

Curbside Collection Information for Homes with Suites (both contained and detached suites)

The City charges \$101 per property annually (less than \$2/week) to collect garbage, recycling & food waste from each house, plus two yard waste collections (Spring and Fall). The limits imposed with this fee apply to the household as a whole, even if the house has a suite. You will see this \$101 fee on your annual property tax bill as a separate item.

IMPORTANT: The \$101 is a **separate fee** specifically for curbside collection and **NOT** related to the water/sewer utilities you pay by annual invoice to the City, even if you pay extra utilities for a suite. The City does not automatically increase the curbside collection fee for properties with suites. Please review the options below.

This fee provides for the following limits for the overall property:

- **Food waste:** 10 kg (22 lbs) every week in the City of Salmon Arm green bin (must be the City-branded green bin - unbranded green bins will not be collected.)
- **Garbage:** 10 kg (22 lbs) every second week (put out in a bag or bagged garbage in a garbage can)
- **Recycling:** Unlimited quantities every second week
 - o As a reminder, recycling must be loose in the bins (not bagged) and no lids on bins. Each bin that is put out cannot weigh more than 10 kg / 22 lbs when full. Any type of bin or box can be used as long as it meets these requirements - they do not have to be standard blue bins. We have free recycling logo stickers at City Hall that can be applied to any bin that is used for recycling. These aren't mandatory but certainly help ensure our collector knows you are putting out recycling.
 - o We don't accept glass, Styrofoam, plastic bags or other types of "crinkly" plastic wrappers (potato chip bags, pouches, coffee bags, zip-loc bags, bubble wrap etc.) in the curbside recycling, but these can be taken to the recycling depots at the landfill or Bill's Bottle Depot.
- **Yard Waste:** Unlimited quantities for spring and fall collection weeks. Weight limit of 20 lb / 44 kg per yard waste bag.

Tenants have these options (summary on next page):

- **Food waste:**
 - o Tenants and property owner can share one green bin if they can stay within the 10 kg weekly limit. Anything over requires \$3 food waste bag tags (which are compostable stickers). Each tag allows-up to an extra 10 kg and are also available at City Hall or the Recreation Centre. Compostable bags (BPI certified compostable plastic, or any type of 100% paper bag) would have to be used for extra food waste and the sticker put on the bag.
 - o Alternatively, we have an additional food waste opt-in. The property owner buys the green bin from the City (\$30 + tax) and then pays \$60 extra per year to have it collected (\$1.15/week). The property owner must opt-in for this as it goes on their property tax bill along

with the \$101 fee. \$60/year is a cheaper option than buying \$3 bag tags for extra food waste every week.

– **Garbage:**

- Tenants and property owner can share a garbage can and put multiple bags in it that don't exceed 10 kg. Anything over this requires bag tags (purchased at City Hall or the Recreation Centre for \$3/ea). Each tag allows up to an additional 10 kg.
- If needed, the tenants or property owner could also opt-in for SCV's additional garbage collection service that occurs on the City recycling weeks. This is a service provided directly by SCV (our collection contractor), not through the City, so they invoice you or the tenant directly. The cost is \$120/year. Bag tags are a cheaper option (\$3 X 26 weeks = \$78) if the weekly service is not required.

– **Recycling:**

- Since it is unlimited collection they just have to get their own recycling bins which are available from local retailers, or use any type of bin as described above, as long as the weight restriction for each bin is adhered to.

Curbside collection program guides are available here at City Hall if your tenant needs one, or online at www.salmonarm.ca/curbside. There is also the Recycle Coach web and mobile phone app that provides address-specific collection schedule, reminders and what-goes-where information for any material. More information about Recycle Coach is available in the program guide and on the website.

Summary for Tenants:

Food Waste:

- Share the green bin with property owner or other tenants (10 kg / 22 lb weight limit per week)
- Buy food waste bag tags - \$3 each per 10 kg /22 lb bag (extra bags must be certified compostable plastic or 100% paper)
- Opt-in for an additional green bin: \$30 (+tax) to purchase the City green bin up front and \$60/year for collection (added to property tax bill)

Garbage:

- Share garbage can with property owner or other tenants (10 kg / 22 lb weight limit every other week)
- Buy garbage bag tags - \$3 each per 10 kg /22 lb bag
- Contact SCV to get their subscription garbage collection service on the weeks that the City collects recycling. SCV bills you or your tenant directly - \$120/year

Recycling: Unlimited – tenants just need their own bins (10 kg /22 lb weight limit per bin when full and no lids on the bins)

Contact the City at 250-803-4000 or by email at info@salmonarm.ca if you require further information or assistance.