



Living Greener  
for a Sustainable Okanagan

# 2025

## Living Greener Calendar



Recycling, Garbage & Yard Waste Collection  
[rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle)

# Recycling Guide

A Message from the Regional Waste Reduction Office

Good News! More items are now accepted for recycling.

**What Goes in Your Recycling Cart** – Put these items loose in your cart, do not bag them

To  
the  
curb  
by  
7am



Paper, envelopes,  
magazines,  
catalogues,  
paper bags



Cardboard  
and boxboard  
boxes



**NEW**  
Shredded paper  
(put in paper bag  
or box and add  
to your cart)



**NEW**

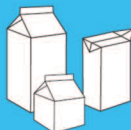
Single use items  
such as plastic straws,  
plastic cutlery, paper  
party decor, paper plates



Paper and  
plastic drink  
cups and lids



Plastic  
packaging & food  
containers



Non beverage  
Gable-top and  
Tetra Pak cartons



Spiral-wound  
cans for chips,  
juice etc.



Frozen dessert  
boxes



Foil wrap,  
containers and  
plates



Metal cans  
and lids  
(with labels)



Empty aerosol  
cans (no paints,  
chemicals)



Plastic  
clamshells  
and trays

## Recycle at Depot Only – Do NOT put these items in your recycling cart, take them to a Depot for recycling only



**Styrofoam containers,  
trays, packaging**



**Flexible Plastics: Plastic bags, overwrap, chip bags and  
snack wrappers, zipper bags and pouches, mesh bags,  
bubble wrap, **NEW** squishy foam packaging and more**



**Non-refundable  
glass jars and bottles**

## What Stays Out of Your Recycling Cart – Leave these items out



**NO  
Garbage**



**NO Hazardous  
Waste  
Take to a  
Recycling Depot**



**NO electronics,  
appliances  
Take to a  
Recycling Depot**



**NO soft or hard  
cover books  
Donate to charity**



**NO hard plastic  
toys, tote bins,  
laundry baskets  
Donate to charity**



**NO Tupperware  
containers  
Donate to charity**



**NO clothes,  
textiles  
Donate to charity**



Regional Waste Reduction Office  
250.469.6250 [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle)  
or download the Recycle Coach App

**Scan Me for info!**





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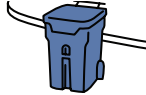
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with wildlife please  
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# Be Cart Smart

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- Carts improperly placed may not be emptied. Keep away from fences, sheds and vehicles.

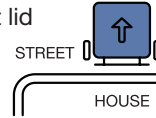
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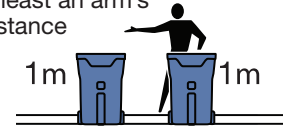
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Point the arrow on the cart lid towards the road.



## Space it

Leave at least an arm's length distance on all sides.



## How to Use Your Carts



- All materials must fit within the carts completely with lids closed.
- Do not block bicycle lanes or sidewalks. Carts must not be an obstacle for cyclists or pedestrians.
- **Extra garbage?** Up to two (2) additional garbage bags that display a 'tag-a-bag' sticker and are not inside a garbage can will be collected. (Want to buy a tag-a-bag? Visit page 3 for info on locations)

### COLLECTION

**GARBAGE:**  
**Black Lid**  
**WEEKLY**  
curbside  
collection of  
garbage.

Garbage must  
fit in cart with  
lid closed.

### PREPARATION

**GARBAGE ONLY.**  
Yard and garden  
waste and  
recyclables are  
not permitted in  
garbage carts  
(black lid).

### ACCEPTED

- ✓ Regular garbage
- ✓ Kitchen waste
- ✓ Containers with food
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Animal waste, loose grit/sawdust (*must be bagged*)
- ✓ Broken window glass, mirror, ceramics
- ✓ Styrofoam peanuts or chips. (*Take all other Styrofoam to a depot for recycling.*)

### NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ **NO** liquids
- ✗ **NO** hot ashes (*let cool completely before disposing*)
- ✗ **NO** wood, drywall, metal, concrete or bricks
- ✗ **NO** renovation material
- ✗ **NO** batteries, electronics or small appliances
- ✗ **NO** hazardous materials (motor oil, paint, chemicals, pesticides)
- ✗ **NO** bulbs or light fixtures (*take to depot*)
- ✗ **NO** recyclables, incl. cardboard or paper
- ✗ **NO** yard/garden waste
- ✗ **NO** Styrofoam or glass (*take to depot*)
- ✗ **NO** dead animal or livestock carcass waste



**COLLECTION****RECYCLABLES:  
Blue Lid****BI-WEEKLY**

curbside collection of recyclable materials.

Mix all recyclables and leave materials loose in the cart.

**PREPARATION**

**DO NOT** place recyclables in bags.

Take **ALL** glass containers, refundable beverage containers, Styrofoam and flexible plastics to a depot.

**DO NOT** pack materials into the cart: it will not empty when dumped.

**NO** food residue, please empty and rinse recyclables.

**ACCEPTED****Paper**

- ✓ Cardboard & boxboard
- ✓ Paper, gift bags, newspaper, flyers, magazines, catalogues, gift wrap.
- ✓ Shredded paper (*Put in paper bag or box*)

**Containers**

- ✓ Tin and aluminum cans, aluminum foil and lids
- ✓ Spiral wound paper cans
- ✓ Non beverage Gable-top and Tetra Pak cartons
- ✓ Aerosol cans (empty)
- ✓ Frozen food packaging

**Single-Use Items**

- ✓ Plastic straws, plastic utensils, plastic plates, plastic bowls, plastic cups, plastic and paper disposable hangers.
- ✓ Plastic garden pots and trays

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- ✗ **NO** paper towel, napkins, Kleenex
- ✗ **NO** diapers (*garbage*)
- ✗ **NO** plastic bags, cling wrap, bubble wrap or zipper bags (*take to depot*)
- ✗ **NO** Styrofoam or glass (*take to depot*)
- ✗ **NO** books (*please donate*)
- ✗ **NO** foil gift wrap
- ✗ **NO** light bulbs or light fixtures (*take to depot*)
- ✗ **NO** mirror or ceramics
- ✗ **NO** needles or medical waste
- ✗ **NO** motor oil, chemical containers or paint cans
- ✗ **NO** batteries, electronics or small appliances (*take to depot*)
- ✗ **NO** used clothing (*donate*), no textiles, no pillows or cushions
- ✗ **NO** scrap metal, wood or renovation material
- ✗ **NO** plastic toys, tote bins, laundry baskets (*if useable, donate to charity*)
- ✗ **NO** propane cylinders, spray paint cans

**COLLECTION****YARD & GARDEN  
WASTE:  
Green Lid****BI-WEEKLY**

curbside collection of yard and garden waste, March 1st to December 31st.

Put all yard waste loosely into cart.

Residents are encouraged to grasscycle and compost.

**PREPARATION**

**NO** plastic bags, no paper bags, no biodegradable bags, no containers.

**DO NOT** pack materials into the cart; it will not empty when dumped.

Yard or garden waste is not permitted in the garbage cart.

**ACCEPTED**

- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Weeds
- ✓ Plant trimmings
- ✓ Prunings and branches up to 5cm (2in) in diameter AND less than 1m (3ft) long
- ✓ Pine needles & cones
- ✓ Pumpkins (non-painted only)
- ✓ Fruit droppings

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- ✗ **NO** plastic, paper or compostable bags
- ✗ **NO** dirt, sod, rocks or tree stumps
- ✗ **NO** kitchen or food waste
- ✗ **NO** diapers (*garbage*)
- ✗ **NO** used tissue or paper towels
- ✗ **NO** regular garbage
- ✗ **NO** animal feces or kitty litter
- ✗ **NO** construction or renovation materials
- ✗ **NO** agricultural or commercial waste
- ✗ **NO** landscape fabric or plastic edging
- ✗ **NO** plastic flower pots (*recycle in blue lid cart*)

**Yard waste must fit in cart with lid closed  
NO yard waste collection January or February.**



# Garbage Disposal & Recycling Depots

## Resident waste drop-off location details:

### Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre

250-469-6250 | 2640 Asquith Road  
(off Shannon Lake Road)

OPEN: 7:30am to 4pm  
Friday through Monday only  
Gates close at 3:50pm

CLOSED: Christmas Day & New Year's Day

**TIPPING FEES APPLY**

### Glenmore Landfill

250-469-8880 | 2710 John Hindle Drive  
(just off of Glenmore Road)

OPEN: 7:30am to 4:45pm daily

CLOSED: Christmas Day, Boxing Day  
& New Year's Day

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### Yard Waste

Year-round drop off at:

- Westside Residential Waste Disposal Centre (Tipping fees apply)
- Glenmore Landfill (Tipping fees apply)

Please empty yard waste out of plastic, biodegradable or brown paper bags when dropping off.

# Recycling Depots

Please call depots to confirm which items are accepted.

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## Columbia Bottle Depots

### CENTRAL DEPOT

1936 Kent Road  
250-763-2500  
OPEN: 8am-5pm daily  
CLOSED: Statutory holidays

### DOWNTOWN DEPOT

1314 St. Paul Street  
250-763-2554  
OPEN: 8am-5pm daily  
CLOSED: Statutory holidays

### RUTLAND DEPOT

680 Dease Road  
250-765-9115  
OPEN:  
Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm  
Sat-Sun: 8am-4pm  
CLOSED:  
Statutory holidays

## Planet Earth Recycling

#3-1400 Industrial Road  
West Kelowna  
778-755-6075  
OPEN:  
Mon-Sat: 8:00am-4:30pm  
CLOSED: Sundays

## Boucherie Bottle Depot

2711 Kyle Road  
West Kelowna  
250-769-7122  
OPEN:  
Mon-Sun: 9am-5pm  
CLOSED: Holidays

## Kelowna Recycling (aka Battery Doctors)

### HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT

*(NO cardboard, paper, plastic,  
Styrofoam or glass accepted at  
this location only.)*

1972 Windsor Road  
250-860-2866  
OPEN:  
Mon-Fri: 8:30am-5pm  
Sat: 9am-4pm  
CLOSED: Sundays

## Tag-a-Bag

Up to two (2) additional bags of garbage  
may be put out with Tag-a-Bag tags  
attached.

Tags (\$2.50 each) may be purchased at:

### City of Kelowna residents only:

City Hall, 1435 Water Street  
Lakeview Market, 3033 Pandosy Street  
Sunshine Market, 4600 Lakeshore Road

### All municipal residents outside Kelowna:

West Kelowna Municipal Office,  
3731 Old Okanagan Highway

Lake Country Municipal Hall,  
10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road

Peachland Municipal Hall,  
5806 Beach Avenue

### RDCO Electoral Area Residents:

Regional District Office, 1450 KLO Road

North Westside Transfer Station,  
Whiteman Creek Forest Service Road

Westside Residential Waste Disposal  
& Recycling Centre, Asquith Road, West  
Kelowna



# Garbage/Recycling Collection Schedule

## How to use this calendar

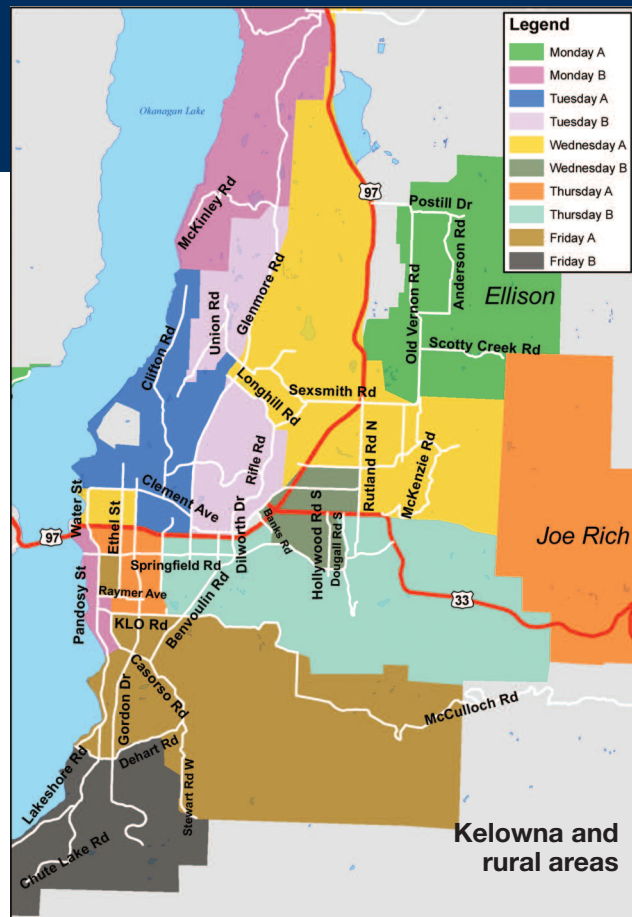
**Step 1:** Refer to the map for your area to determine your collection day.

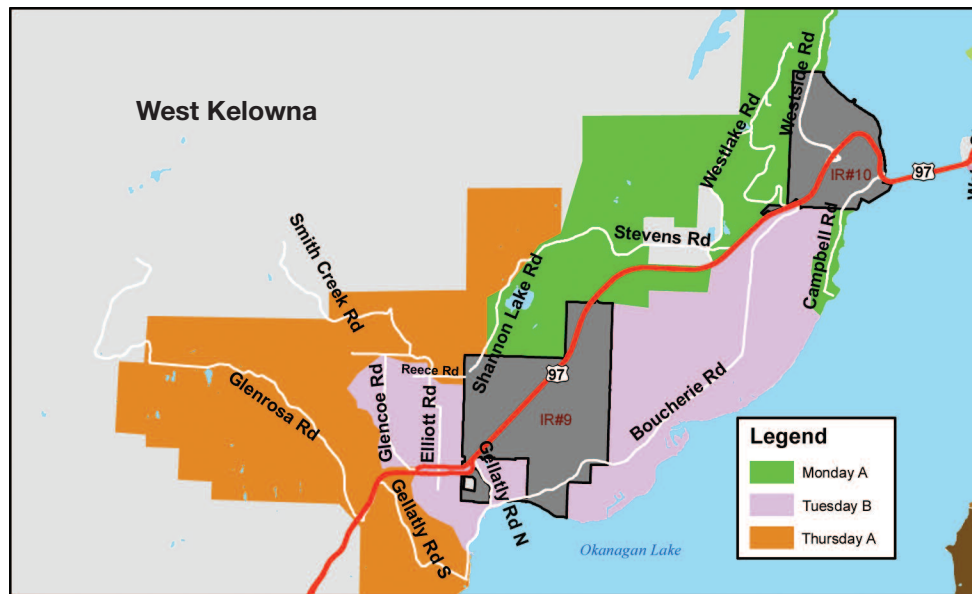
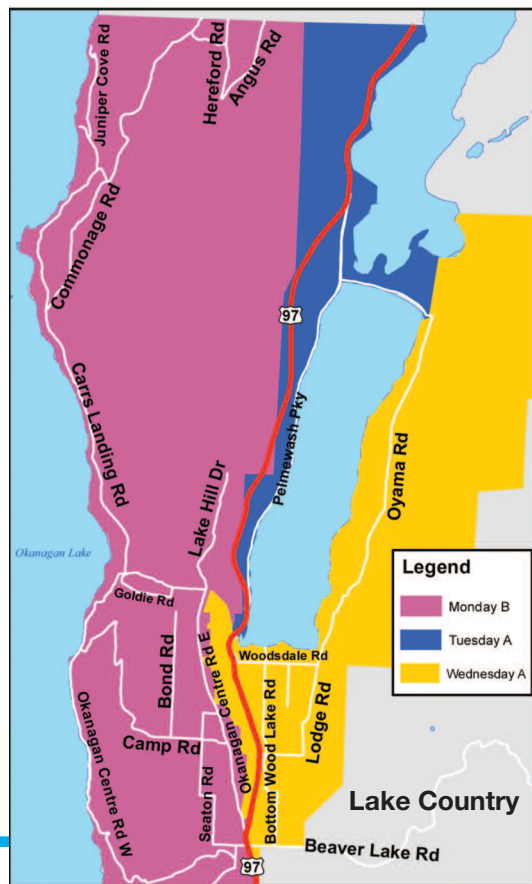
**Step 2:** For your recycling week, follow **(A)** or **(B)** symbols shown at the beginning of each week throughout the calendar. E.g. If your home is in Area **(A)**, place your recyclables cart at the road along with your garbage on the weeks that are marked with the letter **(A)**.

**Step 3:** Place your yard waste at the road on the alternate weeks with the symbol (March to December only).

If you need help determining if you live in an **(A)** or **(B)** area, please call 250-868-3211 or visit [rdco.com/recyclemaps](http://rdco.com/recyclemaps)

For automated collection information contact **E360 Solutions** at [info-bc@e360s.ca](mailto:info-bc@e360s.ca) or 250-868-3211







# Embrace the Circular Economy in 2025!

## Imagine a world where waste is a thing of the past.

The circular economy is all about reusing, recycling, and repurposing materials to create a sustainable future. By embracing this model, we reduce our environmental footprint, conserve precious resources, and foster innovation.

**Remember**, we are only temporary stewards of this planet's finite resources. Every item we reuse or recycle is a step

towards a healthier Earth. Let's commit to making mindful choices, from the products we buy to how we dispose of them. Together, we can build a resilient, eco-friendly world for generations to come.

**Join the movement and  
make 2025 the year of  
sustainability!**



Join or support community led initiatives, zero waste campaigns, repair cafes, re-use events. Choose to buy from businesses that offer product take-back models, repair services or use recycled materials in their products. Establish or participate in local sharing platforms for tools, clothing and other items, reducing the need for new products and promoting the re-use of existing ones.





**NOTE: No Yard Waste Collection in January or February.**

To find out if you are in an **A** or **B** collection week, see maps on page 4.

# January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF</b> (until Jan. 31) 	<b>Kelowna:</b> Free drop off Cook Road Boat Launch, at Ben Lee Park, and at the Glenmore Landfill. (3 tree limit) <b>West Kelowna:</b> Free drop off at the Westside Residential Waste Disposal & Recycling Center. <b>Lake Country:</b> Free drop off at Jack Seaton Park on Camp Road.		<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>  All collection days this week move forward one day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Dog license renewal deadline: February 28 <a href="http://rdco.com/doglicences">rdco.com/doglicences</a>	



# Breathe Easy: Your Choices Can Keep Our Air Clean!

Your daily decisions significantly impact local air quality.

Here are five ways to improve air quality in the Central Okanagan:

1. Replace old gas-powered equipment with new electric alternatives. The Lawn Swap rebate offers up to \$150 for electric lawnmowers, leaf blowers, trimmers, or chainsaws.
2. Turn off your car engine, except in traffic, if you're stopped for more than 60 seconds. Idling wastes fuel and produces more CO<sub>2</sub> than restarting your vehicle.
3. Exchange your old wood stove for a certified EPA 2020 model and earn up to \$1,500 in rebates.
4. Dispose of wood waste without open burning to receive up to \$3,000 through the Mow/Chip/Rent-Buy rebates for properties of 1 hectare or more.
5. Test your indoor air for radon, the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The only way to know if levels are high is to test for radon, and testing is easy.

For more information on improving local air quality, visit [rdco.com/airquality](https://rdco.com/airquality)



**NOTE: No Yard Waste Collection in February.**  
(Yard waste collection resumes March 1st.)

To find out if you are in an **A** or **B** collection week, see maps on page 4.

# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>A</div><div><b>Download your own Recycle Coach app!</b> Includes tips on what to recycle, what goes in your yard waste cart, handy depot information and more—delivered right to your smartphone with the RDCO's Recycle Coach app. Visit <a href="https://rdco.com/recyclecoach">rdco.com/recyclecoach</a> for your FREE download today.</div></div>				<div><b>Yard waste collection</b> resumes March 1st. For info on what can go in your yard waste cart, see page 2.</div>		1
2 <div>World Wetlands Day</div> <div>B</div>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <div>A</div>	10	11	12	13	14 <div>Valentine's Day</div>	15
16 <div>B</div>	17 <div>Family Day</div> <div>Regular Collection</div>	18	19	20	21	22
23 <div>A</div>	24	25	26	27	28 <div>Dog license renewal deadline. (Save \$20.00) see <a href="https://rdco.com/doglicense">rdco.com/doglicense</a></div>	





# Central Okanagan Regional Emergency

## Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility.

The Central Okanagan has had its share of emergencies, including wildfires, floods, and landslides. Each has its own unique set of circumstances and challenges, but emergency experts agree there is one common element that can help keep you and your family safe during any emergency: **Being prepared.**

Being prepared to look after your family for at least 72 hours in the event of an

emergency is something we need to do each year. The best time to dust off your family emergency plan and ensure grab-and-go kits are refreshed, is when there is no emergency. With Emergency Preparedness Week happening May 4-10, May is the perfect time to inspect kits and replace outdated food, prescriptions, water, batteries, and other items. It's also a great time to get the whole family involved

in practising the plan, so everyone understands what to do in an emergency.

Visit the Regional District of the Central Okanagan Emergency Program website at [cordemergency.ca](http://cordemergency.ca) to subscribe to receive email notifications in the event of an emergency in your area or tips for preparing for an emergency at [rdco.com/beprepared](http://rdco.com/beprepared)



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# March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Yard Waste Collection Resumes	4	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks ahead)	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22 Earth Hour UN World Water Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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# April is Community Clean Up Month!

**April 1 marks the official kick off to Community clean-up month, and you too can get involved!**

This annual program of the Regional District of Central Okanagan Waste Reduction Office encourages you to do some light spring cleaning in your neighbourhood by supplying the following clean-up gear:

- Gloves
- Vests
- Bags

Once your cleanup is complete, the Waste Reduction Office can also arrange to have the trash you collect picked up.

Every year hundreds of families, community groups, and organizations participate in this feel-good event. It's easy to get involved, easy to make a positive impact in your own neighbourhood. Just head outdoors for a few hours or less, whatever

you have time for, and do a spring blitz. Pick up litter, sweep a sidewalk, any small act can really make a difference.

If you would like to arrange your own event, sign up for supplies, and have your litter collected afterward, contact the **Regional Waste Reduction Office** by emailing [recycle@rdco.com](mailto:recycle@rdco.com) or call **250-469-6250**.





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# April 2025

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# When you add compost, you add life

Give your garden the nourishment it deserves.

**OGOGR<sup>OW</sup>** and **GLENGR<sup>OW</sup>**

are naturally created soil amendments and mulches that help you grow better . . . naturally. They stimulate plant growth, improve soil texture, provide nutrients and healthy microorganisms, and help soil absorb and maintain moisture. Compost products help your plants thrive and

create a garden that is naturally resistant to pests, drought, weeds and disease.

## Use compost when you are:

- Preparing soil for planting;
- Mulching gardens and planting beds in spring, summer or fall;
- Top dressing your lawn in spring or fall.

For more information on the benefits of compost and where it can be purchased, call **250-469-8868** or visit [okanagancompost.ca](http://okanagancompost.ca)

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City of Vernon

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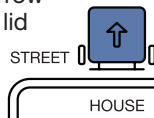
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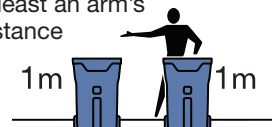
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### GARBAGE: (Weekly collection)

#### Include:

- Regular garbage
- Kitchen waste
- Containers with food
- Diapers
- Animal waste, loose grit/sawdust (must be bagged)
- Tissue, napkins, paper towel
- Styrofoam chips only



### RECYCLABLES: (Bi-weekly collection)

#### Include:

- Newspapers and flyers
- Paper including envelopes, paper bags, magazines
- Cardboard
- Boxboard, including cereal boxes, etc
- Plastic containers (empty and rinsed)
- Paper cups and lids
- Cartons such as soup cartons
- Aerosol cans and lids (empty)
- Aluminum foil wrap and containers
- Tin and aluminum cans



### YARD/GARDEN WASTE: (Bi-weekly collection, March – December)

#### Include:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Plant trimmings
- Pine needles and cones
- Pumpkins (non-painted only)
- Fruit droppings
- Prunings and branches up to 5cm (2 in) in diameter AND less than 1m (3 ft) long



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# 2025

## At a Glance

**GARBAGE (BLACK LID)  
IS COLLECTED WEEKLY.**

### BI-WEEKLY Recycling & Yard Waste Schedule

- Refer to the maps on page 4 to determine whether you are in Zone A or Zone B, and your collection day.
- Then use the legend to the right to find your bi-weekly collection schedule on this calendar.

**Example:** Zone A recycling is collected during the week of March 9th.

Zone A yard waste is collected during the week of March 2nd.

**(Note: No yard waste collection in January or February).**



Recycling Collection

Yard Waste Collection



Recycling Collection

Yard Waste Collection

### January 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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### February 2025

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### March 2025

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### April 2025

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Your complete Living Greener Calendar is also available online at [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle)

QUESTION ABOUT YOUR SCHEDULED PICK-UP?

Refer to your main calendar or download the Recycle Coach app, or visit [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle).

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August 2025

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December 2025

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Recycling Collection

Yard Waste Collection



Recycling Collection

Yard Waste Collection

# Central Okanagan

## TOO GOOD TO WASTE!

B.C.'s product stewardship programs divert many household items from our landfills, ensuring they are recycled or disposed of safely.

For automated collection information contact **E360 Solutions** at [info-bc@e360s.ca](mailto:info-bc@e360s.ca) or 250-868-3211

<b>Packaging &amp; Printed Paper</b>  <a href="http://www.recyclebc.ca">www.recyclebc.ca</a>	<b>Beverage Containers</b>  <a href="http://www.return-it.ca">www.return-it.ca</a>	<b>Paint, Pesticides &amp; Flammable Liquids</b>  <a href="http://www.productcare.org">www.productcare.org</a>	<b>Household Batteries &amp; Cell phones</b>  <a href="http://www.call2recycle.ca">www.call2recycle.ca</a>	<b>Medications (prescription &amp; non-prescription)</b>  <a href="http://www.healthsteward.ca">www.healthsteward.ca</a>	<b>Lights, Bulbs &amp; Fixtures</b>  <a href="http://www.productcare.org">www.productcare.org</a>	<b>Electronics</b>  <a href="http://www.return-it.ca/electronics">www.return-it.ca/electronics</a>
<b>Small Appliances</b>  <a href="http://www.electrorecycle.ca">www.electrorecycle.ca</a>	<b>Smoke or Carbon Monoxide Alarms</b>  <a href="http://www.productcare.org">www.productcare.org</a>	<b>Thermostats</b>  <a href="http://www.hrai.ca/trp">www.hrai.ca/trp</a>	<b>Outdoor Power Equipment</b>  <a href="http://www.opec.ca">www.opec.ca</a>	<b>Used Oil &amp; Antifreeze Products</b>  <a href="http://www.interchange-recycling.com">www.interchange-recycling.com</a>	<b>Tires</b>  <a href="http://www.tsbc.ca">www.tsbc.ca</a>	<b>Major Appliances</b>  <a href="http://www.marrbc.ca">www.marrbc.ca</a>

Help protect our Okanagan by taking these items to your nearest depot. Visit these websites, or check the B.C. Recycling Hotline for details.  
**www.rcbc.ca • 1-800-667-4321**

## REMEMBER!

The easiest way to reduce waste is not to create it in the first place.

See [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle) for ways to REDUCE your waste!

Download RDCO's  
Recycle Coach app for  
**FREE.**



[rdco.com/recyclecoach](http://rdco.com/recyclecoach)



Central Okanagan West, BC

What Goes Where? (e.g AA batteries)

Schedule

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Learn how to recycle **better**



Download the free app now





To find out if you are in an  
A or B collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Be Cart Smart!</b> Do not bag your recycling before putting it in your recycling cart! Flexible plastics, Styrofoam and glass don't belong in your carts. Take these to a depot for recycling (see page 3). 				1	2	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 	19 Victoria Day Regular Collection	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31



# Naturally Yours

## Regional Parks Visitor Services

### Explore nature through our programs and events.

Parks staff offer nature-based programs, events and hikes in Central Okanagan regional parks all year. Our enthusiastic team of park interpreters are eager to share their knowledge of nature and inspire you to get out and explore.

#### Subscribe to our monthly newsletter

Stay updated on our programs and events!

Visit [subscribe.rdco.com](https://subscribe.rdco.com) to sign up: select 'eNewsletter - Parks' to subscribe.

#### Volunteer opportunities

Get involved in intergenerational programming, trail wayfinding, data collection, and other adventurous volunteer activities.



#### Are you ready to join us?

Visit [rdco.com/parksvip](https://rdco.com/parksvip) for details.







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**A** or **B** collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day 	16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 	30	Safely recycle household hazardous waste products by visiting the Battery Doctors (also known as Kelowna Recycling) at 1972 Windsor Road. More info at <a href="https://rdco.com/hazwaste">rdco.com/hazwaste</a>				



Don't be the  
reason a bear  
ends up in your  
neighbourhood!

## Follow these tips to manage your attractants



### Do your part to keep wildlife wild and our community safe.

The Central Okanagan's rich habitat provides an ideal environment for bears. Bears are typically active from March to December and may be searching for non-natural food sources. While conflict encounters are uncommon, it is important to be alert, aware and know what to do to avoid unnecessary encounters.

Bears will often consume any food they can find, regardless of if it's part of their

diet. While garbage is the most reported attractant when it comes to bears visiting neighbourhoods, there are many other attractants around the home.

#### Here are some tips to help manage your attractants for the bears:

- Put garbage out on morning of collection only, never the night before
- Store carts securely (garage, shed)

- Freeze odorous garbage
- Harvest ripe fruit/produce immediately
- Remove bird feeders March to November when bears are most active
- Feed pets indoors
- Clean BBQ grill often
- Tend compost regularly, no meat, fish bones, or grease.

For more information call [250-469-6250](tel:250-469-6250) or [recycle@rdco.com](mailto:recycle@rdco.com) or [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle)



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A or B collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Canada Day Regular Collection	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
		<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
		<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	For missed collections or broken cart replacement contact <b>E360</b> <b>Solutions</b> at <a href="mailto:info-bc@e360s.ca">info-bc@e360s.ca</a> or 250-868-3211	



Tree of Heaven  
Leaflet edges are smooth



Sumac (Staghorn & Smooth)  
Leaflet edges are jagged

# Know Your Trees: Tree of Heaven vs. Sumac

## Don't let invasive species take over your garden!

Learn to identify the differences between the invasive Tree of Heaven and the native Sumac tree.

### Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*):

- **Leaves:** Smooth edges with a few teeth at the base
- **Bark:** Vertical stripes, smooth when young
- **Flowers:** Yellow-green clusters that cascade down

- **Smell:** Pungent odor like burnt peanut butter.

### Smooth, Sumac (*Rhus*):

- **Leaves:** Serrated edges, vibrant fall colors
- **Bark:** Horizontal stripes, rough texture
- **Flowers:** Panicle-shaped, turning into red, fuzzy berries
- **Smell:** Mild, not pungent

Tree of Heaven can be found on your property, in alleys and undeveloped lots, and it can have devastating impacts to property and public infrastructure. Protect your home and ecosystem by removing and properly disposing of the Tree of Heaven. For more information on identifying and managing invasive species, visit our website [rdco.com/weeds](http://rdco.com/weeds).

For more information on identifying Sumac varieties, visit Okanagan Xeriscape's website.





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**A** or **B** collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> <b>Be Cart Smart</b>            Flexible plastics, styrofoam &amp; glass don't go in your recycling cart! Take them to a depot.         </div>					1	2
3 	4 B.C. Day Regular Collection	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# Back to School With Waste Free Lunches!

Let's make this school year not only exciting, but also eco-friendly!

As the excitement of back-to-school season fills the air, it's the perfect time to embrace new habits that benefit both our children and the planet. Packing waste-free lunches is a fantastic way to start the school year responsibly.

By reducing waste, we can make a positive impact on our environment and set a great example for our kids.

Here are some tips to create waste-free lunches:

- 1. Use reusable containers:**  
Opt for stainless steel or BPA-free plastic containers instead of disposable bags.
- 2. Pack a reusable water bottle:**  
Avoid single-use plastic bottles by using a durable, refillable one.
- 3. Choose cloth napkins:**  
Replace paper napkins with washable cloth ones.
- 4. Buy in bulk:**  
Purchase snacks in bulk and portion them into reusable containers to minimize packaging waste.



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A or B collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Labour Day Regular Collection	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14</b> 	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> First Day of Fall	23	<b>24</b> BC Rivers Day	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 	29	<b>30</b> Truth and Reconciliation Day	<b>Download the Recycle Coach app!</b> Have your personal collection schedule, info on what can be recycled, important event dates and more - delivered right to your smartphone with the RDCO's Recycle Coach app. Visit <a href="https://rdco.com/recyclecoach">rdco.com/recyclecoach</a> for your FREE download today.			



# Leaves and Pumpkins

## Put those leaves and your leftover pumpkins to work!

Instead of getting rid of all those leaves that fall at this time of year, or your Halloween pumpkins when you are done with them, why not hang on to them and put them to work in your garden.

If you backyard compost, hang on to a few bags of leaves to use throughout the year. They are an excellent carbon-based additive to help keep your composter operating at optimum performance!

Pumpkins are a great source of nitrogen for

your garden and break down easily in your composter. They can also be placed in your yard waste cart if you don't have a composter. As for all the dry leaves, mulched or shredded, they are a great source of nutrients and protection for your lawn and garden. Mulching with leaves keeps moisture in, helps slow down evaporation, and chokes out weeds.

### Tips:

- For best results, shred leaves when they are dry.

- Mow over them a few times with your lawnmower or consider a mulching blade from your hardware store.
- For best results, before the snow falls, spread leaf mulch on gardens and around shrubs for winter protection.







For a complete list of acceptable items to put in your yard waste cart, and yard waste collection updates, visit [rdco.com/yardwaste](http://rdco.com/yardwaste).





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A or B collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Put your pumpkin (non-painted only) in your backyard compost bin, or in your yard waste cart. For more info on what can go in your yard waste cart, see page 2.</p> 			1	2	3	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13 Thanksgiving Day Regular Collection	14	15	16	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	



# Crime Stoppers

**If you know something, say something**

**Crime Stoppers** is a program that empowers citizens to fight back against crime. Anyone can submit an anonymous tip by phone or online. If that tip leads to an arrest, that individual may receive a cash reward up to \$2000. We don't need your name – we don't ask for ID.

**Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers** is a non-profit organization that has been

stopping, solving and preventing crime in our region since 1987. Since inception, 32,945 tips have been received, 3,091 arrests have been made and \$199,731 in rewards have been paid out.







The local program is run in partnership with the Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers Society and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.





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**A** or **B** collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><b>Fall Yard Waste Collection ends soon (December 31st).</b> Do you know what's accepted in your yard waste cart? For more info visit <a href="https://rdco.com/recycle">rdco.com/recycle</a></div>						1
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends (clocks back) 	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11 Remembrance Day Regular Collection	12	13	14	15
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# Make Memories, Not Garbage

## This holiday season, celebrate with less waste.

For many of us, our favorite memories don't involve tinsel, torn open gifts, or leftovers. Often what provides the greatest joy is reflecting on time spent with friends and family – celebrating the spirit of the season.

### These gifts can all help make memories that last a lifetime.

- **Give someone you love the gift of time** – baby, or pet sitting. Teach them a new skill like photography, knitting, woodworking, cooking, the tango.
- **Give the gift of experience** – tickets to a concert, sporting event, movie, or play. A membership to the art gallery or the gym. An art class, ski lessons or lift tickets, guitar lessons, yoga membership.
- **Give the gift of your hand made creations** – baking, preserves, cookies, a hand knit scarf, your own artwork,

pass on a family heirloom, a homemade memory or activity book.

Giving gifts of experiences lets you choose something meaningful and personal, while cutting back on waste that ends up in our landfill. For more ideas go to [rdco.com/creatememories](https://rdco.com/creatememories)

**Happy Holidays from the  
Regional Waste Reduction Office!**





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A or B collection week,  
see maps on page 4.

# December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 First Day of Winter 	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day All collection days this week move forward one day	26 Boxing Day	27
28 	29	30	31 Last Day of Yard Waste Collection	1 New Year's Day All collection days this week move forward one day	2	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
Looking to reduce your Holiday Waste? Visit <a href="https://rdco.com/recycle">rdco.com/recycle</a> for info. For Free Christmas Tree drop off locations see January 2025.						

# Where to take...

These items should NOT be placed out for curbside garbage or recycling collection.

**Item not listed?**

Call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at **250-469-6250**, visit [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle), or consult the BC Recycling Hotline at **1-800-667-4321** or [www.rcbc.ca](http://www.rcbc.ca).

## **Appliances (working)**

Big Brothers Big Sisters	250-765-2661
Eric's Refrigeration & Appliances	250-861-8060
Kelowna Gospel Mission	250-763-3737
MCC Thrift Shop	250-765-7838
Restore Kelowna	778-755-4346

## **Appliances – Small (non-working)**

(countertop appliances, sewing machines, vacuums, etc)

<a href="http://www.electrorecycle.ca">www.electrorecycle.ca</a>	1-800-667-4321
See depots for which accept.	

## **Antifreeze**

<a href="http://www.interchangerecycling.com">www.interchangerecycling.com</a>	1-844-722-8662
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## **Batteries**

**(household & automotive)**

<a href="http://www.call2recycle.ca">www.call2recycle.ca</a>	1-888-224-9764
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## **Bicycles**

BikeWays	250-762-4915
(Pathways Abilities Society)	

## **Cartridges (inkjet & laser)**

Ok Computer Products Recycling	250-869-8877
Save on Cartridge Plus	250-861-1239

## **Electronics**

**(computers, printers & TVs)**

[www.return-it.ca/electronics](http://www.return-it.ca/electronics)

Kelowna Recycling (aka Battery Doctors) 250-860-2866

Best Buy 1-866-237-8289

Boucherie Bottle Depot 250-769-7122

Columbia Depots:

Dease Rd – Rutland 250-765-9115

Kent Road – Central 250-763-2500

St. Paul Rd – Downtown 250-763-2554

Planet Earth Recycling 250-768-0878

Winfield Return-it Centre 250-766-2973

## **Metals (non-working large appliances)**

ABC Recycling	250-765-6607
Glenmore Landfill	250-469-8880
Knox Mountain Metals	250-763-6502
Planet Earth Recycling	250-768-0878
Westside Residential	250-469-6250
Disposal & Recycling Centre	

## **Oil & Oil Filters/Containers**

<a href="http://www.interchangerecycling.com">www.interchangerecycling.com</a>	1-844-722-8662
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## **Outdoor Power Equipment**

<a href="http://www.opec.ca">www.opec.ca</a>	1-877-592-2972 ext. 226
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## **Paint (residential)**

<a href="http://www.productcare.org">www.productcare.org</a>	1-800-667-4321
Kelowna Recycling (aka Battery Doctors)	250-860-2866
Boucherie Bottle Depot	250-769-7122
Rona Home and Garden	250-762-7389
Cloverdale Paint #2-1726 Byland Road, West Kelowna	
Dulux Paint	1856 Spall Road, Kelowna

## **Power Tools**

<a href="http://www.electrorecycle.ca">www.electrorecycle.ca</a>	1-800-667-4321
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### Books (newer than 5 years)

Mission Thrift Store	250-860-4791
Big Brothers & Big Sisters	250-765-2661
Diabetes Canada ( <a href="http://www.diabetes.ca">www.diabetes.ca</a> )	1-800-505-5525
Mad Hatter Bookstore	250-768-2231
Okanagan Regional Library Head Office (drop off box)	
Planet Earth Recycling (all)	250-768-0878
Ted's Paperbacks & Comics	250-763-1258

### Bottle Depots

[www.return-it.ca/beverage](http://www.return-it.ca/beverage)

Some Depots also accept Styrofoam, glass,  
plastic bags and overwrap, and flexible plastics.  
**CALL first to confirm.**

Boucherie Bottle Depot	250-769-7122
Columbia Bottle Depots:	
Dease Rd – Rutland	250-765-9115
Kent Road – Central	250-763-2500
St. Paul Rd – Downtown	250-763-2554
Winfield Return-it Centre	250-766-2973

### Hazardous Waste (residential)

(Pesticides, flammable liquids, gasoline and more)

<a href="http://www.productcare.org">www.productcare.org</a>	1-800-667-4321
Kelowna Recycling (aka Battery Doctors)	250-860-2866

### Household Items (reuse quality)

(Clothing, footwear, bedding, dishes, furniture, etc.)

Mission Thrift Store	250-860-4791
Big Brothers & Big Sisters	250-765-2661
Diabetes Canada (no furniture)	
<a href="http://www.diabetes.ca">www.diabetes.ca</a>	1-800-505-5525
Glenmore Landfill (Diabetes)	250-469-8880
Kelowna Gospel Mission	250-763-3737
MCC Thrift Store	250-765-7838
Restores (Kelowna & W.Kelowna)	778-755-4346
Salvation Army (Rutland)	778-478-7000
Salvation Army (West Kelowna)	250-768-1850
Share	250-763-8117
Value Village (Kelowna)	250-491-1356
Value Village (West Kelowna)	236-261-5714
Kelowna Women's Shelter	
Thrift Store	250-762-8561
Rutland Hospital Thrift Shop	250-765-2859

### Lighting Products

(fluorescent bulbs, lamps, etc.)

<a href="http://www.productcare.org">www.productcare.org</a>	1-800-667-4321
Rona Home and Garden	250-762-7389

### Prescriptions/Medicines/Needles

[www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medications](http://www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medications)

1-844-535-8889

Return to place of purchase or to any pharmacy

### Propane Tanks (empty only)

Glenmore Landfill (Recycle Depot)	250-469-8880
Knox Mountain Metals	250-763-6502
(remove valve)	
Westside Residential Disposal	
& Recycling Centre	250-469-6250

### Styrofoam, Glass, Plastic Bags and Overwrap, Flexible Plastics

Glenmore Landfill (depot only)	250-469-8880
Planet Earth Recycling	250-768-0878
Westside Residential Disposal	
& Recycling Centre	250-469-6250

Some Bottle Depots may accept these items.  
**CALL to confirm** (see listing for contact info).

### Thermostats

<a href="http://www.hrai.ca">www.hrai.ca</a>	1-800-267-2231
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### Tires – Return to Retailer

<a href="http://www.tsbc.ca">www.tsbc.ca</a>	1-866-566-7233
Glenmore Landfill (fees apply)	250-469-8880
Westside Residential Disposal	
& Recycling Centre (fees apply)	250-469-6250

For automated collection information contact  
**E360 Solutions at [info-bc@e360s.ca](mailto:info-bc@e360s.ca) or 250-868-3211**

# WHO TO CALL...

## COLLECTION INQUIRIES:

E360 Solutions

250-868-3211

Info-bc@e360s.ca

- Missed collections
- Damaged or broken carts

## REGIONAL WASTE REDUCTION OFFICE:

250-469-6250

- Cart upgrades
- Composters
- Illegal dumping
- Recycling

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:

Kelowna Recycling

(aka Battery Doctors)

250-860-2866



# RECYCLE COACH APP

## Download for free today!

**Recycle Coach** sets you up with a personalized collection calendar and pickup reminders when you need them, that way you never miss another collection day.

**Recycle Coach** saves people time and energy with intuitive digital tools that make recycling easy.

**"What Goes Where?"** search function. Find out what to do with your stuff. Download today from the App store or by visiting [rdco.com/recyclecoach](http://rdco.com/recyclecoach) with your mobile device (supported devices will be prompted to get the app).



Turnkey solutions for effective waste management education & outreach.

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For an online version of this calendar, go to [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle).

## Can't find what you're looking for?

Call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250.

