

Special collection has been completed for over 95 per cent of the 29,500 households affected by the cancellations from December 24 to 31, and irregular scheduling from January 4 to 12. By the end of day tomorrow, Friday January 14, all streets will have their Garbage & Recycling collection; residents on streets that have not received the make-up collection should ensure their Garbage & Recycling Carts are out at the curb from 8 a.m. tomorrow, until collected. Regular scheduling resumed today, Thursday January 13.

<b>Regular Scheduled Collection Day/ Route</b>	<b>Affected Communities</b>	<b>Rescheduled Collection Day Status at 4:30 p.m. January 12</b>
<i>Missed collection on</i> Friday, December 24 (RA Routes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District of Lantzville</li> <li>Snaw-naw-as First Nation</li> <li>Nanoose Bay: central, south, east (RDN Electoral Area E)</li> <li>East Wellington, Pleasant Valley, Extension, Nanaimo Lakes (RDN Electoral Area C)</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 4 <i>98% completed*</i>  Food Waste collection: January 15
<i>Missed collection on</i> Tuesday, December 28 (RB Routes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cedar, South Wellington, Cassidy, Yellowpoint (RDN Electoral Area A)</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 7 <i>99% completed*</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabriola Island (RDN Electoral Area B)</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 10 <i>99% completed*</i>
<i>Missed collection on</i> Wednesday, December 29 (RC Routes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French Creek (RDN Electoral Area G)</li> <li>City of Parksville: west</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 7 <i>100% complete</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whiskey Creek, Hilliers, Coombs (RDN Electoral Area F)</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 11 <i>95% completed*</i>
<i>Missed collection on</i> Thursday, December 30 (RD Routes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Qualicum Beach</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 8 <i>100% complete</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Errington (RDN Electoral Area F)</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 11 <i>90% completed*</i>
<i>Missed collection on</i> Friday, December 31 (RE Routes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Parksville: east, Craig Bay</li> <li>San Pareil (RDN Electoral Area G)</li> <li>Nanoose Bay: Rocking Horse, Madrona (RDN Electoral Area E)</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 11 <i>100% complete</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Spider Lake, Little Qualicum Estates (RDN Electoral Area G/H)</li> </ul>	Collection for Garbage & Recycling carts began: January 12 <i>95% completed*</i>

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\*Crews will be returning again Friday, January 14 to finish the streets missed January 4-12 due to poor road conditions. Most missed households were collected by 5 p.m. January 12; crews will keep collecting Garbage and Recycling carts until January 14. A Food Waste Cart collection day for the RA Route has been added on Saturday, January 15 to accommodate for the longest service disruption.

**Free Drop Off at RDN Solid Waste Disposal Facilities**

Due to the extended delays in curbside service, the RDN has offered free drop off for residents’ curbside waste at the Regional Landfill and the Church Road Transfer Station (Parksville).

Residents taking advantage of this free drop off should be prepared to provide identification and address, including postal code. Follow all signage, staff direction and other site protocols. RDN Solid Waste Disposal Facilities are following provincial public health orders, please be prepared with a mask.

The free residential drop off at Regional Landfill and Church Road Transfer Station will be available until Sunday, January 16. Reasonable amounts of household waste will be accepted and should be separated according to waste streams on site (refer to table below). A free drop-off event ran from Friday January 6 to Sunday January 9 on Gabriola Island.

RDN Facility	Regional Landfill	Church Road Transfer Station
<b>Location</b>	1105 Cedar Road, Nanaimo, BC	860 Church Road, Parksville, BC
<b>Hours</b>	7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
<b>Accepted Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Household garbage</li> <li>✓ Food waste (<i>temporary</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Separate your recycling into:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Paper, hard plastic containers, metal containers</li> <li>✓ Cardboard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Household garbage</li> <li>✓ Food waste</li> </ul> <p><i>Separate your recycling into:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Paper</li> <li>✓ Cardboard</li> <li>✓ Hard plastic containers, metal containers</li> </ul>

**Frequently Asked Questions**

- ***I just received my 2022 Curbside Collection Schedule in the mail. Should I follow my collection days on the mailed schedule, or what is posted on the RDN website and RDN Curbside app?***  
Please follow the Reschedule Collection Days as posted on this service alert, our online collection schedule at [rdn.bc.ca/curbside](http://rdn.bc.ca/curbside) and the RDN Curbside app.
- ***I haven’t received my 2022 Curbside Collection Schedule in the mail, when will I be receiving it?***  
The 2022 Curbside Collection Schedules have been delivered to Canada Post, and should be received in the mail this week or early next week.



- ***What should I do with my Food Waste?***

Between the near freezing temperatures, two times increase in capacity and locking lids on the new automated Food Waste Carts, the large majority of our 29,500 households receiving service should manage until the regular collection schedule resumes starting January 13. An option for excess food waste is to place it bagged in the freezer or, alternately, it may be necessary to place excess food waste in the garbage carts during this service disruption.

- ***Can I put out extra recycling and/or garbage beside my carts?***

No, we will not be collecting any waste other than what fits inside your RDN-issued Recycling Cart and Garbage Cart, with the lids fully closed. Follow normal cart set out procedures, ensuring carts are spaced one meter (3 ft) apart.

- ***What should I do if my carts remain full by the end of my Rescheduled Collection Day?***

Please set them out again the following days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., until emptied.

- ***Why was collection cancelled?***

Especially given the freeze-melt road conditions, safety is our top priority. In dry road conditions, the stopping distances of an empty collection vehicle is over double that of a passenger vehicle. Snow and ice can multiply these stopping distances by ten. Our collection vehicles make an average of over 700 stops per day, so snow and ice puts collection crews and other road users at major risk.

- ***Can I get service updates sent to me directly?***


Residents receiving RDN curbside collection services are encouraged to sign up for service alert notifications. This way you'll know directly if there are service changes.

Follow the instructions below to sign up for **email** or **phone call** updates, or download the free "RDN Curbside" app on your Apple or Android device. Residents can call our office at 250-390-6560 for assistance in setting up phone call reminders.

- Go to our website: [rdn.bc.ca/curbside](http://rdn.bc.ca/curbside)
- Enter your address into the calendar search form and press search
- Select "Get a reminder!"
- Pick the type of reminder you would like to receive
- Follow the prompts on the screen to complete the sign up

**For more information, please contact:**

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 250-390-6560

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