



ACRD Green Haul – Organics Pilot Program

Green Haul FAQ – November 4, 2025

How will this project benefit the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Districts solid waste plan?

When residents enroll in the program, they will help:

- Increase diversion of food and kitchen waste for those who do not have Sort'nGo roadside collection
 - Encourage participation
 - Raise awareness of the pilot project for target communities

The project will also:

- Demonstrate potential cost savings for residents through reduced garbage disposal fees
 - Provide practical hands-on education for participants to understand the environmental and financial benefits of organics diversion
- Collect data to help inform future waste diversion strategies
- Generate feedback from users

Is this the first step in a process designed to bring the three-stream roadside collection to rural areas?

- No. This is a voluntary six-month pilot program that enables residents to self-haul their organics.
- It is designed to explore ways to help people who want to divert organics but do not have Sort'nGo roadside collection or another means to compost their food and kitchen waste.
- It offers an accessible and affordable way for individuals to participate in composting.

Is yard waste part of the Organics Self-Haul Pilot?

No. The pilot is limited to food waste only. Yard waste is not accepted under this program. Residents can continue to use existing yard waste disposal options provided at the AVSGC.

How much does it cost?

- To become a Green Hauler, there is a one-time fee of \$25



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Do we need to purchase what is needed to participate?

When you register to participate, you will receive:

- One five-gallon Sort'nGo bucket
- One punch pass for 15 organic drop-offs
- Program information sheet

What happens if I forget my punch card when dropping off organics?

To participate in the self-haul organics pilot program and earn credit toward your compost reward, you must present your punch card at the time of each drop-off. If you forget your punch card, you will be charged the regular drop-off rate of \$5, and the visit will not count toward your 15-drop-off goal. We recommend keeping your punch card in a convenient location to ensure you receive credit for each visit.

Is there a digital punch card option?

No. Only the physical punch card provided to you can be used.

What happens if I lose my punch card?

You will need to purchase a replacement card.

If I complete my 15 drop-offs, can I purchase another punch pass?

Yes, you may purchase an additional punch pass as long as it's still within the pilot period and you've completed the required survey. Please note that the additional punch pass will not qualify for another bucket or 0.5 yard of compost.



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Who can participate?

The pilot project is designed to be inclusive, offering access to residents in multi-family units and First Nation communities as well as Electoral Areas in the Alberni Valley. This is who will have access to the project:

- Cherry Creek
- Beaver Creek
- Beaufort
- Sproat Lake
- Bamfield
- Tseshaht First Nation
- Hupacasath First Nation
- Huu-ay-aht First Nations
- Uchucklesaht Tribe
- City of Port Alberni (multi-family)

What is the benefit to people who choose to enroll?

- Green Haulers will have a way to help divert organic matter from the Alberni Valley Sort'nGo Centre.
- When you fill your punch card, you will receive 0.5 yards of compost from Earth, Land, and Sea.

How do I register?

- Fill out the form on the [Self-Haul Organics Pilot Project](#) website page. Or if the form does not load, click [HERE](#) to open the form directly.

What is the timeline?

- The program will launch on November 17, for six months.

When does the pilot end?

The Green Haul Pilot begins on November 20. Participants can sign up and purchase a discounted drop-off punch pass until May 20. After May 20, regular rates will apply.



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Can I bring my bucket and use my punch card at the West Coast Landfill?

No. This pilot program is only available in the Alberni Valley area and materials must be brought to the AV Sort'nGo Centre (Alberni Valley Landfill).

What happens to my personal information?

- All data collected will be aggregated so that privacy is protected. Any information provided is voluntary and will be only used for the purposes of this project. The level of detail you choose to share is entirely up to you. From a regional solid waste management and diversion perspective, the more robust the data, the better.
- The personal information is collected in accordance with Section 26 (c, d, e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) for the purposes of consideration regarding the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Sort'nGo: Green Haul Pilot Project only.
- Direct any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of this information to foi@acrd.bc.ca.