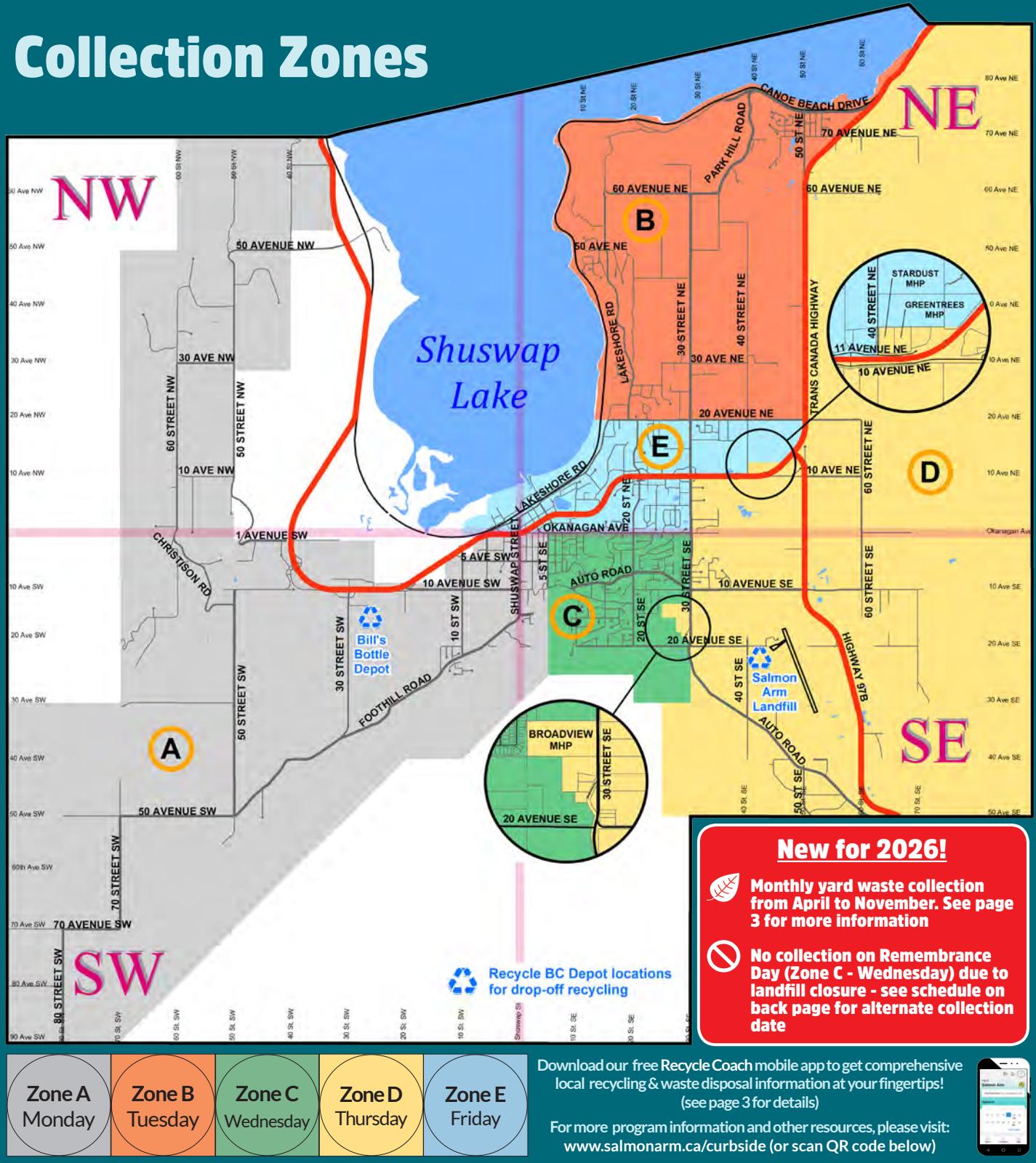


## Collection Zones



Download our free Recycle Coach mobile app to get comprehensive local recycling & waste disposal information at your fingertips! (see page 3 for details)

For more program information and other resources, please visit: [www.salmonarm.ca/curbside](http://www.salmonarm.ca/curbside) (or scan QR code below)



## Collection Guidelines (see the What-Goes-Where Guide on pages 4 & 5)

- Food waste is collected **weekly** and garbage and recycling on **alternate weeks** (same day as food waste).
- Collection occurs between 7 AM and 5 PM weekdays **except** Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. See the back page for collection schedules or get the Recycle Coach app (more info on page 3).
- Containers and bags are to be stored where they are **inaccessible to wildlife** and put out at the curb by **7 AM** on collection day, **not the night before** (Curbside Collection Bylaw #4281)
- For missed collections or rejections, please contact SCV Waste Solutions directly (see bottom of page).

### Food Waste: Weekly Collection

- Each household is permitted one (1) City-branded 57 L green bin containing up to **10 kg (22 lb)** every week.
- If you frequently have more than 10 kg of food waste, contact the City to purchase an additional weekly food waste collection.
- For occasional extra food waste, **food waste bag tags** can be purchased (see bottom of page).
- Each \$3 bag tag allows up to 10 kg of food waste. Please put extra food waste in paper or compostable plastic bags. There is no limit on the number of extra bags that can be put out.
- Bags used in kitchen catchers or green bins **must be paper or certified compostable plastic**. Regular plastic bags are **not permitted** for food waste. Bags aren't mandatory but can prevent food waste from sticking or freezing in the bin. See page 6 for more information.



8 L Kitchen Catcher

### Recycling: Bi-weekly Collection (alternating with Garbage)



**IMPORTANT!**  
Curbside recycling is only for Packaging and Paper Products (PPP). Please adhere to the What-Goes-Where guide or Recycle Coach. For help, contact the City.

- Each household may put out **unlimited bins** every other week.
- Any type of bin** may be used up to **120 L** in size and up to **10 kg (22 lb)** when full.
- Do not put lids on the bins** as it slows down collection and lids get lost or broken.
- Recycling is **not accepted** in plastic bags.
- Items can be co-mingled in bins - no special sorting is required. **Rinse containers**.
- All items are to be placed loose in bins - **do not nest items** together.
- Do not overfill or pack bins too tightly** as this makes them difficult to empty and can result in damaged bins. Please use more bins with less materials in them.
- Do not put Depot-Only materials in curbside recycling**. See the What-Goes-Where Guide on pages 4 & 5 for more information.

### Garbage: Bi-weekly Collection (alternating with Recycling)

- Each household is permitted a maximum of **10 kg (22 lb)** of garbage every other week. Put garbage out for collection in one standard-sized garbage bag or in a garbage can.
- All garbage **must be bagged** and tied securely, **even if a garbage can is used**. Multiple bags can be put in a garbage can up to the 10 kg limit.
- The City **does not** provide garbage cans, however they are recommended to help keep wildlife out of your garbage. Maximum size should be **120 L** and made of a lightweight material.
- Garbage over the 10 kg limit requires **garbage bag tags**. Each \$3 tag allows up to 10 kg of garbage. There is no limit to the number of extra bags with tags that can be put out.



The City provides one 57 L food waste (green) bin, one 8 L kitchen catcher and one 83 L recycling bin to new households.

City of Salmon Arm: 250.803.4000 | [info@salmonarm.ca](mailto:info@salmonarm.ca) | [www.salmonarm.ca/curbside](http://www.salmonarm.ca/curbside)

SCV Waste Solutions: 250.803.4074 | [admin@scvwaste.ca](mailto:admin@scvwaste.ca) (for missed or rejected collections)

CSRD: 250.832.8194 | [inquiries@csrd.bc.ca](mailto:inquiries@csrd.bc.ca) | [www.csrd.bc.ca/168/Garbage-Recycling](http://www.csrd.bc.ca/168/Garbage-Recycling)

Recycle BC: [www.recyclebc.ca](http://www.recyclebc.ca) Recycling Council of British Columbia: [www.rcbc.ca](http://www.rcbc.ca)

Bag tag purchase locations:

- City Hall
- SASCU Recreation Centre
- Order online from the curbside collection web page

# Curbside Yard Waste Collection 2026



**NEW! Yard waste collection will occur monthly from April to November.**

See schedule on back page for monthly collection days. The requirements below apply for each collection.

Please note that yard waste is not collected on your regular weekly pickup day. All collection zones are to put yard waste at the curb by **7:00 AM Monday** on designated yard waste collection weeks. Collection across all zones may take several days to complete. If your bags have not been collected by end of day Thursday, please contact SCV Waste Solutions (see contact details at the bottom of page 2).

- All items, including branches, must be placed loose in paper yard waste bags.
- Do not use plastic or compostable plastic bags - only paper bags are accepted.
- Unlimited quantities are accepted, provided that each bag does not weigh more than 20 kg (44 lbs).
- Branches may be up to 1" (25 cm) in diameter and 3 ft (91 cm) long, unbundled in bags.
- Keep bags dry until collection week to prevent breakage.
- Minimize yard waste by mulching grass and leaves instead of bagging - mulch is good source of fertilizer for lawns.
- Yard waste (including Christmas trees) is also accepted at the Salmon Arm Landfill (yard waste composting area) year round, free-of-charge.
- This is an excellent opportunity to FireSmart your property. Visit [firesmartbc.ca](http://firesmartbc.ca) for more info.



## Accepted Materials (no rocks, soil or dirt)

leaves, weeds (non-invasive), grass & hedge clippings, flowers, plants, shrubs, sod, small branches (loose in bags), pumpkins (remove Halloween decor)

**Note:** Yard waste is NOT accepted with food waste because yard waste disposal at the landfill is free-of-charge, whereas food waste is not. Small quantities, such as weeds, flowers, house plants, plant trimmings and flower bouquets can be put in your food waste.



## Recycling made easy.

You get:

- Address-specific collection schedule
- Customizable collection reminders
- City notifications & alerts
- What-Goes-Where search tool
- Report a missed collection or problem

Download the FREE mobile app from your app store or use the app on the curbside collection webpage. Contact the City for more information or assistance.



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# CURBSIDE COLLECTION & RECYCLE BC DEPOT WHAT-GOES-WHERE GUIDE

## CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE



## CURBSIDE RECYCLING



## CURBSIDE GARBAGE



## DEPOT-ONLY



## When In Doubt...

Recycle Coach has **what-goes-where** info for almost everything. Get the mobile app or use it directly on our curbside collection web page. Contact the City for further assistance. See page 2 for contact and website info.

Page 7 provides many other recycling options. Check these options before throwing items in the garbage.

Contact the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) for more information about Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depots, Reuse Centres and other refuse disposal options. See page 2 for CSRD contact info.

# Tips for Working with Food Waste

**1. Reduce maintenance and prevent food waste from sticking or freezing** in your green bin by lining your kitchen catcher with paper bags, newspaper or certified compostable plastic bags. Food waste can also be put into cardboard boxes, such as cereal or cracker boxes. **DO NOT** use regular plastic bags.

**2. Drain as much liquid as possible** from your food waste before putting it in your kitchen catcher or green bin. Wrap in paper towel or newspaper if necessary.

**3. Sprinkle some baking soda, white vinegar or lemon juice** in your container to help fight odours.

**4. Freeze small bags of food waste** (if you have space in your freezer) until your collection day. This can be particularly helpful in the summer to prevent odours, maggots and avoid attracting wildlife to your green bin.

**5. Keep your containers cool** by storing them away from heat and direct sunlight. Heat speeds up decomposition and produces odour faster.

**6. Fats, oils and greases ("FOG")** must not be dumped down the drain. Let these solidify or freeze, then scrape into your food waste. Large quantities of cooking oil can be added in small quantities over several weeks or contact the City for other disposal options.

**7. Soiled paper products** like paper towel, napkins and tissues must go in your food waste, NOT recycling. If used with chemicals, put them in the garbage.

**8. Small wooden items** like popsicle sticks, toothpicks and chopsticks are also accepted in with your food waste. Break longer items into smaller pieces.

**9. Take your green bin to the curb** for collection every week, even if it isn't full.

**10. Do not put your kitchen catcher at the curb** as these are difficult for collection staff to empty and can get damaged or lost, or the lids fall off in to the truck. Only the green bin is accepted at the curb, regardless of how much food waste you have.

**11. Look for these common compostable plastic certification logos** for bags or for other compostable plastics that are permitted in food waste. Compostable plastic food waste bags are sold at grocery stores and home supply stores, typically in the same aisle as garbage bags.



## Keep these OUT of your Food Waste

- ✗ **Yard Waste**
- ✗ **Pet Waste & Kitty Litter**
- ✗ **Diapers**
- ✗ **Biodegradable / oxo-degradable plastic\***
- ✗ **Plastic**
- ✗ **Glass**
- ✗ **Styrofoam**
- ✗ **Metal**



**\* IMPORTANT:** Biodegradable, oxo-degradable and compostable are not the same thing. Only put certified compostable plastic items in your food waste (they should have one of the above certification logos). If you are unsure, then it is best to put it in the garbage. Do not put compostable plastics in your recycling as they cannot be recycled with other types of plastic resins.

Some cardboard take-out containers may have a thin plastic lining that isn't compostable (similar to paper coffee cups). In this case, rinse the container and put it in your recycling.



**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact the City at 250.803.4000  
[info@salmonarm.ca](mailto:info@salmonarm.ca)

# But Wait...There's More That Can Be Recycled!

Below are the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs that exist in BC for recycling items that are **not** accepted in curbside recycling. Visit [bcrecycles.ca](http://bcrecycles.ca) for a one-stop shop of all EPR programs available in BC. EPR is regulated by the BC Ministry of Environment and Parks and requires businesses to be responsible for recycling the products and packaging that they supply to consumers. Recycle BC only manages packaging and paper products (more about Recycle BC below).

Note that **textiles** are currently not covered by an EPR program but there is a **Big Brothers Big Sisters donation bin** at the entrance to the Salmon Arm Landfill, across from the Recycle BC Depot. Visit [csrd.bc.ca/177/Clothing-Donations](http://csrd.bc.ca/177/Clothing-Donations) for details. There is also a **Re-Use Centre** at the Salmon Arm Landfill - visit [csrd.bc.ca/178/Re-Use-Centres](http://csrd.bc.ca/178/Re-Use-Centres) for more information.

 <b>Interchange Recycling</b>  Used Oil, Filters & Antifreeze <a href="http://interchangerecycling.com">interchangerecycling.com</a>	 <b>productcare RECYCLING</b>  Household Hazardous Waste Paint Light Bulbs & Fixtures Smoke/CO Alarms <a href="http://productcare.org/province/british-columbia">productcare.org/province/british-columbia</a>	 <b>ElectroRecycle</b>  Electrical Product Recycling <a href="http://electrorecycle.ca">electrorecycle.ca</a>	
 <b>Return-It Electronics</b>  <a href="http://return-it.ca/electronics">return-it.ca/electronics</a>	 <b>epr.ca</b>  Single-Use & Rechargeable Batteries <a href="http://call2recycle.ca">call2recycle.ca</a>	 <b>CBA</b>  Lead-Acid Batteries <a href="http://recyclemybattery.ca">recyclemybattery.ca</a>	
 <b>HEALTH PRODUCTS STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION</b>  Medications & Sharps <a href="http://healthsteward.ca">healthsteward.ca</a>	 <b>OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA</b>  <a href="http://opeic.ca">opeic.ca</a>	 <b>Contact the City for assistance with recycling these items</b>  Electric Mobility Products & Batteries <a href="http://return-it.ca/electronics">return-it.ca/electronics</a>	
 <b>Return-It</b> It's Worth it.  Refundable Beverage & Alcohol Containers <a href="http://return-it.ca">return-it.ca</a>	 <b>EASY. SAFE. FREE. THERMOSTAT RECYCLING</b>  Digital & Mercury Thermostats <a href="http://hrai.ca/trp">hrai.ca/trp</a>	 <b>TIRE Stewardship BC</b>  Vehicle & Bicycle Tires <a href="http://tsbc.ca">tsbc.ca</a>	 <b>RecycleBC</b>  Packaging & Printed Paper <a href="http://recyclebc.ca">recyclebc.ca</a>

## More About Recycle BC

- Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization that manages residential **packaging and paper products (PPP)** recycling across British Columbia. Their services reach more than 99% of households through curbside, multi-family, and depot programs.
- PPP recycling is one of BC's EPR programs, governed by the provincial Recycling Regulation. The Recycle BC EPR program is funded by the businesses that supply PPP to BC residents.
- Recycle BC provides financial incentives to the City for collecting PPP through curbside recycling.
- PPP includes packaging but **not the products inside**. For example, battery packaging can go in curbside recycling, while batteries must be recycled through the Call2Recycle battery recycling program shown above.
- Please ensure that **only PPP items accepted for curbside recycling** are placed in your bins as contamination\* negatively impacts the effective recycling of collected materials. Thank you for your cooperation!
- For guidance on what can be recycled and where, use the **"What-Goes-Where"** guide on pages 4 & 5, the Recycle Coach **What-Goes-Where** tool on the City's curbside collection webpage, or download the Recycle Coach mobile app.
- To learn more about Recycle BC, visit [recyclebc.ca](http://recyclebc.ca)

\*Contamination refers to items not accepted for curbside recycling, or accepted items that are soiled with food, liquids or dirt.

**Don't see what you need to recycle?**

The Recycling Council of BC maintains a comprehensive database for recycling or properly disposing of almost any item.

Check out the **"What are you recycling?"** search tool on their website at [rcbc.ca](http://rcbc.ca) or contact them at: 1.800.667.4321 [info@rcbc.ca](mailto:info@rcbc.ca)



**Got too much waste?**

We'd be happy to provide assistance on how to reduce!

Contact the City at: 250.803.4000 [info@salmonarm.ca](mailto:info@salmonarm.ca)

# 2026 COLLECTION CALENDAR

  Garbage & Food Waste Weeks  
X Holiday - No Collection

  Recycling & Food Waste Weeks  
X Alternate Collection Date

  Yard Waste Collection Weeks  
 Monthly from April to November  
 See page 3 for details

## January

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## February

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

## March

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

## April

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

## May

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## June

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

## July

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

## August

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

## September

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

## October

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## November

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

## December

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

### Holiday Collection Dates

- Zone D: Recycling & food waste: **Sat Jan 3, 2026** in lieu of **Thurs Jan 1, 2026**
- Zone C: Garbage & food waste: **Sat Nov 14, 2026** in lieu of **Wed Nov 11, 2026**
- Zone E: Garbage & food waste: **Sat Dec 26, 2026** in lieu of **Fri Dec 25, 2026**
- Zone E: Recycling & food waste: **Sat Jan 2, 2027** in lieu of **Fri Jan 1, 2027**

### Did You Know?

You can apply to get curbside collection for your contained or detached rental suite(s). See the **Additional Information** section at [salmonarm.ca/curbside](http://salmonarm.ca/curbside) for details and the opt-in application form.



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