in the community to provide tips and enhanced services.

The City worked in partnership with BC Housing, IKEA and the Richmond School District to provide 47 outreach events with information on how to sort recycling correctly and reduce waste. As well, Richmond continued engaging with Recycling Champions, its outreach program in multi-family complexes. The program focuses on recruiting volunteers and providing them with training and resource materials to help increase and improve the quality in their buildings. *(See page 9 for more information about the Recycling Champion program.)*

The City continued its Back to Recycling School campaign, which emphasized the importance of recycling glass and hazardous materials correctly. The campaign highlighted common hazardous items, explained why they need special handling and provided tips on how to recycle these materials safely to protect people, animals and the environment.



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**13,500
KG OF
DOG WASTE
COLLECTED**

Richmond also completed a Dog Waste Collection Pilot Program which was developed to reduce the amount of organic material decomposing in landfills and emitting methane gas. The pilot program provided designated dog waste collection carts at three off-leash dog parks in Richmond.

Over the 12-month program, 13,500 kg of dog waste was collected, diverting this waste from the landfill.

The City will be expanding the Dog Waste Collection Program to all off-leash parks and some trails, along with a communications campaign to provide dog owners with tips on how to properly dispose of dog waste.

Thanks to the success of these many new initiatives and programs in 2025, the City continues to make strides towards its circular economy goals and its commitment to being a leader in recycling and sustainable waste management.



Together we can change habits and make better choices that support a circular economy.

LET'S RETHINK WASTE

Changing our habits to think differently about purchases, avoiding unnecessary waste and finding ways to reuse and recycle products contribute directly to positive outcomes like reducing reliance on raw materials.

Ultimately, it's about shifting to a circular economy, where the materials we use stay in circulation to be used, reused or repaired, and recycled multiple times into new products.

TOP TIPS TO REDUCE WASTE:

- Avoid single-use items – choose reusable instead
- Choose products with minimal packaging
- Buy, sell, trade or donate household items
- Choose products with recycled content
- Repair products when possible
- Rethink – take a moment to assess:
 - Do I need this item?
 - Will it create unnecessary waste?
 - How can it be reused or recycled?

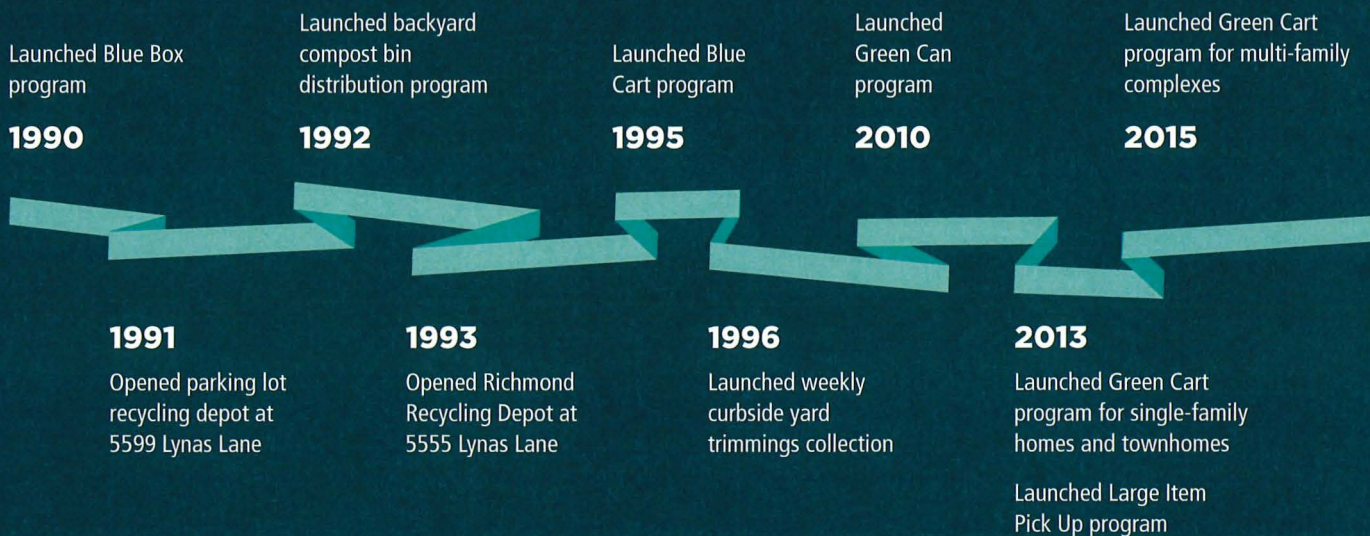


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2025 Top Accomplishments

This report showcases some of the key achievements in 2025 and looks back on the City's top accomplishments over the past 30-plus years.

RECYCLING MILESTONES



1 ENHANCED TEXTILE RECYCLING

Established bins at Richmond Recycling Depot and collected 33,019 kg of textiles. Launched a Rethink Clothing and Textiles campaign to promote reuse and repair options.

2 COMPLETED BIKE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM

Reported to Council on pilot program outcomes and secured approval for ongoing City program. Pilot program resulted in full repair of 33 bikes as well as 1,553 bike parts salvaged to use in bike repairs.

3 REFRESHED CORPORATE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recruited 27 City staff as Recycling Champions to lead recycling at City facilities, generated 442 We Recycle pledges from staff and engaged staff through quizzes and workshops.

4 INTRODUCED REUSE & REPAIR CAFÉS

Rebranded Repair Fairs to Reuse & Repair Cafés, holding 12 events where 379 items were repaired and 250 donated items were recirculated.

5 EXPANDED OUTREACH

Hosted 47 outreach events, including promoting new outreach opportunities through partnerships with BC Housing, IKEA, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and the Richmond School District.

6 SUPPORTED GREEN AMBASSADORS

Green Ambassadors attended 10 symposiums, planning or training sessions, and supported nine events with over 1,600 volunteer hours.

7 FACILITATED IMPROVED RECYCLING INCENTIVES

Provided feedback to Recycle BC which led to the development of new contracts, resulting in reduced utility rates for 2026.

8 CONDUCTED RECYCLING AUDIT AT THE DEPOT

Provided temporary bins at the Recycling Depot to determine the percentage of commercially generated flexible plastic, glass and polystyrene (Styrofoam) being dropped off for recycling.

9 IMPROVED DEPOT INFRASTRUCTURE

Improved safety by stabilizing the foundation for the lock block wall for the yard trimming section and improved the recyclability of stored materials by installing a tent to keep recycling dry.

10 EXPANDED RECYCLING AT BUS STOPS

Completed retrofits to about 150 bins provided by TransLink to add mixed paper recycling at select bus stops in Richmond.

Introduced *Single-Use Plastic and Other Items Bylaw No. 10000*

Expanded Large Item Pick Up Program

2019

Adopted *Single-Use Plastic and Other Items Bylaw No. 10000*

Extended Recycling Depot operations to 7 days a week

2021

Earned national awards for the Rethink Waste and Single-Use Plastic Ban engagement campaigns

2023

Completed Dog Waste and Bike Reuse Pilot Programs

2025

2016

Launched biweekly Garbage Cart program

2020

Renovated Recycling Depot

2022

Implemented *Single-Use Plastic and Other Items Bylaw No. 10000*

2024

Launched a business recycling pilot program
Earned international awards for two campaigns

1.2

Setting Goals



Richmond’s long-term goal is to support a circular economy through sustainable waste management, and the annual goals listed here are designed to help achieve this target.

1 IMPLEMENT THE BIKE REUSE PROGRAM

Operate a City Bike Reuse program to take bikes in good condition that are dropped off at the Richmond Recycling Depot and provide them to eligible organizations, which will repair and refurbish bikes that will then be donated for reuse in the community.

2 REVIEW BUSINESS RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM

Review the outcomes of the Business Recycling Resources pilot program and establish future approaches.

3 EXPAND DOG WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Add designated dog waste collection bins at the 13 remaining City off-leash dog areas and some trails as well as implement a communications campaign to educate dog owners on proper disposal of dog waste.

4 IMPLEMENT REUSABLE CONTAINERS PILOT

Test options for reusable containers at the Cherry Blossom Festival and Farm Fest to determine feasibility of integrating reusable containers as part of City-supported events.

5 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AI TECHNOLOGY

Continue to monitor opportunities to incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) technology in waste collection trucks to collect data and enable timely recycling feedback to residents.

6 ENHANCE RECYCLING IN PUBLIC SPACES

Identify and implement opportunities to improve recycling quality in public space bins through a public education and awareness campaign.

7 INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT RECYCLING QUALITY

Continue to pursue increased community engagement initiatives to help residents and businesses recycle correctly, reduce contamination, and promote waste reduction behaviours.

8 LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION TO ADDRESS LITTER

Explore opportunities to use geographic information system (GIS) data to increase litter route efficiency and distribution, and implement a communication and education campaign to raise awareness about reducing litter.

9 PARTNER WITH YOUTH CLIMATE CORPS BC

Launch a six-month pilot program providing youth with paid, hands-on experience in municipal climate related work.



1.3

Richmond Recycling Champions

Richmond has made steady progress towards sustainable waste management, but there are still opportunities for improvement, particularly in multi-family buildings. The Richmond Recycling Champions program helps residents work with neighbours to improve recycling in their building.

While residents in single-family homes divert close to 80% of their waste through recycling, the diversion rate in multi-family buildings is consistently lower, with recyclables still being put in the garbage. There are also challenges with items not sorted correctly or containers not being rinsed of food residue.

When household items are not recycled correctly, it can lead to penalties for the City and increased utility fees for residents. Another risk is contaminated recycling loads may not be suitable for processing and reduce the overall effectiveness of the recycling program. This is not only bad for the environment but is also not a sustainable approach to waste management.

NEIGHBOURS SUPPORTING NEIGHBOURS

To help address these challenges, Recycling Champions take a leadership role to help their neighbours recycle consistently and correctly. Carol Angell lives in a multi-family building in Richmond. When another owner told her about the Recycling Champion program, she signed up.

“With climate change happening, and when you see all the junk people throw away into the garbage, it’s kind of sad because a lot of things can be recycled and reused,” says Angell. “Since we started recycling several years ago, we now have one little bag of garbage every week, compared to the big bag of garbage that we used to have almost daily.”

As part of its program, the City provides posters, decals and other signage for recycling areas, delivers training workshops and offers tours of the Richmond Recycling Depot on Lynas Lane. City staff share information about how to sort recycling correctly and reduce waste, as well as where recycling goes and how it is processed into new products.



“One of the things I found very good was the visit to Lynas Lane,” says Angell, of participating in a Recycling Depot tour. “They took us to every bin, told us what they did with recycled materials like rubber tires, and showed us the experimental paved area that was created using recycled plastic. They also showed the different items like clothing and books you can drop off. Staff gave us new ideas for what we can recycle in our building.”

Following the training and tour, Angell’s building has started collecting lightbulbs, batteries, and white and coloured polystyrene (Styrofoam) to take to the Recycling Depot.

CITY COLLABORATION

On request, City staff will complete site audits of recycling and garbage bins to see how well residents are sorting their waste. They then create audit reports and share recommendations on how to address issues. Staff host lobby talks and in-person or virtual workshops for residents, and provide presentations to stratas to share information about how to recycle correctly.

While Angell would like to see additional recycling collection, such as for refundable bottles, cans and flexible plastics, she notes there are current space limitations that make it challenging. However, with the recent efforts to improve recycling in her building, there has been a noted decrease in the garbage sent to landfill.

Looking ahead, Angell is interested in exploring new ways to help residents understand how to recycle correctly.

“I think most people just don’t understand,” says Angell. “All of our signage is pretty good – it’s on the bins and the wall, but we had a suggestion to make our own little signs and put them up once a month. Also, residents can spread the word. The few people I know in the building are really keeners so we can all help.”

Thanks to community partnerships like the Recycling Champions, Richmond continues to make progress towards its goals to support sustainable waste management and become a fully circular city by 2050.





**TOGETHER
WE CAN
REDUCE
WASTE**

2.0

Tracking Our Progress

As part of tracking its progress, the City of Richmond collects data across a broad spectrum of programs, services and activities. This data shows changes in residential recycling and waste diversion over the years, and how new programs are contributing to a circular economy.

The mix of data reported reflects the amount of recycling handled through residential collection programs, the usage and types of materials dropped off at the Richmond Recycling Depot, and a breakdown of the different types of recyclable materials that are being diverted from the landfill through multiple recycling programs.

As well, the City has a number of outreach initiatives that are aimed at increasing awareness and understanding about how to recycle correctly and consistently, as well as how to reduce waste overall.



2.1 Diversion Statistics

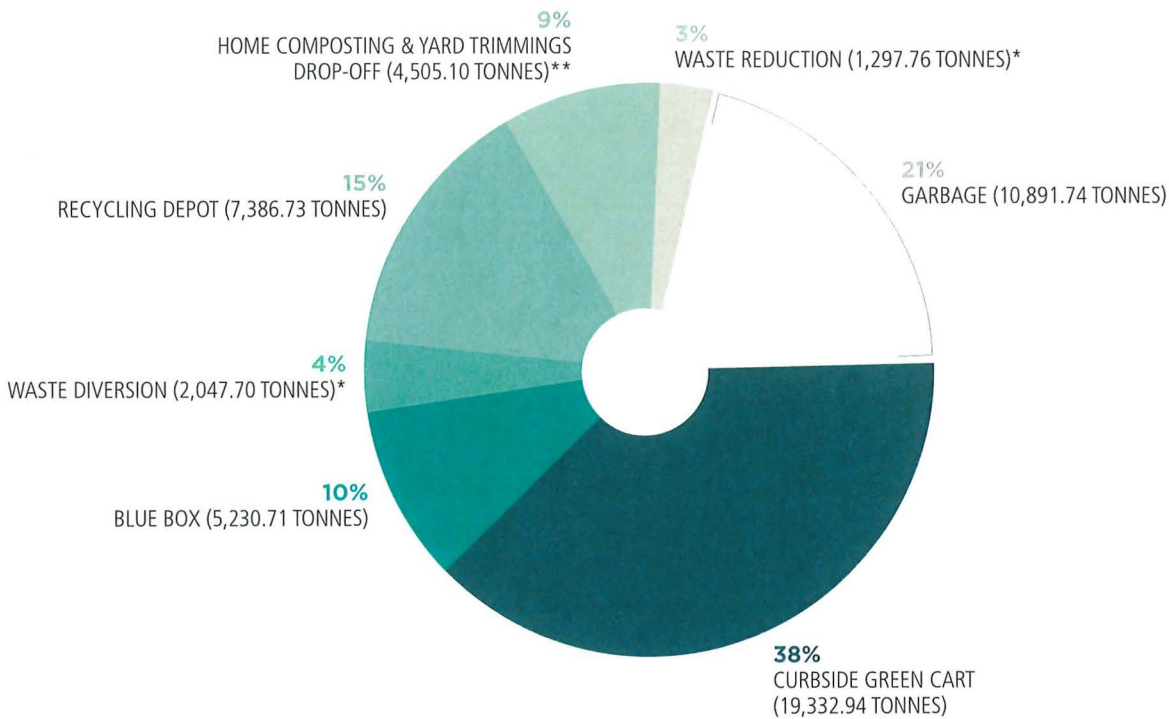
Richmond residents in single-family homes diverted 78.5% of their waste from the landfill in 2025.



SINGLE-FAMILY RECYCLING IN 2025

Residents took advantage of a variety of programs to divert **78.5% of their waste** from the landfill in 2025.

Residents were able to achieve this waste diversion through a number of recycling and waste reduction opportunities, including curbside and Richmond Recycling Depot collection as well as composting programs.

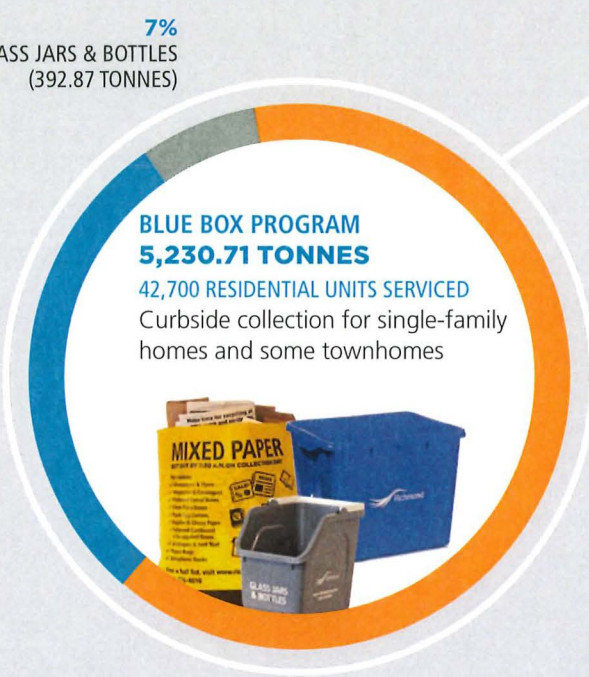


* Estimated

** Includes estimates for home composting, tree chipping and leaf drop-off programs.

BLUE BOX AND BLUE CART PROGRAMS RECYCLING MIX IN 2025

Through the Blue Box and Blue Cart programs, residents recycled **7,001.16 tonnes** of recyclable materials.



BLUE BOX PROGRAM 5,230.71 TONNES

42,700 RESIDENTIAL UNITS SERVICED
Curbside collection for single-family homes and some townhomes

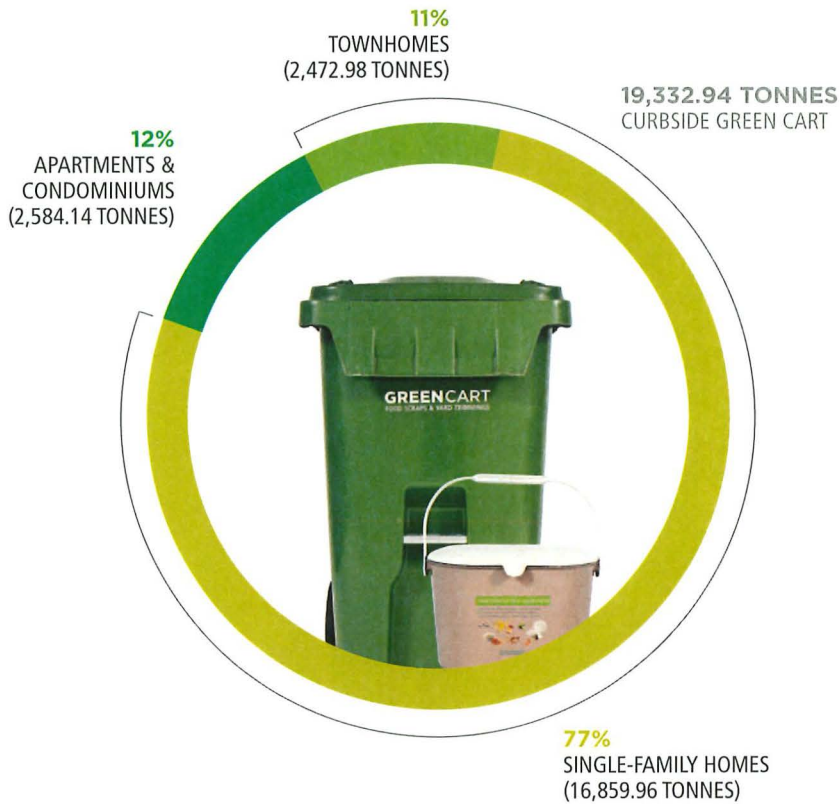


BLUE CART PROGRAM 1,770.45 TONNES

47,662 RESIDENTIAL UNITS SERVICED
Centralized collection for multi-family complexes and buildings



RESIDENTIAL GREEN CART RECYCLING IN 2025

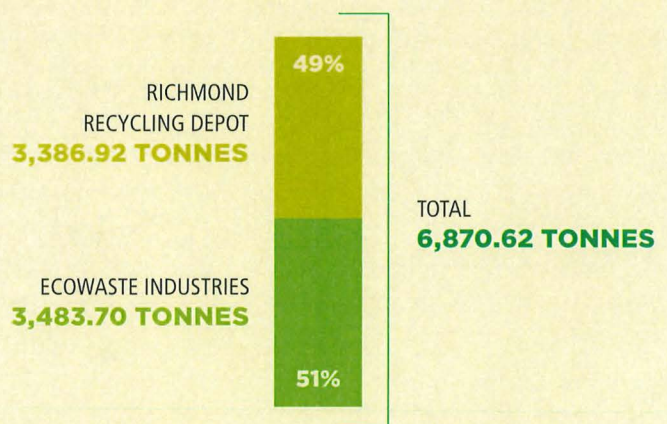


Residents diverted **21,917.08 tonnes** of food scraps and yard trimmings from the landfill in 2025 to be composted into new resources.

Richmond's Green Cart program is for residents in single-family homes, townhomes, apartments and condominiums.

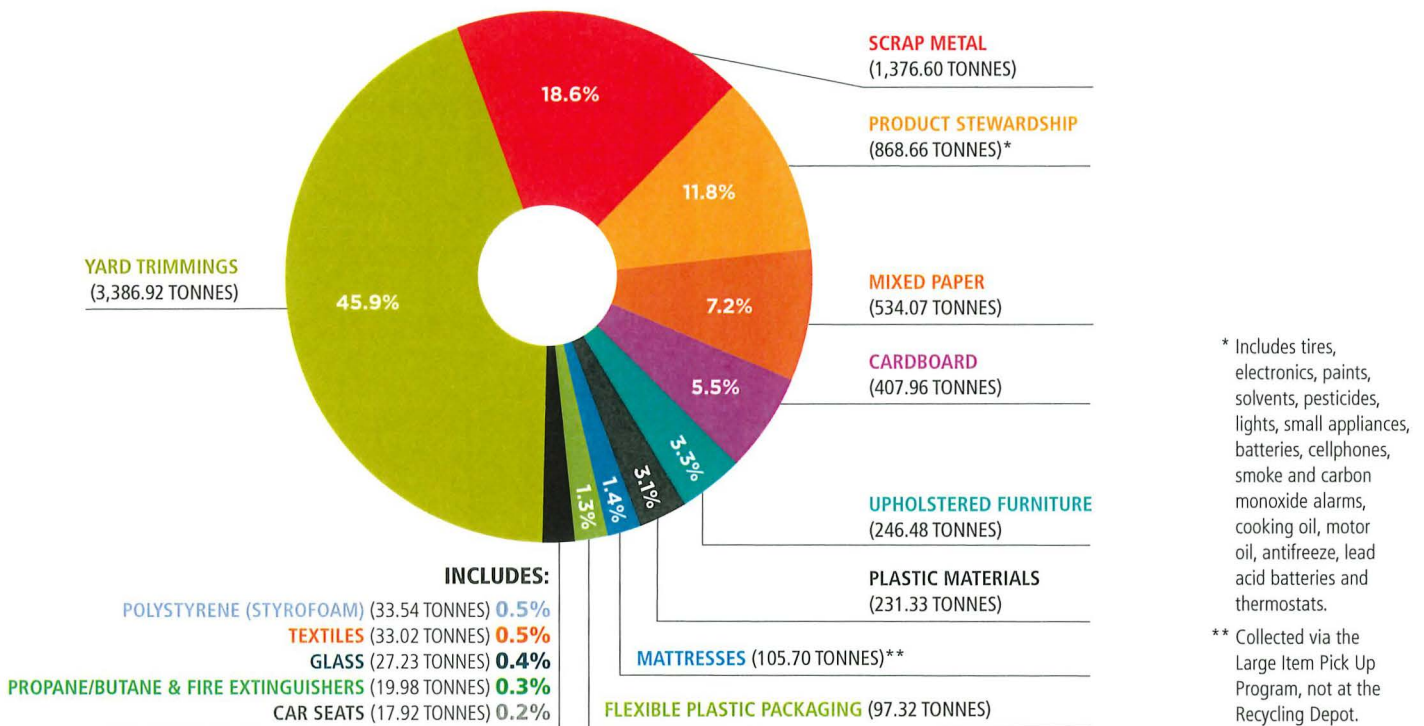
78,724 residential units received weekly collection in 2025.

In 2025, **6,870.62 tonnes** of yard trimmings were collected at the Richmond Recycling Depot and through the Ecowaste residential and commercial drop-off service.

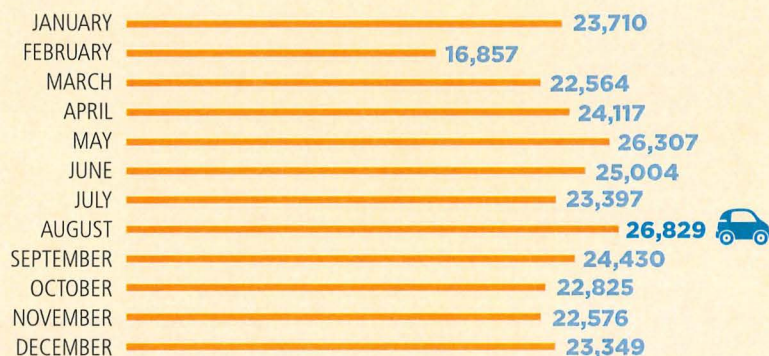


MATERIALS COLLECTED AT THE RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

In 2025, **7,386.73 tonnes** of recyclable materials were collected at the Recycling Depot.



MONTHLY VEHICLE VISITS TO THE RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT



In 2025, there were **281,965** vehicle visits to the Richmond Recycling Depot, an average of **801** visits per day.

RECYCLE MORE AT THE RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT

Open seven days a week, the Recycling Depot provides a convenient one-stop recycling service. The City continues to increase the list of accepted items to support waste diversion.



AEROSOLS
7,040 EQUIVALENT LITRES



COOKING OIL
15.64 TONNES



CFLS
860 BOXES



ELECTRONICS
483.53 TONNES



FLUORESCENT TUBES
4' – 690 BOXES
8' – 84 BOXES



HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES
22.96 TONNES



LEAD ACID BATTERIES
31.77 TONNES



MOTOR OIL & ANTIFREEZE
93.18 TONNES



PAINT
272,592 EQUIVALENT LITRES



SMOKE & CO ALARMS
0.72 TONNES



SOLVENTS & PESTICIDES
17,744 EQUIVALENT LITRES



THERMOSTATS
0.06 TONNES



TIRES
58.95 TONNES



LARGE ITEM PICK UP IN 2025

44,082 residential units received the service through their curbside programs.



13,495
REQUESTS
FOR SERVICE

690.9
TONNES
COLLECTED

499.17
TONNES
RECYCLED



3,821
MATTRESSES &
BOXSPRINGS



2,744
UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE



558
FRIDGES & FREEZERS



352
BARBECUES



305
WASHERS & DRYERS



185
TELEVISIONS



170
STOVES &
MICROWAVES



138
DISHWASHERS



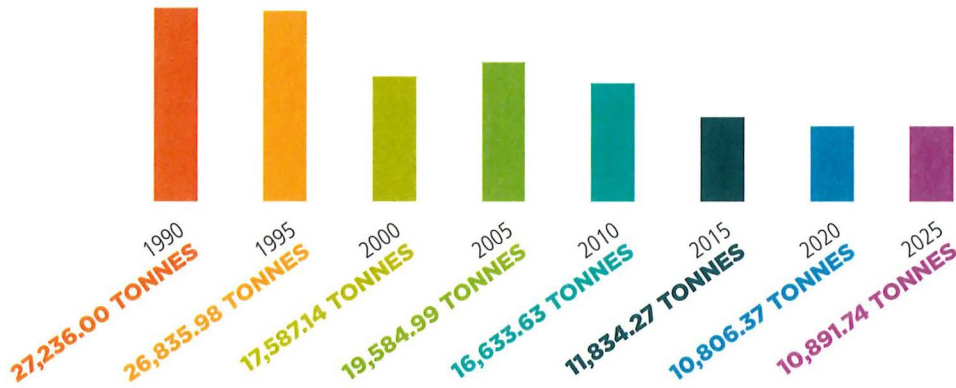
1,827
OTHER RECYCLABLE
ITEMS

+ 6,050
NON-RECYCLABLE
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
COLLECTED FOR SAFE
HANDLING AND
DISPOSAL

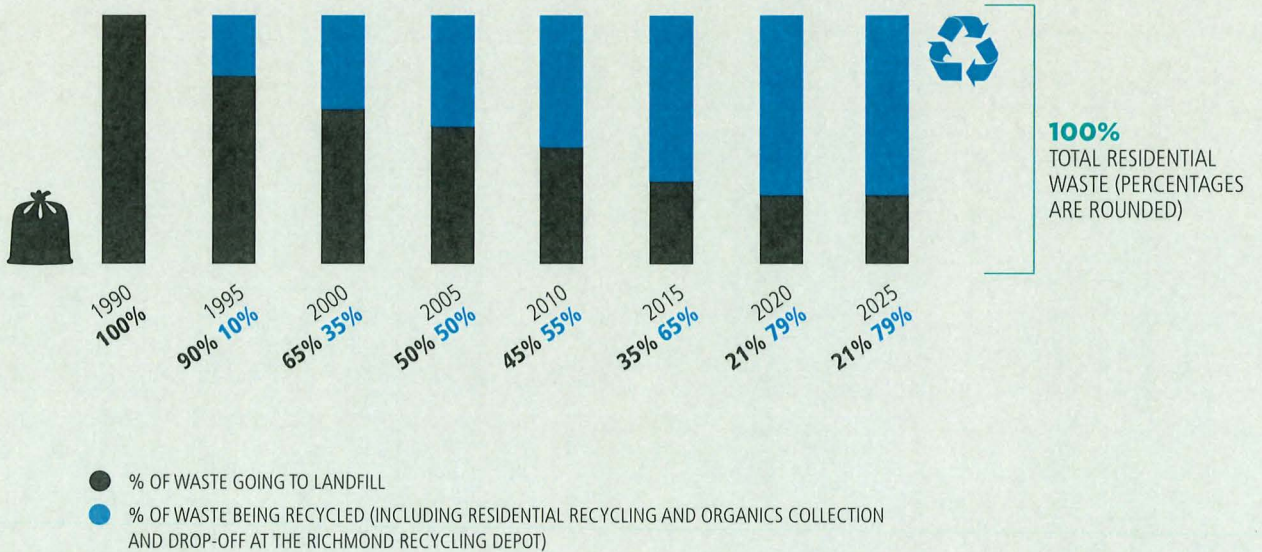
FROM GARBAGE DISPOSAL TO DIVERSION

35,335 residential units received Garbage Cart service in 2025.

SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES GARBAGE COLLECTION OVER 25 YEARS:



SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES DIVERSION OVER TIME:





2.2 Outreach and Customer Service

Statistics in this section are related to our successful outreach and customer service programs, which are designed to turn education and information into action.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Richmond's Environmental Programs staff share information, tips and resources by phone as well as through outreach events and on the website.



1,655 attendees for **47 outreach activities** on various topics.



1,667 participant hours of youth volunteering and training.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



15
RECYCLING
WORKSHOPS

15 recycling workshops with a total of **285 participants**.

15
RECYCLING
DEPOT TOURS

15 Richmond Recycling Depot tours with a total of **347 participants**.

5
INFORMATION
DISPLAYS

5 information displays at community events with a total of **476 participants**.

12
REUSE &
REPAIR CAFÉS

See page 24 for spotlight on Reuse & Repair Cafés.

GARBAGE, LITTER AND COMMUNITY GARDEN COLLECTION

Crews **travelled 3,288 kilometres per week** to inspect and service bins, and **cleaned up 943 cases of illegal dumping**.

13,645
BIN INSPECTIONS
PER MONTH

21,037
BINS SERVICED
PER MONTH

48
COMMUNITY
GARDEN GREEN
CARTS SERVICED
BIWEEKLY

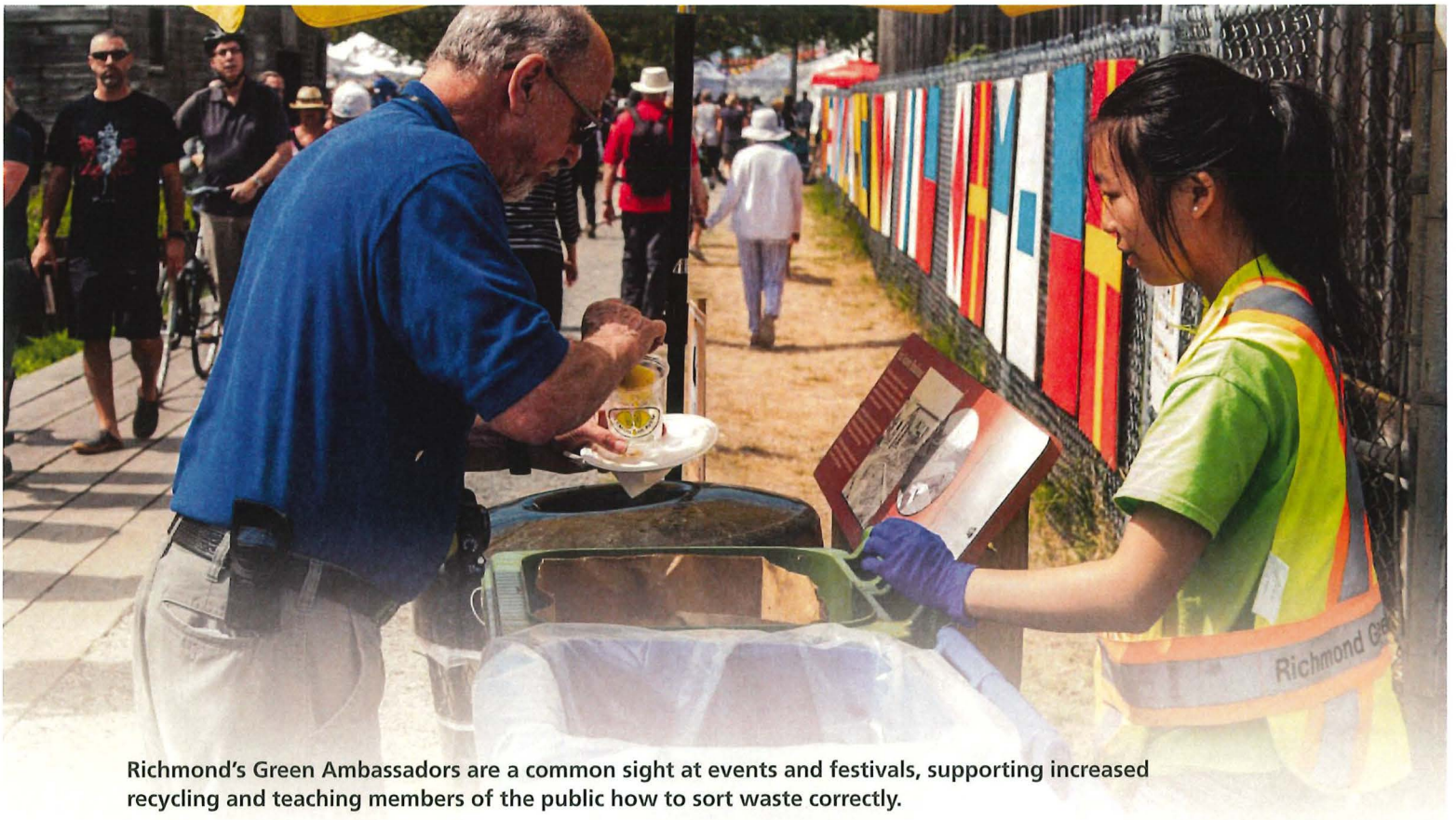
417,432
BIN VISITS PER YEAR,
INCLUDING LITTER
AND GREEN CARTS

COMPOST BINS, GARBAGE TAGS AND VOUCHERS

44
COMPOST
BINS SOLD

10,224
GARBAGE
TAGS SOLD

1,504
GARBAGE
DISPOSAL
VOUCHERS SOLD



Richmond's Green Ambassadors are a common sight at events and festivals, supporting increased recycling and teaching members of the public how to sort waste correctly.

STUDENT OUTREACH

GREEN AMBASSADOR (GA) YOUTH PROGRAM

9 special events were supported by GAs, for a total of 1,100 hours.

**1,100
EVENT
HOURS**

5 GA team-led meetings and planning sessions were held, for a total of 110 hours.

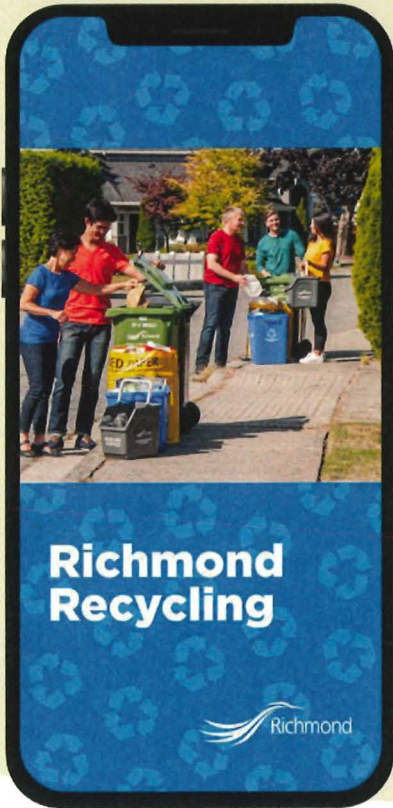
**110
PLANNING
HOURS**

**154 GREEN
AMBASSADORS
WITH 1,667
HOURS OF
VOLUNTEERING
& TRAINING**

**457
TRAINING
HOURS**

10 GA sessions for training and networking were held, for a total of 457 training hours.

ONLINE SEARCH AND TIPS TOOLS



The Richmond Recycling app has been installed **16,509 times** to date, and used a total of **115,378 times**.

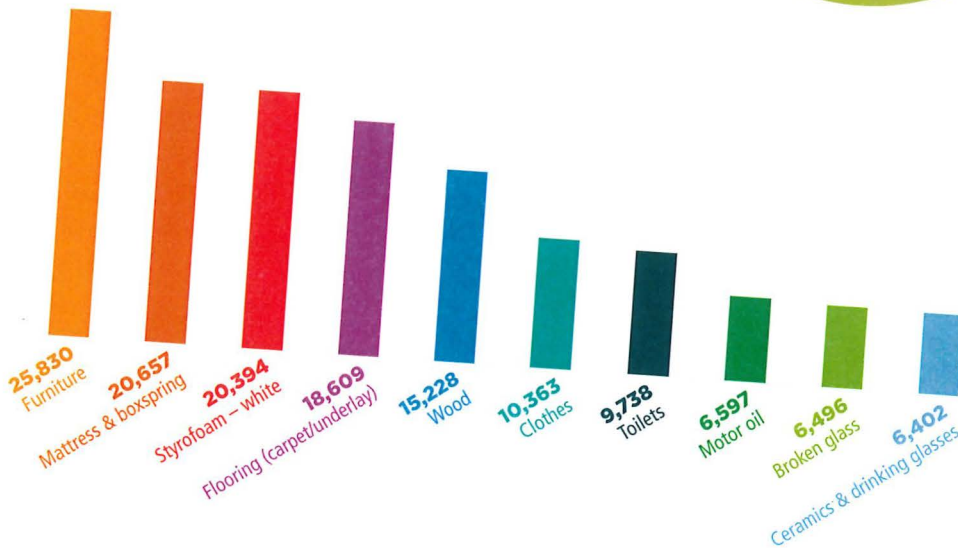
27,982
COLLECTION DAY
REMINDERS

25,927
PDF CALENDAR
DOWNLOADS

11,923
RECYCLING
GAMES PLAYED

33,151
ANNUAL RECYCLING
WIZARD SEARCHES

TOP MATERIALS SEARCHED ON THE RECYCLING WIZARD - ALL TIME



MORE WAYS TO REUSE, REPAIR AND RECYCLE

As part of its goal to reduce waste, Richmond provides opportunities for residents to reuse, repair and recycle common household items.



REUSE & REPAIR CAFÉS



Whether it's patching up a well-worn jacket, adding a little extra fluff to a much-loved teddy bear, fixing small appliances or finding new homes for unwanted household items, Richmond's Reuse & Repair Cafés help bring life back to used items.

Richmond Repair Fairs connect residents with volunteers who fix items such as textiles, bicycles, small appliances, electronics and lawnmowers for free. In 2025 the fairs were rebranded to Reuse & Repair Cafés, to better align with international repair initiatives and introduce a reuse section.

In addition to having their items repaired, residents can swap, drop-off or take a selection of second-hand items at no cost. Shared items may include clothing, shoes, accessories, books, CDs and DVDs, computers and other small electronics, home décor, toys, games, small appliances and kitchenware.

Richmond Reuse & Repair Cafés are funded with assistance from Metro Vancouver.



ITEMS REPAIRED IN 2025



ITEMS REUSED IN 2025



RECYCLING TEXTILES MADE EASY

Over the years, fast fashion, a tendency to buy new clothes to keep up with changing trends, has led to a decrease in the quality of fabrics being used. This can result in clothes falling apart as well as clothing that is still usable being discarded in favour of newer styles. In addition to more textile waste being produced, there are limited options to recycle these materials.

To make it easy for residents to dispose of worn or unwanted clothing and textiles, the City established textile collection bins at the Richmond Recycling Depot. Disposed items are carefully sorted, with gently used items donated to Auxiliary to BC Children’s Hospital to be recirculated.

Residents also have the option of bringing clothing and other textiles needing minor repairs to a Reuse & Repair Café. Here volunteers sew on buttons and mend minor tears so the items can be used again.

In addition to these programs, which play an important role in limiting the amount of clothing and textile waste, the City of Richmond has also:

- Advocated to the province for Extended Producer Responsibility for textiles
- Joined the Canadian Circular Textiles Consortium
- Expanded the Repair Fair program
- Prioritized community education and outreach

2025 TEXTILE RECYCLING OUTREACH MATERIALS

In 2025, Richmond launched a campaign to promote awareness of the many ways residents can reuse and repair their clothing and other textiles. The goal was to get people to think twice before throwing away a shirt with a missing button, torn blanket or unwanted but usable clothes to help reduce waste.



Old to you but still like new?

Think reuse.

Donate, sell, trade or repurpose gently used clothes and other textiles.



Need a fix or bit of stitch?

Think repair.

Save money and reduce waste: mend clothes and other textiles.





PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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Programs and Services

Richmond residents in single-family homes divert most of their waste, and recycling is increasing in townhomes and other multi-family complexes.

To support residents and their commitment to recycling, Richmond continues to expand services to help residents reduce their garbage and create incentives to promote increased recycling. Green Cart and Blue Box/Blue Cart recycling remain core services to help residents recycle. Residents can also use the Large Item Pick Up program or bring a growing list of recyclable items to the Richmond Recycling Depot and other drop-off facilities.

Richmond works with residents, industry partners, product stewardship groups and businesses to achieve its goal to support a circular economy by implementing sustainable waste management. Through partnerships and community engagement, Richmond's commitment to continuous improvement results in enhanced services to benefit residents.

The City is contractually required to collect residential recycling on behalf of Recycle BC and, in return, receives incentives to help reduce recycling costs for residents. However, the City must also comply with Recycle BC's standards regarding the quality of recycling. If banned items are found in the garbage or contamination is found in recycling, the City can be charged fines and other penalties. These requirements are based on the City's *Solid Waste and Recycling Regulation Bylaw No. 6803*, contract requirements with Recycle BC and organics processing facilities, and Metro Vancouver disposal bans for items that must be recycled as they are not permitted in the garbage.



3.1 Program and Service Overview

Richmond delivers a wide range of recycling and waste management services for residents to ensure that all waste is managed safely and efficiently. The following page summarizes the key recycling and waste management services offered through the City of Richmond.

RESIDENT COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES



BLUE BOX
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Weekly curbside collection for paper, newsprint, glass bottles and glass jars, plastic containers, empty aerosol cans, plastic/paper drink cups, spiral wound containers, and tin and aluminium containers. This program is provided to single-family homes and townhomes with curbside pickup.



GARBAGE CART
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Biweekly collection of garbage, not including banned items such as hazardous waste and materials that can be recycled, is available to residents in single-family homes and some townhomes. Garbage Tags and Disposal Vouchers for the Vancouver Landfill provide options for disposal of additional garbage.



BLUE CART
PAGE 30

Weekly centralized collection for paper, newsprint, glass bottles and glass jars, plastic containers, empty aerosol cans, plastic/paper drink cups, spiral wound containers, and tin and aluminium containers. This service is provided to townhomes and multi-family complexes with a common recycling room.



RICHMOND RECYCLING DEPOT
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Accepts products ranging from yard trimmings and household items to hazardous materials and take-back program products. Available to all residents and in limited quantities to commercial operators. Backyard compost bins, rain barrels, and Garbage Tags and Garbage Disposal Vouchers for the Vancouver Landfill, located in Delta, are also for sale.



GREEN CART
PAGE 36

Weekly collection for foods scraps and yard trimmings. This program is provided to residents in single-family homes, townhomes and multi-family complexes.



LARGE ITEM PICK UP
PAGE 46

Residents with the City Blue Box and/or City Garbage Cart program can arrange for collection of large household items.



BACKYARD COMPOSTING
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Support for residential composting includes the sale of backyard compost bins and a composting demonstration garden. These services are available to all residents.

PUBLIC SPACES AND OUTREACH SERVICES



PUBLIC SPACES AND EVENT RECYCLING
PAGE 48

Recycling bins in the community make it easy to recycle on the go, such as in parks, at community centres, in the Steveston business district and at Canada Line stations and Richmond central bus stops. Richmond supports community events by loaning garbage and recycling bins for local events at no charge.



LITTER COLLECTION
PAGE 49

Litter Attendants are on the road seven days a week to inspect or service garbage and recycling bins Over 8,000 times each week throughout the city. They also collect additional litter along the way to help maintain a clean and livable community for Richmond residents.



COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT
PAGE 50

Through partnerships with students, teachers and the School District, Richmond delivers educational workshops, awareness programs and volunteer opportunities to increase understanding of recycling and the benefits of reducing waste.



3.2 Blue Box and Blue Cart Programs

Richmond’s Blue Box and Blue Cart recycling programs provide convenient collection of a wide variety of materials, including mixed paper, plastic containers, paper and plastic drink cups, empty aerosol cans and spiral wound cans like frozen juice concentrate containers as well as glass bottles and glass jars.

Richmond’s Blue Box program for door-to-door curbside collection includes a Blue Box for containers, yellow Mixed Paper Recycling Bag for paper and small, flattened cardboard items, and a grey Glass Recycling Bin for glass bottles/jars. The Blue Cart program for centralized collection has separately labeled carts for containers, mixed paper and glass.

It is important to ensure materials are sorted correctly into the proper recycling receptacles. For example, recyclables must be placed individually in bins – not stacked, nestled or in plastic bags.

Glass bottles/jars must be placed in the Glass Recycling Bin/Cart – not the Blue Box or Containers Recycling Cart.

Also, some items are not accepted in the Blue Cart/ Blue Box program, such as non-packaging plastics like toys and laundry baskets, hazardous items like butane cylinders, propane tanks and batteries, and non-packaging metal items like scissors and pans. These items are accepted at the Richmond Recycling Depot.

CONTAINER RECYCLING: BLUE BOX/CONTAINERS RECYCLING CART



✓ ACCEPTED

Metals

- ✓ Aerosol cans (empty) & caps (food items, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, hairspray)
- ✓ Aluminium cans & lids
- ✓ Aluminium foil & foil containers (foil wrap, pie plates, food trays)
- ✓ Metal storage containers (such as for candy)
- ✓ Tin cans & lids

Paper

- ✓ Paper food containers & cartons
- ✓ Paper cups & lids, plates & bowls
- ✓ Paper garden pots & trays
- ✓ Spiral wound paper cans & lids (frozen juice, potato chips, cookie dough, coffee, nuts, baby formula)

Plastic

- ✓ Plastic bottles & caps (food items, condiments such as ketchup & mustard, dish soap, mouthwash, shampoos, conditioners)
- ✓ Plastic containers, trays & caps (bakery & deli foods)
- ✓ Plastic cups & lids
- ✓ Plastic food storage containers
- ✓ Plastic garden pots & trays
- ✓ Plastic hangers
- ✓ Plastic jars & lids
- ✓ Plastic microwavable bowls, cups & lids
- ✓ Plastic plates & bowls
- ✓ Plastic straws, utensils and stirsticks
- ✓ Plastic tubs & lids (margarine, spreads, dairy products such as yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream)

✗ NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Aerosol cans with hazardous materials (spray paint)*
- ✗ Butane cylinders*
- ✗ Ceramic plant pots
- ✗ Containers for motor oil, vehicle lubricant or wax products*
- ✗ Compostable/biodegradable plastic bags & containers
- ✗ Foil-lined cardboard lids from take-out containers
- ✗ Garden hoses
- ✗ Plastic bags & overwrap*
- ✗ Plastic string or rope
- ✗ Polystyrene (Styrofoam) packaging*
- ✗ Propane tanks*

* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot.

TIPS TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY



Place materials separately in the bins – don't put recyclables into plastic bags. Bagged items will go in the garbage.



Avoid stacking or nestling items together, instead place them separately in the bins. For example, don't nestle an aluminium can inside a plastic container.



Empty, rinse and flatten containers. Food or other materials in the containers contaminate the recycling. Remove lids and recycle separately.



Separate glass jars and glass bottles and recycle in the grey Glass Recycling Bin or Glass Recycling Cart. Their metal or plastic lids go in the Blue Box/Containers Cart.





PAPER PRODUCTS: MIXED PAPER RECYCLING BAG/CART



✓ ACCEPTED

Boxboard and Cardboard

- ✓ Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard (small pieces)
- ✓ Moving and storage boxes
- ✓ Paper egg cartons
- ✓ Paper gift boxes
- ✓ Paper takeout containers (including those with a shiny coating)
- ✓ Pizza boxes (clean)

Paper

- ✓ Catalogues, magazines & telephone books
- ✓ Envelopes (with or without window)
- ✓ Flyers & junk mail
- ✓ Miscellaneous paper (notepads, loose leaf paper, white or coloured paper, printed paper, copier/printer paper)
- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Paper bags (lunch, groceries)
- ✓ Paper gift bags
- ✓ Paper gift wrap & greeting cards
- ✓ Paper party hats and decorations
- ✓ Shredded paper (inside a paper bag to avoid scattering)

✗ NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Cardboard boxes with wax coating
- ✗ Foil/metallic wrapping paper*
- ✗ Greeting cards with non-paper items (glitter, plastic attachments, music devices, batteries)

- ✗ Padded envelopes
- ✗ Plastic bags used to cover newspapers/flyers*
- ✗ Plastic or foil candy wrappers*
- ✗ Ribbons or bows

* Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot.

TIPS TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY



Remove plastic liners/covers and/or any food residue.



Put shredded paper in a paper bag before placing in the Mixed Paper Recycling Bag/Cart to avoid scattering.



Cut cardboard into small pieces and flatten boxes to take up less space in the Mixed Paper Recycling Bag/Cart and collection truck.



Oversized/excessive amounts of cardboard can be dropped off at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



GLASS JARS & GLASS BOTTLES: GLASS RECYCLING BIN/CART



✓ ACCEPTED

✓ Clear or coloured glass bottles and glass jars (pickle jars, jam jars, spaghetti sauce jars, soy sauce bottles)

✗ NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Broken glass (wrap and put in garbage)
- ✗ Ceramic products
- ✗ Drinking glasses, glass dishes and cookware
- ✗ Lids and caps (remove from the glass bottle/jar and place in Blue Box/Containers Recycling Cart)
- ✗ Mirrors and window glass

TIPS TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY



Remove plastic and metal lids and recycle separately in the Blue Box/Containers Recycling Cart.



Empty and rinse jars and bottles. Make sure no food is left inside because it contaminates the recycling.



Set Out Time

Before 7:30am every week on collection day.

Note: For centralized Blue Cart service, the collection details are arranged between the City and the Strata Council or Property Manager. Residents do not have to set the Blue Carts out for collection.



Report a Missed Collection

Call 604-276-4010 or email garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca.



How to Get More Free Recycling Supplies

- Supplies include:
- Blue Boxes
 - Glass Recycling Bins
 - Indoor Collection Bags
 - Mixed Paper Recycling Bags

Richmond Recycling Depot
5555 Lynas Lane
Open 7 days a week
(Closed on statutory holidays)
9:00am to 6:15pm

Four ways to order supplies:

1. Pick up at Richmond Recycling Depot
2. Call 604-276-4010
3. Order at richmond.ca/recyclesearch
4. Order in the Richmond Recycling app, free at Apple and Android app stores.



Recycle correctly for safety and the environment!



Sorting your waste correctly is important. It allows recycling to be processed into new products, avoids fines and helps to ensure hazardous items are handled safely.

! GLASS

Only glass bottles/jars go into the Glass Recycling Bin/Cart.



What to do with other glass items:

- **Light bulbs and light fixtures:** Take to the Richmond Recycling Depot.
- **Dishes, drinking glasses, storage containers, cookware and ceramics:** Donate/sell if usable.
- **Broken glass and ceramics:** Bag and place in Garbage Cart.

! HAZARDOUS ITEMS

Hazardous items can hurt people and animals or harm the environment.

Batteries can leak acid.



Butane cylinders can explode.



Propane tanks can cause fires.

Follow these guidelines:

- Do not put hazardous items like batteries, butane cylinders or propane tanks in garbage or recycling collection bins.
- Take hazardous items to the Richmond Recycling Depot for safe handling.
- Visit richmond.ca/recycle for a list of items banned and prohibited from garbage and recycling bins.

Learn more about how to recycle correctly at richmond.ca/recycle.

Get the Richmond Recycling app



Free on Apple and Android app stores



Helpful resources at your fingertips

- **SEARCH** how and where to correctly recycle and dispose of items
- **FIND** drop-off locations for recyclables
- **SCHEDULE** collection day reminders
- **ORDER** recycling supplies, play games and more



richmond.ca/RecycleSearch



3.3 Green Cart Program

Food scraps are banned from the garbage, which means they must be recycled or composted, and the City can be charged fines and other penalties when organics are found in the garbage. With the Green Cart program, all Richmond residents have access to food scraps recycling and when recycling with a Green Cart, residents are helping turn food scraps and yard trimmings into compost for nutrient-rich soil.

Richmond also encourages organics recycling by providing Green Cart service at no charge at the City-sponsored community gardens.

It is important to ensure that only food scraps, food soiled paper, and yard and garden trimmings go in the Green Cart. When items like plastic bags, polystyrene (Styrofoam) or biodegradable/compostable plastic bags are found in the Green Cart, the load is considered contaminated.

These materials are not accepted at processing facilities because they compromise the quality of the compost.

Residents can also create their own compost at home to keep these organic materials out of landfills. Residents can purchase a backyard compost bin at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



GREEN CART FOR FOOD SCRAPS & YARD TRIMMINGS



✓ ACCEPTED

Food Scraps & Food Soiled Paper

- ✓ Breads, pasta, rice & noodles
- ✓ Coffee grounds & filters
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Eggshells
- ✓ Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish & bones
- ✓ Paper tea bags
- ✓ Paper towels, napkins & plates
- ✓ Pizza delivery boxes
- ✓ Small amounts of grease/oil absorbed into paper towel
- ✓ Solid grease
- ✓ Table scraps & food scrapings
- ✓ Vegetables

Yard Trimmings

- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Other organic yard materials
- ✓ Plants (living or dead/dried)
- ✓ Plant trimmings
- ✓ Tree & hedge prunings (branches must be no more than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter and cut short enough to fit in the Green Cart with the lid closed)

✗ NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Compostable & biodegradable plastic bags
- ✗ Garden hoses or flower pots
- ✗ Liquid grease
- ✗ Lumber
- ✗ Pet feces or kitty litter
- ✗ Plastic bags & plastic overwrap
- ✗ Plastic mesh tea bags
- ✗ Plastic wraps
- ✗ Polystyrene (Styrofoam) cups, meat trays or takeout containers
- ✗ Prunings over 10 cm (4 in) in diameter
- ✗ Rocks, dirt, sod or soil

Why can't I put plastic bags in my green cart?

Plastic bags (including compostable or biodegradable bags) do not break down during the composting process and leave behind flecks of plastic that contaminate the compost.



TIPS TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY



Collect food scraps in your kitchen container. Wrap food scraps in small amounts of newspaper or used paper towel before adding to kitchen container.



Sprinkle kitchen container with baking soda to reduce odours and consider freezing food scraps until you're ready to empty them into the Green Cart.



Keep kitchen container clean by lining it with a few sheets of newspaper, a paper bag liner or used paper towel.



Empty materials from your kitchen container into your Green Cart.



Place yard trimmings into Green Cart along with your food scraps. Extra yard trimmings can go in large paper bags or additional labelled Green Cans.



MULTIPLE GREEN CART SIZES AVAILABLE

Richmond provides Green Carts in multiple sizes to meet residents' recycling needs. Residents can exchange their Green Cart for a different size by contacting the Environmental Programs Information Line at 604-276-4010 or email garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca. There is a \$25 fee for cart exchanges.

SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES CART SIZE SELECTION



Extra Large
360 litres
D 34.5 x W 25 x
H 44.5 inches

STANDARD

Large
240 litres
D 27.5 x W 24.5 x
H 43 inches

Medium
120 litres
D 21 x W 19 x
H 37.5 inches

Small
80 litres
D 21.5 x W 16 x
H 34.5 inches

TOWNHOMES CART SIZE SELECTION



Small
80 litres
D 21.5 x W 16 x
H 34.5 inches

STANDARD

Compact
46.5 litres
D 12 x W 11 x
H 27 inches



BACKYARD COMPOSTING PROGRAMS

Backyard Compost Bins: Backyard compost bins are available for sale at the Richmond Recycling Depot for \$25 plus tax.

Demonstration Garden: To help residents learn about composting, the City hosts a Compost Demonstration area in the Terra Nova Rural Park at 2631 Westminster Highway just west of No. 1 Road. It is open from dawn to dusk year-round.

Compost Hotline: For tips, call 604-736-2250 or email composthotline@telus.net.

YARD TRIMMINGS DROP-OFF

Richmond residents and commercial landscapers can drop off yard trimmings at the following locations.

Ecowaste Industries

15500 Blundell Road
(access from Blundell via No. 8 Road and Westminster Hwy., or via Nelson Road and Highway 91)

Residents may drop off an unlimited amount of yard trimmings free of charge (proof of residency may be required). Commercial operators can be pre-approved for dropping off materials at no charge when they are servicing residential properties with Richmond Green Cart service. Visit ecowaste.com or call 604-277-1410 for information.

City Recycling Depot

5555 Lynas Lane
Open 7 days a week
(Closed on statutory holidays)
9:00am to 6:15pm

There is no charge for dropping off up to 0.75 cubic metres (1 cubic yard); a fee is charged for each additional cubic yard. Commercial operators are charged a fee for all trimmings at the Richmond Recycling Depot.



Set Out Time

Before 7:30am every week on collection day.

Note: For centralized Green Cart service, the collection details are arranged between the City and the Strata Council or Property Manager. Residents do not have to set the carts out for pick-up.



Report a Missed Collection or Damaged Green Cart

Call 604-276-4010 or email garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca.



How to Exchange your Green Cart

Various cart sizes are on display at the Richmond Recycling Depot. Please note there is a \$25 charge to exchange your cart. To change to an alternative size, please call 604-276-4010.



New/Replacement Kitchen Containers

Four ways to order supplies:

1. Pick up at Richmond Recycling Depot.
2. Call 604-276-4010.
3. Order at richmond.ca/recyclesearch.
4. Order in the Richmond Recycling app, free at Apple and Android app stores.





3.4 Garbage Cart Program

Richmond’s curbside Garbage Cart program provides residents with convenient options for waste disposal. Household garbage is collected biweekly. The Garbage Cart program includes City-provided carts with wheels and lids, and is designed to lower costs for residents who are reducing the amount of garbage they produce by recycling their household waste.

Most household items are recyclable. Residents are encouraged to think twice before putting items in the garbage to help keep recyclables out of the landfill.

It’s important to secure or wrap loose garbage to prevent materials from being scattered by wind or animals. Garbage must be securely packed in plastic bags. This includes ashes, kitty litter, disposable diapers, vacuum cleaner sweepings, disposable masks and gloves, and other loose household garbage.

All garbage must be placed at curbside before 7:30am on collection day but no earlier than 8:00pm the day before. Do not place receptacles or other items on the road.

Residents are responsible for cleaning up any loose materials that have been scattered over the ground by animals, wind or vandalism.



Food scraps are not permitted in the garbage. Please use your Green Cart to recycle food scraps and yard trimmings.



Recyclable items are not allowed in the garbage. Please use the Blue Box / Blue Cart program to recycle these items.



EXTRA ITEM DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Garbage Disposal Vouchers

Richmond residents may purchase a Garbage Disposal Voucher for \$5 at all City facilities. These vouchers are good for up to \$25 at the Vancouver Landfill, located in Delta, and are valid anytime. They are limited to one per household per year.

\$2 Garbage Tags

Garbage Tags for curbside collection are available for purchase at all City facilities. One Garbage Tag is good for an additional garbage bag or can.

Visit richmond.ca/garbage for a list of City facilities selling Garbage Tags and Garbage Disposal Vouchers.

GARBAGE CART SIZE OPTIONS

REDUCE CART SIZE TO SAVE MONEY

Residents can save money on annual utility fees by reducing the size of their garbage cart – the smaller the cart, the lower the fees. Please note that a \$25 cart exchange fee applies.

To exchange your garbage cart, call Environmental Programs at 604-276-4010 or email garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca.



Extra Large
360 litres
D 34.5 x W 25 x H 44.5 in



Large
240 litres
D 27.5 x W 24.5 x H 43 in
Standard size for
single-family homes



Medium
120 litres
D 21.5 x W 19 x H 37.5 in
Standard size
for townhomes



Small
80 litres
D 20 x W 16 x H 34.5 in



3.5 Richmond Recycling Depot

The Richmond Recycling Depot is located at 5555 Lynas Lane and is open from 9:00am to 6:15pm, seven days a week for drop-off of a broad range of materials.

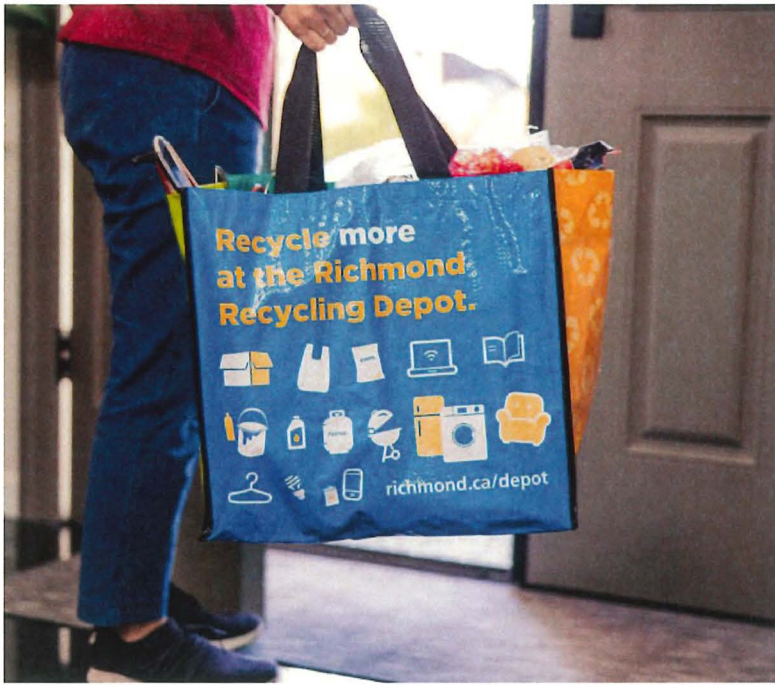
The Recycling Depot is owned and operated by the City of Richmond, with both full-time staff and additional staff support as needed to manage increased recycling volumes. Staff on site are available to answer questions and provide assistance with unloading awkward or heavy items.

The City continues to increase the number of items accepted at the Recycling Depot to make it a convenient, one-stop drop-off location for multiple items. Richmond residents can bring a wide range of recyclable materials at no charge.



Richmond Recycling Depot

5555 Lynas Lane
 Open 7 days a week
 9:00am to 6:15pm
 (except statutory holidays)



RECYCLING DEPOT SERVICES

Residents are encouraged to use their weekly collection bins to recycle household items like glass bottles and glass jars, mixed containers and mixed paper. Businesses are encouraged to set up contracts for on-site collection services if they produce a large quantity of recyclable materials. However, residents and small business operators can also drop off recyclable materials at the Recycling Depot.

This facility accepts a wide range of materials, including cardboard, yard and garden trimmings and mixed paper as well as polystyrene (Styrofoam), used books, cellphones, household batteries, plastic bags and metal items (e.g., hot water tanks, barbecues and lawn mowers).

The facility is also a product stewardship (take-back) collection site for large and small appliances, paints, solvents, flammable liquids, pesticides, lights and lighting fixtures, tires, electronics, motor oil, batteries, thermostats, fire extinguishers, and smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

The City receives revenues from the sale of materials collected from the Recycling Depot or from product stewards for materials the City collects on their behalf. All revenues from commodities and other materials are applied to the operating cost of the program to return the value directly to Richmond taxpayers.



For Sale at the Recycling Depot

- Compost bins - \$25 each + tax
- Rain barrels - \$30 each + tax
- Extra Garbage Tags - \$2 each
- Garbage Disposal Vouchers - \$5 for Richmond residents and value is up to \$25 at the Vancouver Landfill, located in Delta



Free Recycling Supplies Available at the Recycling Depot

- Food Scraps Kitchen Containers
- Grey Glass Recycling Bins
- Blue Boxes
- Yellow Mixed Paper Recycling Bags
- Indoor Collection Bags
- Green Can Decals

Welcome to the Richmond Recycling Depot!

You'll be amazed by how much you can take – for free – to the Richmond Recycling Depot.

Use the map below to see where to take your items once you arrive at the Recycling Depot. The icons are colour-coded to match the signs at the Depot and help you quickly find your way.

There are always attendants available to help you and to safely handle hazardous recyclable items.



For a virtual tour, visit
richmond.ca/depot



Welcome!

MATERIALS ACCEPTED

- ✓ Aerosol & spiral wound cans
- ✓ Aluminium materials
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Baby car seats/booster seats*
- ✓ Batteries (lead acid car batteries)
- ✓ Batteries (small household batteries less than 5 kg)
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Butane cylinders
- ✓ Cellphones (including batteries)
- ✓ Clothing and other textiles
- ✓ Cooking oil & animal fat
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard (flattened, clean corrugated boxes)
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Exercise & hobby machines
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Flammable aerosols
- ✓ Flammable liquids
- ✓ Flexible plastic (plastic bags, overwrap, crinkly wrappers, stand up & zipper lock pouches, reusable plastic shopping bags, etc.)
- ✓ Flower pots (paper & plastic pots/trays)
- ✓ Gasoline (in approved ULC containers)
- ✓ Glass bottles/jars (clear & coloured)
- ✓ Lights
- ✓ Lighting fixtures
- ✓ Metal items
- ✓ Mixed paper, magazines & newspaper
- ✓ Motor oil & antifreeze
- ✓ Paints (household paints)
- ✓ Paint aerosols
- ✓ Pesticides (domestic pesticides)
- ✓ Plastic containers
- ✓ Polystyrene (Styrofoam) packaging
- ✓ Power tools
- ✓ Propane tanks
- ✓ Sewing, knitting & textile machines
- ✓ Smoke & carbon monoxide alarms
- ✓ Thermostats
- ✓ Tin & aluminium cans
- ✓ Tires (passenger & light-duty trucks only)
- ✓ Upholstered furniture*
- ✓ Yard & garden trimmings

All materials must be sorted into different containers at the Recycling Depot. See richmond.ca/depot for details.

* Proof of residency required.



3.6 Large Item Pick Up Program

Richmond's Large Item Pick Up program provides a convenient curbside collection service for up to six large household items per year, including mattresses, furniture and appliances. This program is designed to make it more convenient for residents to dispose of large household items and to help reduce illegal dumping. As well, through this program, large household items that can be recycled will be diverted from the landfill.

The Large Item Pick Up program is provided to residents in single-family homes as well as townhomes and multi-family complexes with the City's Garbage Cart and/or Blue Box program.

This service makes it easier for residents who do not have access to a vehicle to properly dispose of large items.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- 1** To schedule collection of up to six items per year, residents can contact the City's service provider, Sierra Waste Services, at 604-270-4722 or schedule online at richmond.ca/largeitem.
- 2** Sierra Waste Services will contact you to provide a pick-up date and confirmation number.
- 3** On your scheduled pick-up date only, place items at the curb, or for multi-family complexes, in the area designated by the strata or property manager, before 7:30am or no earlier than 8:00pm the night before.

LARGE ITEM PICK UP PROGRAM



✓ ACCEPTED

- ✓ Appliances (stove, dishwasher, washer and/or dryer, hot water tank, refrigerator, freezer, microwave)
- ✓ Barbecues (remove lava rock briquettes and/or propane tank)
- ✓ Bed frames
- ✓ Electric lawnmowers
- ✓ Exercise equipment (treadmill, elliptical, stationary bike, stair climber, weight set)
- ✓ Furniture (e.g., couch, coffee table, chair, desk, dresser, TV stand, cabinet, table, hutch, crib, high chair, entertainment centre)
- ✓ Headboards
- ✓ Mattresses or boxsprings
- ✓ Outdoor furniture (chair, patio table, patio umbrella)
- ✓ Small household goods, provided they are boxed or bundled and are a reasonable size (one box or bundle is equal to one of the resident's six allotted items)
- ✓ Tires (car and light-duty truck)

! PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

- ! Wrap mattresses in plastic and seal with tape to prevent them from getting wet. Cover boxsprings and upholstered furniture with tarps or plastic to keep them dry. Tarps will be left behind for reuse.
- ! Confirm mattresses, boxsprings and upholstered furniture are free of bedbugs to ensure they are accepted for recycling at the facility.
- ! Remove latch/door from freezers, refrigerators or any other container equipped with a door, latch or locking device.

✗ NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Car bodies or parts
- ✗ Carpets
- ✗ Construction and demolition waste (drywall)
- ✗ Gas lawnmowers*
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Home renovation items (sinks, flooring, doors, windows)
- ✗ Lumber
- ✗ Mattresses/boxsprings and upholstered furniture that are wet or infested with bed bugs or vermin
- ✗ Propane tanks*
- ✗ Tree stumps

*Take to Richmond Recycling Depot

Not sure where to recycle an item? Use the Recycling Wizard tool on the free Richmond Recycling app to find out where to recycle your item.



3.7 Public Spaces Programs

Maintaining a litter-free community and encouraging recycling in parks and other public spaces is an essential part of responsible and sustainable waste management. Not only does this help keep the City a beautiful place to live and visit, it also helps to reduce the amount of plastic and other garbage going into oceans and other waterways.

The City has three primary services to support recycling and a litter-free community: Public Spaces services, Litter Collection services and Special Event Recycling.

Because building community pride and increasing responsible behaviours involve working together with the community, the City also works with volunteers through the Partners for Beautification program and community clean-up events.

PUBLIC SPACES SERVICES

The City of Richmond has recycling and garbage bins located throughout the community in public spaces that include parks and business districts. Recycling and garbage bins are serviced or inspected over 8,000 times each week.

The City's bins include instructional bin labels to help inform people about how to sort items correctly. Many of the recycling bins feature images that complement the surrounding scenery, and others feature custom artwork by local artists. To further improve capacity and operational efficiency, the City also has large, in-ground garbage collection bins in high-traffic areas.

SPECIAL EVENT RECYCLING

Recycling stations are recommended for special event bookings taking place in Richmond. For some major events, the City hosts recycling stations with assistance from Green Ambassador volunteers. This involves setting up recycling stations and having recycling volunteers at the event to advise people on how to recycle.

The City also supports events by providing organizers with recycling bins and garbage carts at no charge, as well as complimentary collection services. This makes it easy for event organizers to keep the venue clean and recyclables out of the landfill.

In addition, the City participates in community clean-up events each year.



LITTER COLLECTION SERVICES

Maintaining a litter-free city is a key focus area to ensure residents can enjoy clean parks and public spaces. The City of Richmond has made efforts to ensure that there are garbage bins, and in many cases recycling options, in public spaces throughout the city.

In addition, City crews work seven days a week to collect litter from parks, school grounds, roadsides, sidewalks and boulevards.

They inspect or service garbage and recycling from litter and recycling receptacles in the community 34,682 times every month. Crews also assist with removing graffiti from City garbage bins, and they collect illegally dumped materials found on City property and provide safe disposal and recycling of these items.

The extensive work to maintain public spaces and collect litter may go unnoticed but City staff work hard to maintain a clean and livable community for Richmond residents.





3.8 Outreach and Customer Service

Richmond's successful outreach and customer service programs are designed to help turn information and education into action.

By working with children and youth through school programs and the Green Ambassadors, Richmond creates a learning environment where students gain a better understanding about recycling and sustainable waste management, and then apply their skills as volunteers and through school activities.

Providing outreach, customer support services and information materials also assists residents by increasing their understanding of how to recycle correctly along with new tools and services to promote recycling at home and on the go.

The Environmental Programs Information Line staff assist customers on the phone, via email and at community events to answer questions, assist with requests relating to garbage and recycling, and provide guidance on where to find information and resources.

Richmond staff also assist customers directly at the Recycling Depot, and through its outreach programs in the community.

At the Recycling Depot, staff provide assistance about where and how to recycle using its drop-off options, answer questions about City programs and services, and sell products such as compost bins and rain barrels as well as Garbage Tags and Garbage Disposal Vouchers.

Through outreach, Richmond goes into the community to connect with residents to share information and respond to questions.



Environmental Programs staff conducted five information displays at community events in 2025, with a total of 476 participants.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Richmond’s free community workshops provide education and tips that support recycling and waste reduction techniques. A summary of workshops is provided below.

For information on the workshops, call the Environmental Programs Information Line at 604-276-4010, email garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca, or visit the Community Outreach section at richmond.ca/recycle.

RICHMOND GREEN AMBASSADORS

Richmond’s Green Ambassadors are dedicated high school students who participate in monthly symposiums to learn about environmental sustainability and apply what they have learned as volunteers at City events and activities. These energetic and environmentally conscious individuals also manage green initiatives in their schools.

STUDENT OUTREACH

Richmond sponsors programs and other activities for local students to raise awareness about the importance of reducing waste and how to recycle correctly. These activities inspire them to feel that taking care of the planet is fun.

To encourage youth involvement beyond the Green Ambassador program, the City will explore collaborating with agencies to create work opportunities that support young people in advancing in green career paths and supporting sustainable City initiatives.

SEARCH & TIPS TOOLS

Richmond offers the Recycling Wizard to help residents find where they can recycle household items. The Recycling Wizard is available online at richmond.ca/recyclesearch and in the Richmond Recycling app, free from the Apple and Android app stores.

TYPE OF WORKSHOP	DESCRIPTION
Recycling Workshops	Learn how to reduce reliance on single-use items and sort household recyclables properly to reduce contamination. Understand the recycling process and the importance recycling has for the environment, including circular economy and other hot topics in solid waste management.
Richmond Recycling Depot Tours	Interactive tour of the Richmond Recycling Depot designed to teach residents about the drop-off options available and materials accepted for recycling.



TIPS AND RESOURCES

4.0

Tips and Resources

The City is working together with residents and local organizations to reduce waste and promote a circular economy. These Tips and Resources highlight the City's community partners, and provide a guide for how to deal with hazardous waste and other items not accepted in curbside and centralized recycling programs.

With the help of community resources and partnerships, Richmond residents have access to easy and convenient drop-off services and programs to support recycling, safe disposal and waste reduction. This section includes contact information and locations for Richmond services and community partners involved in take-back collection through product stewardship programs.

Together, these Tips and Resources help to support maximum recycling and reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.



4.1 Community Resources and Partnerships

ECOWASTE INDUSTRIES

The City offers residents the option to drop off unlimited quantities of yard and garden trimmings for free at Ecowaste Industries. Proof of Richmond residency is required.

Ecowaste Industries:

15500 Blundell Road
 (Access from Blundell via No. 8 Road and
 Westminster Hwy., or via Nelson Road and Highway 91)
 604-277-1410
 ecowaste.com

RECYCLING COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (RCBC)

RCBC provides information and resources to support recycling in the community.

Recycling Hotline

Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm
 604-RECYCLE (604-732-9253)
 hotline@rcbc.bc.ca
 rcbc.ca

COMPOST HOTLINE

The Compost Hotline is a community program operated by City Farmer that provides support and tips for best practices in home composting.

Compost Hotline:

604-736-2250
 composthotline@telus.net

METRO VANCOUVER RECYCLES

Metro Vancouver Recycles helps you find options for recycling products and get helpful links to online services.

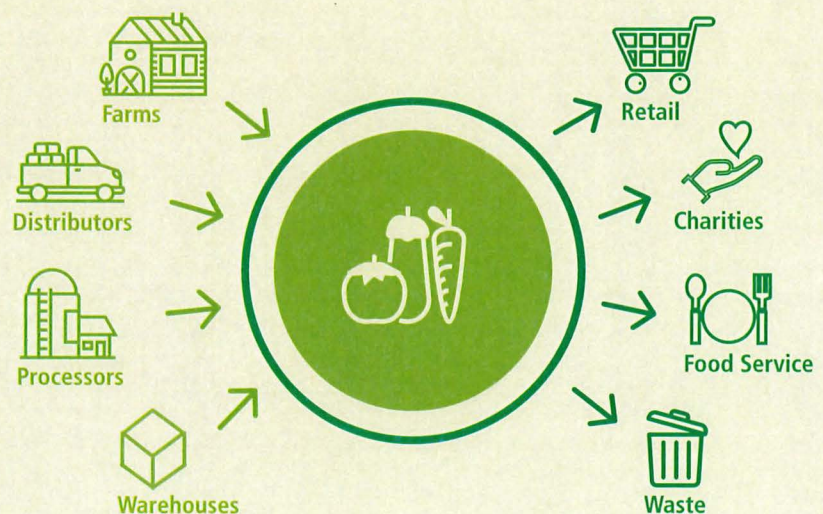
Metro Vancouver Recycling Directory:

metrovancouverrecycles.org or recycling.metrovancouver.org

CITY OF RICHMOND FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK

Partnering with FoodMesh, this program safely and easily diverts surplus food by bringing together local food businesses with charities and farmers.

Richmond Food Recovery Network:
foodmesh.ca/services-regional/richmond





4.2 Banned and Hazardous Materials

Careless handling of hazardous products can cause serious injury as well as damage to the environment. Hazardous products that are dumped in sewers or green spaces can injure livestock, wildlife and plant life. Careful and often specialized disposal is essential for these materials.

There are certain materials that Metro Vancouver disposal facilities do not accept, either because there are already recycling programs set up for these items or because they are hazardous to waste collection workers, the public and the environment.

At disposal sites, garbage loads are inspected for banned and prohibited materials. Loads that arrive at the disposal sites containing prohibited materials are assessed an \$80 minimum surcharge, plus the cost of removal, clean-up or remediation.

Loads containing banned materials are assessed a 50% tipping fee surcharge.

For a list of drop-off locations, use the City's Recycling Wizard available on the Richmond Recycling app and at richmond.ca/recyclesearch, or call the RCBC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9253.

The Recycling and Disposal Directory starting on page 58 also provides options for some banned and hazardous materials.



BANNED HAZARDOUS AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT MATERIALS



- x Agricultural waste
- x Asbestos
- x Automobile bodies and parts
- x Barrels, drums, pails or large (205 litres or greater) liquid containers, full or empty
- x Biomedical waste
- x Dead animals
- x Gypsum
- x Hazardous waste
- x Inert fill material, including soil, sod, gravel, concrete and asphalt exceeding 0.5 cubic metres per load
- x Liquids or sludge
- x Refuse that is on fire, smouldering, flammable or explosive
- x Wire and cable exceeding 1% of load

BANNED MATERIALS THAT ARE RECYCLABLE WITH CITY SERVICES



- x Beverage containers
- x Containers made of glass, metal or banned recycled plastic ♻️♻️♻️
- x Corrugated cardboard
- x Electronics
- x Expanded polystyrene packaging
- x Food waste
- x Green waste
- x Mattresses
- x Motor oil & antifreeze
- x Propane tanks
- x Recyclable paper
- x Tires (passenger & light-duty truck only)

For a complete list of banned materials, please visit metrovancover.org/services/solid-waste/disposal-ban-program.

4.3 Recycling and Disposal Directory

Many common hazardous household and automotive products must be recycled or disposed through special depots. Disposal sites and take-back collection options for hazardous, banned and other materials are listed on the following pages.


Please note that this information is provided as a reference for your convenience; however, it is not guaranteed. Please call first to confirm that the site is still open to accept these take-back products and to check hours of operation.


A current list of items accepted at the Richmond Recycling Depot can be found at richmond.ca/depot.

LEGEND

Watch for the **blue** and **teal** listings for items recyclable through the City of Richmond. See Programs and Services starting on page 28 to find out what is accepted through the City's collection and drop-off services.

 **Disposal Ban** – Banned from the landfill and recyclable through retailers, stewardship or take-back programs.

 **Disposal Ban** – Banned from the landfill and recyclable through the City of Richmond and other services.

 **Not Banned** – Recyclable through the City of Richmond and other services.

 **A fee is charged**



ANTIFREEZE AND EMPTY CONTAINERS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
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Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
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List of accepted items: 604-732-9253 or interchangerecycling.com/find-a-recycling-centre.



APPLIANCES – SMALL

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
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Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
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Blundell Return-It Centre 130-8180 No. 2 Road	604-274-1999
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IKEA Richmond 3320 Jacombs Road	1-866-866-4532
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Ironwood Bottle & Return-It Depot 110-11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
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OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
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Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171
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List of accepted items: electrorecycle.ca or 604-732-9253.



BABY CAR SEATS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
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Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
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 City of Vancouver Landfill 5400 72nd Street, Delta	604-873-7000
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 Queensborough Landing Return-it Depot Unit A-409 Boyne Road, New Westminster	604-540-4467
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BATTERIES – AUTOMOTIVE

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Canadian Tire 11388 Steveston Highway	604-271-6651
Kal Tire 2633 No. 5 Road	604-278-9181
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171
Richmond Steel 11760 Mitchell Road	604-324-4656

Note: All retailers accept a used battery for each one purchased. Collection sites: recyclemybattery.ca



BATTERIES – HOUSEHOLD
Batteries weighing 5 kg or less

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Apple Store* 123A-6551 No. 3 Road	604-248-3940
Best Buy Lansdowne Centre 700-5300 No. 3 Road	604-273-7335
D&H Canada New Energy Technology Co. Ltd. 6090-8171 Ackroyd Road	778-929-9292
Ironwood Bottle Depot* 11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
Kwantlen Student Association 8771 Lansdowne Road	604-599-2865
London Drugs 5971 No. 3 Road 3080-11666 Steveston Highway	604-448-4811 604-448-4852
OK Bottle Depot* 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Pharmasave 105-12420 No. 1 Road 116-10151 No. 3 Road	604-232-0159 604-241-2898
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171
Rona (batteries only) 7111 Elmbridge Way	604-273-4606
Save-On Foods* 3000-11666 Steveston Highway 3673 Westminster Highway	604-448-1224 604-273-5755
Staples 8171 Ackroyd Road 110-2780 Sweden Way	604-270-9599 604-303-7850

Batteries accepted: call2recycle.ca or 1-888-224-9764.

* Excludes eMobility batteries.



BUTANE CYLINDERS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010



CARBON MONOXIDE (CO), SMOKE AND COMBINATION SMOKE & CO ALARMS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
London Drugs 5971 No. 3 Road 3200-11666 Steveston Highway	604-448-4811 604-448-4852
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171
Rona 7111 Elmbridge Way	604-273-4606

Complete list of alarms accepted: productcare.org or 1-877-592-2972 ext. 401.



ELECTRONICS: Audio-visual equipment, cell phones, computers, monitors, televisions, printers, fax machines, scanners, video games and accessories

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Best Buy Lansdowne Centre 700-5300 No. 3 Road	1-866-237-8289
Blundell Return-It Centre 130-8180 No. 2 Road	604-274-1999
Ironwood Bottle & Return-It Depot 11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171
Staples #71 Bridgeport 110-2780 Sweden Way	604-303-7850

Complete list of materials accepted: return-it.ca/electronics or 604-473-2400.

All cellular/mobile phone stores accept used cellular/mobile phones for refurbishing or recycling.



EXERCISE AND HOBBY MACHINES

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171

Complete list of materials accepted:
return-it.ca/electronics or 604-473-2400.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010



FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, PESTICIDES, SOLVENTS AND GASOLINE

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171

Complete list of accepted items: productcare.org or 1-877-592-2972 ext. 406.



FURNITURE – UPHOLSTERED (COUCHES, ARMCHAIRS, ETC)

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
City of Vancouver Landfill 5400 72nd Street, Delta	604-873-7000

Richmond's Large Item Pick Up Program: Contact Sierra Waste at 604-270-4722. Some restrictions apply. Program details: richmond.ca/largeitem.

GENERAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Secure Energy 160-13511 Vulcan Way	604-214-7000
TakeMyHazWaste 12202 Old Yale Road, Surrey	604-787-8782



GYPSUM DRYWALL

No other materials attached to or on drywall

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
City of Vancouver Landfill 5400 72nd Street, Delta	604-873-7000
New West Gypsum Recycling 38 Vulcan Street New Westminster	604-534-9925
Vancouver Transfer Station (maximum 1/2 sheet with a paid load of garbage) 377 W. Kent Avenue N., Vancouver	604-873-7000



HYPODERMIC NEEDLES

Purchase a "Sharps Container" from a pharmacy and return the container to same pharmacy when full. Complete list of drop-off locations: healthsteward.ca/returning-medical-sharps.



LIGHTS AND LIGHTING FIXTURES

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Rona 7111 Elmbridge Way	604-273-4606

Complete list of accepted items: productcare.org or 1-877-592-2972 ext. 407.



LUBRICATING OIL (USED), OIL FILTERS AND PLASTIC OIL CONTAINERS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010

Accepted items: 604-732-9253 or interchangerecycling.com/find-a-recycling-centre.



MATTRESSES AND BOXSPRINGS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
City of Vancouver Landfill 5400 72nd Street, Delta	604-873-7000
Vancouver Transfer Station 377 W. Kent Avenue N., Vancouver	604-873-7000

Richmond's Large Item Pick Up Program: Contact Sierra Waste at 604-270-4722. Some restrictions apply. Program details: richmond.ca/largeitem.



MEDICAL DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (ELECTRONIC)

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171



PAINT AND PAINT AEROSOL CONTAINERS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Ironwood Bottle & Return-It Depot 110-11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171

Complete list of accepted items: productcare.org or 1-877-592-2972 ext. 405.



PHARMACEUTICAL

DROP-OFF LOCATION

All pharmacies accept leftover or outdated prescription drugs, non-prescription medications, herbal products, mineral supplements, vitamin supplements and throat lozenges for safe disposal.

For a list of pharmacies and/or drugs, medications, herbal products and mineral supplements accepted, visit healthsteward.ca/returning-medications or call 604-732-9253.

Note: Please do not wash these items down the drain or throw them in the garbage.



POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM) - MOLDED PACKAGING & FOOD CONTAINERS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Ironwood Bottle & Return-It Depot 110-11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
London Drugs (only accepts materials purchased in-store) 5971 No. 3 Road 3200-11666 Steveston Highway	604-448-4811 604-448-4852
Queensborough Landing Return-it Depot Unit A-409 Boyne Road, New Westminster	604-540-4467



POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM) - PEANUTS/CHIPS

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Packaging Depot 5524 Cambie Street, Vancouver	604-325-9966



PROPANE TANKS (REFILLABLE & DISPOSABLE)

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
City of Vancouver Landfill 5400 72nd Street, Delta	604-873-7000

Note: Free drop-off of up to four disposable tanks and two refillable tanks.



OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT

DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171



SEWING, KNITTING & TEXTILE MACHINES	
DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Ironwood Bottle & Return-It Depot 110-11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171



TELUS EQUIPMENT (RENTAL OR RETAIL)	
DROP-OFF LOCATION	
All TELUS rental or retail equipment such as cordless/corded phones, Voice Over IP (VOIP) phones, Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment and video/telephone conference equipment can be returned via Canada Post. Call 1-888-811-2323 for more information.	



THERMOSTATS	
DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Andrew Sheret Ltd. 4500 Vanguard Road	604-278-3766
Vancouver Zero Waste Centre (maximum 2) 8588 Yukon Street, Vancouver	604-873-7000

Drop-off locations: hrai.ca/public-drop-off-locations or 1-800-267-2231 ext 224.



TIRES AND TUBES – BICYCLES	
DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Village Bikes (small amounts) 3891 Moncton Street	604-274-3865

List of locations: tsbc.ca/bike.php or 1-866-759-0488.



TIRES – VEHICLES (OFF-RIM UNLESS NOTED)	
DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Big O Tires 5920 No. 2 Road	604-247-1555
Canadian Tire 3500 No. 3 Road 11388 Steveston Highway	604-273-2939 604-271-6651
Costco Wholesale 9151 Bridgeport Road	604-270-3647
Kal Tire (limit of 4) 2633 No. 5 Road	604-278-9181
OK Tire (limit of 4 per household) 5831 Minoru Boulevard	604-278-5171
Red Line Automotive Ltd. 1-11711 No. 5 Road	604-277-4269
Vancouver Landfill (Passenger/light truck, with/without rims, limit of 10) 5400 72nd Street, Delta	604-873-7000

Richmond's Large Item Pick Up Program: Contact Sierra Waste at 604-270-4722. Some restrictions apply. Program details: richmond.ca/largeitem.

Complete list of locations: tsbc.ca/recycle-your-tires/ or 1-866-759-0488.

All retail locations accept a used tire for a new one purchased.



TOOLS - POWER (ELECTRONIC & ELECTRICAL)	
DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Ironwood Bottle & Return-It Depot 110-11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171



TOYS (ELECTRONIC & ELECTRICAL) INCLUDING VIDEO GAMING SYSTEMS & ACCESSORIES	
DROP-OFF LOCATION	PHONE
Richmond Recycling Depot 5555 Lynas Lane	604-276-4010
Best Buy Lansdowne Centre 700-5300 No. 3 Road	1-866-237-8289
Ironwood Bottle & Return-It Depot 110-11020 Horseshoe Way	604-275-0585
OK Bottle Depot 145-5751 Cedarbridge Way	604-244-0008
Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way	1-855-701-7171



Our thanks go to Richmond residents who have helped us divert the majority of our household waste from the landfill through consistent recycling as well as their continued efforts to reduce waste.

Together, we are making continuous improvements that support a circular economy and more sustainable waste management.



CITY OF RICHMOND

Environmental Programs Information Line:
604-276-4010
richmond.ca/recycle

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