



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
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Roadside organics collection coming to Port Alberni Info webpage now live

PORT ALBERNI - This spring, roadside organics collection will launch in the City of Port Alberni. To get everyone ready for this new service, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) is kicking off a new educational campaign for Sort'nGo Organics.

The new Sort'nGo Organics collection service will see food and yard waste collected in a new green cart for roadside pick up, like garbage and recycling is currently handled. Green carts will be delivered to City residents in the spring, with pick up expected to begin in June 2021.

"As part of City Council's Strategic Plan, we champion environmental leadership and we strongly support initiatives that result in a healthier, more sustainable and vibrant community," said Sharie Minions, City of Port Alberni Mayor. "Organic diversion is a priority concern and we continue to take steps to reduce the amount of solid waste generated in our landfill."

It's estimated that food and yard waste currently account for about 30-50 per cent of what goes into garbage carts. Not only does that take up a lot of room at the landfill, but it also produces harmful greenhouse gases as it decomposes. By redirecting these items to a compost facility, a valuable new product can be created, and expensive adaptations at the landfill can be avoided or postponed. There will be a learning curve for everyone as the new service kicks into gear – so the ACRD is starting now to provide information and answer questions. An informational hub has been created at www.letsconnectacrd.ca– the community is invited to visit, learn more, and share any questions.

"The Sort'nGo Organics program will bring improvements to our community's solid waste diversion plan by reducing waste, decreasing harmful gases and extending the life of our landfill," said Minions.

The Sort'nGo organics program is part of a wider initiative to transition to an auto-cart system for all three waste streams (garbage, recycling and organics), where uniform carts like the current garbage carts, will all be used for roadside collection. Organics will be picked up weekly, while garbage and recycling will be collected biweekly, on alternating weeks.

Watch for updates or sign up for email newsletters at www.letsconnectacrd.ca

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