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RECYCLING, ORGANICS AND  
GARBAGE REGULATIONS

**BYLAW NO. 3950, 2024**

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## **Recycling, Organics and Garbage Regulations**

### **Bylaw No. 3950, 2024**

**ADOPTED June 27, 2024**

#### **PURPOSE**

This bylaw sets out to authorize the storage, collection and disposal of Recyclable Material, Organic Waste and Garbage within the City of Campbell River.

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The Council of the City of Campbell River enacts as follows:

**PART 1: Title**

1.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Recycling, Organics and Garbage Regulations Bylaw No. 3950, 2024.

**PART 2: Definitions**

2.1 In this bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:

<b>City</b>	means the City of Campbell River.
<b>City Official</b>	means an employee of the City, and their designate, authorized to administer this Bylaw.
<b>Contractor</b>	means the persons or companies with whom the City has a contract for the collection, recycling, and disposal of Garbage, Recyclable Materials, and Organic Waste.
<b>Duplex</b>	means a building on a single lot containing two Dwelling Units.
<b>Dwelling Unit</b>	means one or more rooms with self-contained sleeping, living, and sanitary facilities containing not more than one set of cooking facilities, used or intended for use as a residence or domicile for one or more persons, but specifically excludes a recreational vehicle.
<b>Food Waste</b>	means and includes any of the items listed in Schedule “C” of this Bylaw under Food Waste collected separately from Garbage and Recycling for composting.
<b>Fourplex</b>	means a building on a single lot containing four Dwelling Units.
<b>Garbage</b>	means and includes any items listed in Schedule “A” of the Bylaw.
<b>Kitchen Bin</b>	means a container designed to hold small amounts of Food Waste within a residence.
<b>Multiple Dwelling</b>	means an apartment or strata building which is or is intended to be, occupied as a habitation or place of residence by more than four families living independently of one another upon the same property.
<b>Objectionable Material</b>	means any material determined by the City Official to have an overbearingly foul smell.
<b>Organic Waste</b>	means both Food Waste and Yard Waste and includes items listed in Schedule “C” of this Bylaw and collected separately from Garbage and Recycling for composting.
<b>Organic Waste Bin</b>	means a strong lidded container designed to hold Organic Waste containing Food Waste and Yard Waste from any Dwelling Unit or Trade Premises it is designed to serve.

<b>Owner</b>	means, in regard to real property, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the registered owner of an estate in fee simple;</li> <li>b) the tenant for life under a registered life estate;</li> <li>c) the registered holder of the last registered agreement for sale;</li> <li>d) the holder or occupier of land held in the manner referred to in section 228 or 229 of the Community Charter;</li> </ul> and is deemed to include any person who is in lawful possession or occupancy of any building situated on the land.
<b>Receptacle</b>	means a strong, lidded container or bin designed to hold Garbage from any Dwelling Unit or Trade Premises it is designed to serve.
<b>Recyclable Material</b>	means and includes all items listed in Schedule “B” of this Bylaw and collected separately from Garbage and Organic Waste for recycling.
<b>Recycling Container</b>	means any reusable container that is used to contain Recyclable Materials from the residence or Trade Premises it is designed to serve.
<b>Single-Family Dwelling</b>	means any building consisting of not more than one Dwelling Unit.
<b>Trade Premises</b>	means any warehouse, factory, store, café, eating house, wholesale or retail business place, garage, or office building, any building that does not contain any Dwelling Unit, and any portion of a building other than the portion of a building containing one or more Dwelling Unit.
<b>Triplex</b>	means a building on a single lot containing three Dwelling Units.
<b>Yard Waste</b>	means and includes all items listed Yard Waste in Schedule “C” of this Bylaw and collected separately from Garbage and Recycling for composting.

## PART 3: General Regulations

- 3.1** Every Owner of a parcel in the City shall comply with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 3.2** No Owner of any parcel in the City shall cause or permit discarded or abandoned materials, substances, or objects to collect or accumulate on the parcel.
- 3.3** Each Owner of a parcel in the City upon which Garbage, Recyclable Material, Organic Waste, or any other material that is noxious, offensive, or unwholesome is generated shall be responsible for its proper storage and disposal in accordance with the applicable regional, provincial and federal laws and City bylaws.
- 3.4** Every Owner of a Single-Family Dwelling or Duplex shall participate in the City’s curbside collection program as defined herein and shall pay the applicable fee under the City’s User Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 3.5** If all Owners in the same building enroll, Triplexes or Fourplexes may participate in the City’s

curbside collection program as defined herein and shall pay the applicable fee under the City's User Fees and Charges Bylaw.

- 3.6** Every Owner of a Triplex or Fourplex who chooses to not participate in the City's curbside collection program, all Owners of Multiple Dwellings, and every person who occupies any Trade Premises within the City shall be responsible for disposal of Garbage, Recyclable Material and Organic Waste from their property at least once weekly or more frequently if so instructed by the City Official, and the said Garbage, Recyclable Material and Organic Waste shall be stored and disposed of at a Waste Management Centre designed to receive, sort and process those materials.
- 3.7** Nothing in this Bylaw shall relieve any person from complying with the provisions of any other Bylaw of the City.

## **PART 4:      Containment of Waste**

- 4.1** Every Owner of a Dwelling Unit or Multiple Dwelling, and every person who occupies any Trade Premises within the City shall provide and maintain, in good and sufficient condition, a Receptacle or Receptacles sufficient in number and size, to contain all Garbage originating from said Dwelling Unit, Multiple Dwelling or Trade Premises.
- 4.2** Every Owner of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit, Duplex, Triplex, Fourplex, or Multiple Dwelling shall provide and maintain, in good and sufficient condition, a Recycling Container to contain all Recyclable Materials. Those Trade Premises providing collection of Recyclable Materials must also provide a Recycling Container in good and sufficient condition to contain all Recyclable Materials originating from said premises.
- 4.3** Those Owners of Single-Family Dwelling Units, Duplexes, Triplexes, Fourplexes, Multiple Dwellings and Trade Premises participating in Organics collection shall provide and maintain, in good and sufficient condition, Organic Waste Bins to contain all Organic Waste originating from said Dwelling Units and Trade Premises.
- 4.4** An Owner shall place and keep Garbage in the above-mentioned Receptacles described in Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.
- 4.5** An Owner shall wrap any wet waste, animal feces, litter box waste, or any other Objectionable Material in several thicknesses of paper, or a polyethylene bag, and placed in the Garbage Receptacle.
- 4.6** An Owner shall place and keep Recyclable Materials kept outdoors in a Recycling Container.
- 4.7** If any Objectionable Material is deemed unsuitable by the City Official for placement in a Receptacle due to its smell, the City Official may require an Owner to dispose directly of the Objectionable Material at the Campbell River Waste Management Centre or appropriate recycling facility.
- 4.8** An Owner shall place and keep all Receptacles containing ashes at a distance of at least two metres from the nearest building or wooden fence.
- 4.9** An Owner shall keep all Receptacles, Recycling Containers, and Organic Waste Bins on the premises connected with the Dwelling Unit, Multiple Dwelling or Trade Premises.
- 4.10** An Owner shall make all Receptacles, Organic Waste Bins and Recycling Containers accessible for

inspection upon request by a City Official, and when any Receptacle, Organic Waste Bin or Recycling Container has been condemned by the City Official as unfit for the purpose or not suitable from a safety perspective, such Receptacle, Organic Waste Bin or Recycling Container shall be replaced by the Owner at the sole cost of the Owner with a suitable and sanitary Receptacle, Organic Waste Bin or Recycling Container.

- 4.11** An Owner shall not allow liquids or free water to be put or placed in, or allowed to run into, or accumulate in, any Recycling Container, Receptacle or Organic Waste Bin, and all Receptacles and Organic Waste Bins shall, at all times, be kept securely covered with a watertight cover.
- 4.12** Every Owner must ensure domestic or wild animals, birds, rodents, or other pests cannot access any Garbage, Recyclables and Organic Waste on the Owner's parcel or otherwise within the Owner's control.

## **PART 5: City Curbside Garbage, Recycling, and Organic Waste Collection Services**

- 5.1** The Owner of each parcel of land having a Single-Family Dwelling or Duplex recorded in the real property assessment roll for the City as taxable shall be added the City's curbside collection program and shall pay the garbage and recycling charges as set out in the City's User Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 5.2** Triplex and Fourplex property Owners may choose to participate in the City's Curbside Recycling, Garbage, and Organic Waste Collection Program. Participation is subject to:
  - a) All units within the Triplex and Fourplex must participate in the City's curbside collection program. Where a Strata Council is in place, registration in the City's curbside collection program must be approved by the Strata Council;
  - b) At any time of year, the property Owner may register the Triplex or Fourplex with the City to receive City curbside collection of Recyclable Material, Garbage and Organic Waste;
  - c) Once registered for the City's curbside collection program, the Owner of each Triplex and Fourplex recorded in the real property assessment roll for the City as taxable shall pay the garbage and recycling charges as set out in the City's User Fees and Charges Bylaw;
  - d) Once registered with the City for curbside collection services, the Triplex or Fourplex is obligated to participate in the program in perpetuity.
- 5.3** The curbside collection services schedule will be as follows:
  - a) Collection and disposal of Garbage that can be accommodated in one Receptacle, once in each and every week of the year for which the annual charge is made. Additional Receptacles will be collected only if they have affixed to them a non-reusable coupon indicating that the Owner has paid the City for additional pick-up. Notwithstanding the foregoing, two Receptacles are permitted during the week following Christmas, the week following New Year's Day, and at any other time when, due to snowfall or other



circumstances determined by the City Official, causes garbage collection to be delayed;

- b) Collection and disposal of Recyclable Materials on a weekly basis; and
  - c) Collection and disposal of Organic Waste on a weekly basis.
- 5.4** The Owner shall place Receptacles, Recycling Containers, and Organic Waste Bins at the gateway of the property where the Dwelling Unit is situated or, where there is no gateway or readily recognizable entrance, they shall be placed at the roadside in a position readily accessible to the collector on the day of collection and no later than 7:30 a.m. on that day. The Owner shall not place any Receptacle, Recycling Container, or Waste Bin where it may affect or cause any hazard to traffic on any road, lane, or sidewalk. The collector is not required to enter upon any premises or grounds for the purpose of removing and emptying the Receptacles, Recycling Containers, or Organic Waste Bins. All Receptacles, Recycling Containers and Organic Waste Bins must be removed from their collection locations by 8:00 p.m. on the collection day.
- 5.5** If Garbage, Recyclables or Organics are not collected by the Contractor, the Owner is responsible for bringing full Receptacles, Recycling Containers and Organic Waste Bins back from their collection locations by 8:00 p.m. on the collection day and the Owner is required to notify the Contractor to arrange a new pick-up time.
- 5.6** No application for discontinuance of the Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collection Service, and abatement of the Garbage, Recycling and Organics charges, will be accepted for any reason whatsoever.
- 5.7** Garbage, not exceeding 80 litres and not weighing more than 20 kilograms, shall be placed in a Receptacle of suitable design and size to hold and contain the Garbage from the Dwelling Unit it is designed to serve.
- 5.8** Recyclable Material shall be placed in a blue box Recycling Container with a maximum capacity of 68 litres, set out for collection as required in Section 5.6. If the amount of Recyclable Material set out for collection exceeds the capacity of one blue box Recycling Container, Recyclable Material can be placed in additional open top Recycling Containers for collection, provided each such container is no larger than 68 litres in capacity.
- 5.9** Yard Waste not containing Food Waste, not exceeding 80 litres and not weighing more than 20 kilograms, shall be placed in kraft paper Yard Waste bags, or lidded refuse containers and clearly marked as containing Yard Waste. Tree and hedge prunings and branches shall be tied in secure bundles not longer than 90 centimetres, not wider than 60 centimetres, not weighing more than 20 kilograms, and with each individual branch not exceeding 7.5 centimetres in diameter.
- 5.10** Food Waste shall be transferred from a Kitchen Bin to Organic Waste Bins for collection.
- 5.11** Food Waste and Food Waste comingled with Yard Waste, not exceeding 80 litres and not weighing more than 20 kilograms, shall be placed in Organic Waste Bins and clearly marked as containing Organic Waste. Organic Waste Bins may be lined with newspaper or unlined kraft paper bags. Paper bags lined with plastic, or biodegradable/compostable plastic bags are not acceptable as Organic Waste Bin liners.
- 5.12** The per household weekly limit for Organic Waste collection is 360 litres.

5.13 The City may appoint a Contractor to remove Garbage, Recyclable Material and Organic Waste from all or any particular type of premises in the City.

5.14 Where the Owner of a parcel that participates in the City’s curbside collection program has not complied with any provisions contained in this Bylaw, the City may at its discretion refuse to collect any or all Garbage, Recyclable Material, and Organic Waste from that parcel.

## PART 6: Unacceptable Material

6.1 No person shall place any of the following items in any Receptacle, Recycling Container or Organic Waste Bin for collection by the City or its Contractor:

- a) Hazardous waste, including leftover household products that are marked flammable, corrosive, explosive or poisonous;
- b) Household furnishings or major appliances;
- c) Lumber, roofing materials and other debris from building construction or renovation; or
- d) Logs, stumps and soil, including rock and other excavated materials.

## PART 7: Severability

7.1 If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase or word within this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court or competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

## PART 8: Enforcement

8.1 City Officials, may at all reasonable times, enter upon any property in the City in order to inspect and ascertain whether the regulations, prohibitions and requirements of this bylaw are being complied with and to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw.

8.2 Every person who contravenes, violates or fails to comply with any provision of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw, or who fails to do anything required by this bylaw, commits an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$10,000 (and not less than the fines prescribed in the City’s Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw), the cost of prosecution and any other penalty or order imposed pursuant to the *Community Charter* (British Columbia) or the *Offence Act* (British Columbia). Each violation against this bylaw shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offence, and, where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued constitutes a separate offence.

## PART 9: Repeal

9.1 Recycling and Garbage Regulations Bylaw No. 3509, 2013 as amended, is hereby repealed.

READ THE FIRST TIME this 4 day of June, 2024

READ THE SECOND TIME this 4 day of June, 2024

READ THE THIRD TIME this 4 day of June, 2024

ADOPTED this 27 day of June, 2024

Signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer this        day of                    2024

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Kermit Dahl, MAYOR

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Sheila Girvin, CORPORATE OFFICER

## SCHEDULE “A”

### Garbage

For the purposes of the Bylaw, Garbage includes:

1. Waste, fat, oil, and grease in a sealed container
2. Packaging
3. Floor sweepings
4. Crockery
5. Glass or metal ware
6. Other household items
7. Debris from hobby workshops
8. Ashes and cinders

But does not include:

9. Recyclable Materials as defined by this bylaw
10. Organic Waste as defined by this bylaw
11. Products subject to product stewardship recovery programs under the Recycling Regulations of the Environmental Management Act of the Province of British Columbia
12. Household furnishings or major appliances
13. Lumber, roofing materials, and other debris from building construction and renovation
14. Logs and stumps, soil, including rock and other excavated materials
15. Any liquid substance with the exception of properly packaged fats, oils, and greases

## SCHEDULE "B"

### Recyclable Material

For the purposes of the Bylaw, Recyclable Material includes:

1. Newspaper and inserts, flyers, fine paper including office paper, construction paper and envelopes without windows
2. Glossy magazines and catalogues, telephone directories and paperback books
3. Boxboard including wax and plastic-coated boxboard
4. Corrugated cardboard
5. Plastic containers, marked as being manufactured from No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 plastic resins, excluding 20 litre pails and motor oil containers
6. Aluminum and steel food containers
7. Aluminum pie plates and foil
8. Juice Tetra Paks (i.e. juice boxes and juice pouches), excludes non-juice Tetra Paks with wax liners (i.e. milk, soy, rice milk products)
9. Gable topped juice cartons (not milk)
10. Refundable beverage containers

## SCHEDULE “C”

### Organic Waste

For the purposes of the Bylaw, Organic Waste means both Food Waste and Yard Waste.

Food Waste includes:

1. Breads, pasta, rice and noodles
2. Coffee grounds, paper filters and tea bags
3. Dairy products
4. Eggshells
5. Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish and bones
6. Fruits and vegetables
7. Paper towels, napkins, and plates
8. Table scraps and food scrapings

Yard Waste includes:

1. Plant and flower debris
2. Grass clippings and sod
3. Tree and hedge prunings
4. Leaves and branches

Organic Waste does not include:

1. Plastic bags, containers, and cutlery labeled as compostable or biodegradable
2. Metal, glass, rubber, polystyrene foam, and plastic
3. Pet feces and litter
4. Diapers, baby wipes, and personal hygiene products
5. Stickers, twist ties, or elastics from produce
6. Fats, oils and greases
7. Tree branches over 7.5cm in diameter
8. Disposable coffee pods
9. Lumber
10. Invasive plants



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