

Q: Why does the same truck collecting my garbage also collect my recycling and yard waste?

A: The contractors for the District of Summerland presently use a split truck. This is one vehicle with two compartments that the driver can select with each collection. This allows for one truck to collect two different materials each week. This type of equipment allows for the most efficient collection possible while keeping the materials separate.

When there are large amounts of one material, such as yard waste, the driver may choose to collect one material first. This allows for more efficient collection on those weeks. Please place out both carts being collected on your collection day by 7 am to ensure collection.



Example of split truck with two sides

Q: How can I change my cart sizes at my home?

A: Click here for information on [Cart Change Outs](#).

Q: How do I report a missed collection?

A: Click here for information on [Reporting a Missed Collection](#)

Q: How are materials collected by the District of Summerland at multi-family units like apartments?

A: Summerland presently collects recycling from multi-family units. For more information click [Multi-Family Collection](#).

Q: What food scraps can I place in our green cart?

A: Click here for information on [Food Scraps Collection](#)

Q: Can I opt out of the program?

A: No. All residential properties must participate in the Curbside Collection program.

Q: What do I do with the rest of my items if my carts are full?

A: You can upsize your cart(s), purchase tag-a-bags for extra garbage or yard waste (\$2.50 each), and bring extra material to the landfill depot. Also be sure to break down boxes and crush milk jugs to maximize space in the carts. Residents are also encouraged to [home compost](#) their yard waste and mulch grass clippings on the lawn.

Q: I am a senior (or I am disabled) and am concerned about my ability to maneuver the carts to the curb, is there help?

A: Options for these cases will be discussed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact works@summerland.ca or 250.494.0431 so we can help find the best solution for your individual circumstance.

Q: I have a long driveway and feel it is unrealistic for me to wheel the carts up and down to the road. What should I do?

A: You may choose to leave the carts at the base of your driveway (on your property) during the week, and simply move them onto the street on collection day.