

Curbside Organic Waste Collection

Curbside residential organic waste collection is coming in summer 2023 for all single- and multi-family households in the City of Kamloops that receive curbside cart collection. All households that have a set of garbage and recycling carts that are collected by City trucks are included and will receive a curbside organics cart (green lid) and a kitchen bin.

Community-wide implementation is the third phase of this project. City staff conducted research and public consultation in 2020–2021, followed by a year-long pilot program in five select neighbourhoods from fall 2021 to fall 2022, and in fall 2022, Council authorized a community-wide rollout for 2023.

Why Curbside Organics?

Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

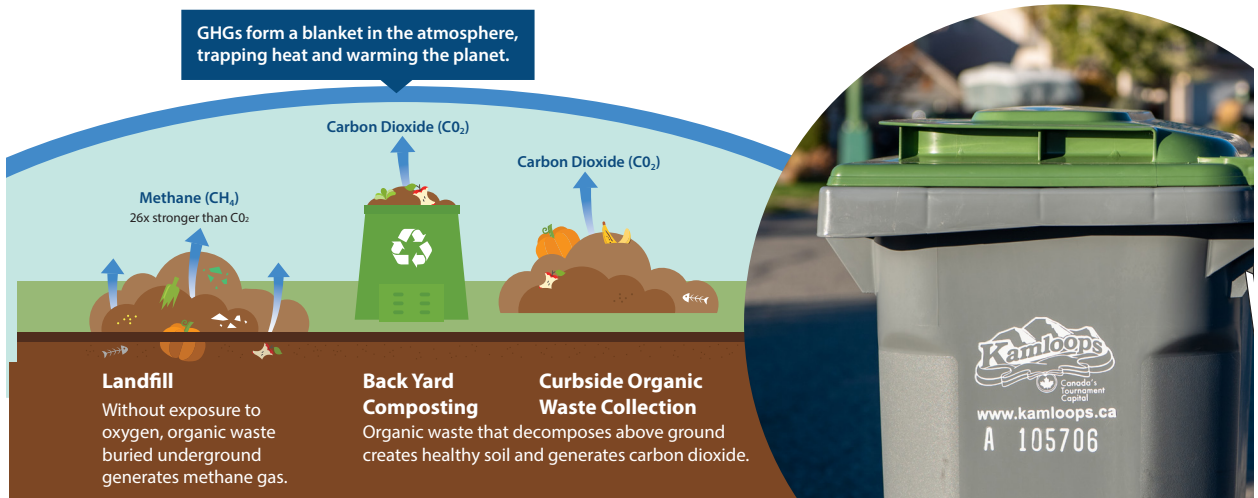
Organic waste buried in a landfill generates methane, a greenhouse gas (GHG) 26 times more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. By contrast, composting organic waste with controlled exposure to air, moisture, and heat produces carbon dioxide, a much less harmful GHG.

An organics program is estimated to reduce the community's GHG emissions by approximately 9,500 tonnes per year—the equivalent to removing about 2,000 passenger vehicles per year from local roads.

Help Residents Divert Waste From The Landfill

What's in the average garbage cart? From time to time, we study what's in garbage carts. Data from these garbage audits show that 42% of residential garbage that ends up at our landfill can be composted. The curbside residential organic waste collection program will help residents divert their organic waste—primarily food waste and food-soiled paper waste—from the landfill.

GHGs form a blanket in the atmosphere, trapping heat and warming the planet.



To learn more about the project background, visit LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/Organics.

What Can Go In Your Organics Cart?

✓ All Food (Raw & Cooked):

- plate scrapings
- fruit and vegetables, including pits—remove stickers and put them in your garbage
- meat, poultry, and bones
- fish, seafood, shellfish, and shells
- bread, grains, pasta, rice, and cereal
- pastries, cookies, cakes, and muffins
- eggs and eggshells
- cheese, sour cream, and dairy products
- cooking oil, fats, and grease—soak liquids in paper towel or allow to solidify before adding to the cart
- condiments, sauces, gravy, and jams

✓ Food-Soiled Paper:

- used paper plates
- greasy/dirty pizza boxes (clean boxes can go into recycling)
- food-soiled paper packaging (e.g. paper take-out containers without wax or plastic lining)
- newspaper holding food scraps
- coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags
- food-soiled paper towels and napkins
- used tissue (e.g. Kleenex)
- used paper towel

✓ Yard Waste:

- leaves, cones, needles, and berries
- plants, tree fruits, and flowers
- small branches, twigs, and prunings no larger than 30 cm in length (1 foot) and 2 cm in diameter (~1 inch)
- grass clippings and weeds (**note:** no noxious weeds, such as knapweed, or invasive plants—take these to the landfill for free; for a list of noxious weeds and invasive plants, visit Kamloops.ca/InvasiveSpecies)
- potting soil and untreated mulch
- hay, straw, and coconut planter liners

✓ Pet-Related Waste:

- animal bedding from pet cages (hamsters, guinea pigs, birds, etc.)
- pet fur, hair, and feathers
- pet food and treats

✓ Other Items:

- wood shavings—must be placed and secured in a paper bag
- wood popsicle sticks, chopsticks, skewers, and toothpicks



**NO plastic bags
or bin liners**



**NO compostable or
biodegradable plastics**

Learn more and find tips
for liners on our website.

For more information, resources, and solid waste collection schedules, visit Kamloops.ca/Organics.



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