

## Curbside Collection Information for New Residents/Homeowners

The City provides the following bins and information for new households that receive the curbside collection service. Refer to the Curbside Collection Program guide for more information (see next page for where to find the Program Guide).

- **One (1) - 57 litre City of Salmon Arm green bin for food waste:**
  - If your green bin gets damaged, please contact the City for a replacement. You are required to use the City-branded green bin, not your own green bin.
- **One (1) - 8 litre kitchen catcher for food waste (for inside under the sink/countertop):**
  - Do not put the kitchen catcher at the curb – they are difficult to empty and can be covered by snow or easily lost or damaged. The green bin needs to go to the curb for collection, regardless of how much food waste you have.
  - You can buy certified compostable food waste bags that fit the kitchen catcher. When full, tie them up and put in the green bin for collection. You can find these bags at grocery stores and home supply stores in the garbage bag aisle. Paper bags are also acceptable.
  - Do not purchase bags labelled as “biodegradable”. They must be certified compostable bags.
  - The use of bags is not mandatory, however, loose food waste in the green bin can freeze solid in the winter or stick to the bin and may not be completely emptied. Using bags reduces the need to clean the bin as well.
  - Example of certified compostable bags, for illustration purposes only (there are many other brands of compostable bags available – the City is not promoting one over another):



Typical compostable certifications (BPI is most common):



- **One (1) - 83 litre blue bin for recycling:**
  - The City provides one bin but recycling is unlimited, so you can supplement with your own bins as needed. We accept any type of bin, container or box, no larger than 120 litres and weighing no more than 10 kg (22 lb) when full. The City does not sell recycling bins.
  - Do not put lids on recycling bins collection is more efficient if lids don't have to be removed, especially when multiple bins are set out. Lids tend to get lost or damaged as well.
  - More bins with less material is preferred. Bins with overflowing recycling or recycling packed too tight are difficult to empty and materials can fall out and litter the environment.
  - We do not accept glass, foam and flexible (soft) plastics in the curbside collection but you can take these to the Recycle BC Depot at Bill's Bottle Depot, or at the Salmon Arm Landfill. See the What-Goes-Where section of the program guide for details.
  - Recycling is not accepted in plastic bags – it must be loose in bins.
  - There is no need to separate fibers (i.e. paper and cardboard) from containers as the system is single-stream recycling. All paper and packaging can be combined in the bins.
  - Please ensure containers are emptied and rinsed.
  - Lids should be separated from containers before putting them in your bin as lids are often made of a different material than the container. Metal lids from glass jars can be put in your recycling bin but the glass jar should be taken to the Depot as noted above.
- **Food waste sticker** – shows what is/is not accepted in food waste (stick it on the kitchen catcher or green bin or keep for reference).
- **Recycling sticker** – shows what is/is not accepted in recycling (stick it on your recycling bin or keep for reference).
- **Curbside Collection Program Guide** – all the details and schedule for curbside collection. This guide is updated annually and available on our web page at [www.salmonarm.ca/curbside](http://www.salmonarm.ca/curbside) or pick-up a paper copy at City Hall.
- We also have the **Recycle Coach app** for getting your collection schedule and reminders, City notifications and what-goes-where search tool. The app is available for direct use on the curbside collection web page or download it on your mobile device from your app store (available for Apple and Android devices).
- A **garbage can** is optional but recommended (maximum size permitted is 120 litres). This allows you to put multiple bags in the can up to the bi-weekly 10 kg (22lb) limit. Garbage must be bagged even if a can is used. The City does not provide or sell garbage cans. Please review pages 16 and 17 of the [FAQs](#) for information regarding problematic garbage cans and avoid using these types.
  - Anything over the 10 kg weight limit requires bag tags, which can be purchased at City Hall, the SASCU Recreation Centre or online (see curbside collection web page). Each \$3 tag allows an additional 10 kg bag. There is no limit on number of additional bags you put out on garbage collection weeks.

## IMPORTANT:

In accordance with the City's curbside collection Bylaw (#4281), bins are to be stored in a location or manner that is inaccessible to wildlife and put out the morning of collection NOT the night before. The City is working with residents to reduce wildlife attractants and ensure bears do not become habituated in the City. Thank you for your cooperation with these requirements.