

Changes to Curbside Collection - Cart Service Starts July 1, 2018 (Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste)

As of July 1, 2018, Summerland Curbside Collection will switch to carts rather than bags for garbage, recycling and yard waste.

In June, a set of three carts will be delivered to households receiving curbside collection services for garbage, recycling, and yard waste. The set includes: 120L Garbage, 240L Recycling, 240L Yard Waste.

Options will be available to increase or decrease the cart sizes following a 3 month trial period (July 1-September 30) during which households must use the provided set of carts. From October 1-December 1, residents may change the sizes of any number of carts, one time, at no cost. Any changes requested after the initial 3 months will be subject to a fee, except for new home owners / tenants who will be allowed to revert to the base set at no cost.



Samples of the carts are on display at Municipal Hall and at the Summerland Arena for residents to view and try out. Come to Municipal Hall or the Arena to see the various sizes and how easy they are to move!

Council is committed to providing as much assistance as possible to make the transition to carts easy and straightforward. Residents with questions regarding a unique situation with their specific property or circumstance will be handled one-on-one by District staff.

More details about the cart program will be announced shortly, but here are some commonly asked questions:

Q: Why is Summerland moving to a cart program?

A: Carts provide several benefits, including safety of workers, faster (and therefore less expensive and less polluting) pickups, and ease of use for customers (wheels). RecycleBC will no longer allow the use of blue bags in 2020, and carts are a more cost effective and environmentally friendly solution than other options.

Q: Is there a cost for the carts?

A: The carts are part of the District's new collection service agreement, and their cost is covered in the monthly service fee on your utility bill.

Q: Will there be changes as to what can be recycled?

A: No. The materials that can be recycled at the curbside will remain the same. Items such as glass, styrofoam, plastic bags and overwrap, electronics, and household hazardous waste must still be taken to the landfill depot.

Q: Do I need to use bags anymore?

A: Garbage must be kept in bags (small white bags are recommended). Recycling must be loose (no bags). Yard waste must be loose (no bags).

Q: Can I opt out of the curbside program?

A: No. As with the existing garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection service, households currently receiving curbside collection must participate.

Q: How do I get more information?

A: Contact 250-486-3765 or email carts@summerland.ca. Information will also be posted on our website and Facebook and in future newsletters. Staff will be at community events with the bins throughout the spring to answer questions and provide information.

District of Summerland Financial Plan Open House—March 22

Please join us for an informative, interactive open house on Thursday, March 22 from 3pm—7pm at the Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road East. A formal financial presentation will take place at 6:00pm.

Our team leaders will be on hand to showcase their departments, answer questions, describe what services are delivered to our residents, and explain the costs involved to run their departments. Residents will be able to see where funds are allocated, what it costs to run a municipality, and what the plans are for future spending. The District will help you make “cents” of municipal finances. Your input or questions on the budget is welcomed.



Looking for Council Committee Volunteers

The following council committees either have room for volunteers or have appointments expiring soon.

Agricultural Advisory: The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) advises Council on issues important to the agri-business community including land use and economic development matters with respect to agriculture. The AAC acts as a liaison between Council and the agricultural community.

Advisory Planning Commission (APC): The APC reviews requests referred by Council such as amendments to the Official Community Plan, rezoning applications and applications to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Community Climate Action Advisory Committee: The Community Climate Action Advisory Committee's mandate is to provide, through staff, a local perspective and advice to Council with respect to achieving the District's community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets and accompanying objectives related to Climate Action, as identified in the Official Community Plan.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on a Council Committee, please visit www.summerland.ca and complete a short application form by March 16th. Council will make their selection from the applicants by the end of March.



A Beautiful Yard Doesn't Happen By Itself

Spring is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about keeping our yards and gardens beautiful. There are several ways you can help keep your green spaces looking lovely:

Compost



Compost is food for your plants, trees, and grass. It also helps hold water in the soil, balances soil pH, and improves soil structure. You can make your own compost or purchase finished compost at the Summerland landfill. Bring your own containers/bags and shovel and pay only 2 cents per kilogram (minimum charge \$2.00). If you need a pickup truck load...no problem, we'll load your truck, approximately \$20.00 per pickup load. The landfill also has green wood mulch, white wood/apple box mulch and top dressing for sale for 2 cents per kilogram. Trucks and trailers can be loaded between 9:00 am and 2:45 pm.

COMPOSTERS FOR SALE - You can make your own compost with a Compost Bin available through the District for only **\$46 + tax**. Order yours at Municipal Hall before March 21, and pick them up starting on Earth Day (April 22).

Tidy Up - Yard Waste Collection Begins this Month

For materials that can't be composted at home (branches, weeds, etc.), and for those who don't compost, yard waste collection service starts again the week of March 6, on your regular garage collection day. Until July 1, you can place your yard waste in large kraft paper bags or containers marked with a "Yard Waste Only" decal (decal free at Municipal Hall). Containers or kraft bags must not exceed 25kg (55lbs). Bundles of prunings may be tied with string or twine, not to exceed 1 metre (3 ft) in length. After July 1, yard waste will be collected via curbside carts. See the front page of this newsletter for more information.

Use Rain Water

Plants prefer rainwater – it's 100% soft water, is slightly acidic, and contains nitrates and some organic matter! Learn how to effectively set up and use rain barrels and how to effectively redirect rainwater on your property in a FREE workshop on Rainwater Capture & Re-Use Techniques being held on **March 24 from 10am-1pm** in the lower level of the Arts Centre (9525 Wharton St). Contact climate.action@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4068 to register.

2018 Go By Bike BC (formerly Bike to Work BC) Call for Volunteers

The District of Summerland is holding an initial meeting for individuals or businesses interested in organizing the Go By Bike BC event and festivities from May 28 - June 3, 2018. If you have organizational skills, would like to help out in any way, or if you would like to be a sponsor, please come to the first meeting on March 21 at 4:00pm at Municipal Hall.

If you would like to be involved but cannot come to the above scheduled meeting, please get in touch directly with Angelique Wood, Community Development Coordinator, at 250-404-4066 or awood@summerland.ca.

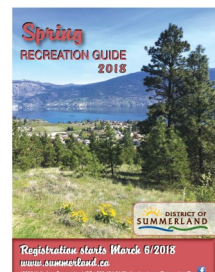
The Sani-Station located at the Trout Creek pullout will reopen Monday, March 12, 2018.



Tropical Paradise Swim
Saturday, March 10
6:30pm—8:30pm
Tickets: \$5.00



Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Aquatic Centre.
Family fun swim, games and activities of a tropical nature.



Shape Up for Summer

The District of Summerland Spring Recreation Guide is available March 6. Register early for fitness classes, swim lessons, yoga and much more. Check out the Spring Break Swim Lesson Schedule! Online registration is available.

Snow Angel



Please have your Snow Angel nomination forms in by March 15 so they can be entered into a draw for a prize. All nominations will receive a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Waterman.