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REGIONAL DISTRICT

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **New Uniform Collection Carts Heading to Single Family Homes in Port Alberni**

PORT ALBERNI – Sort’nGo organics pickup is heading to Port Alberni this September. In preparation, single-family homes in the City will receive new recycling and organics carts between August 23 and September 10, 2021. During this time, residents are asked to leave their garbage carts out **until 5pm** on their collection day as the crews will be conducting garbage cart maintenance.

As part of the City of Port Alberni’s new three-stream roadside collection service residents will receive a new green cart for organics and yard waste, and a blue cart for recycling. While similar to the existing garbage carts, the new carts are larger in size– and designed to work with the mechanical arms of automated collection trucks. Residents will also receive a ‘Kitchen Buddy’, a small pail that can be kept inside for easy collection before transferring to the larger outdoor organics cart.

“It’s an important step for us as a community, and showcases our commitment to the environment”, said Sharie Minions, City of Port Alberni Mayor. “This will extend the life of our landfill while diverting waste that can be turned into nutrient rich compost for decades to come.”

Once you get your new carts, here’s what you need to know:

- Organics collection will begin the week of September 13 with green carts collected every week.
- Recycling and garbage collection will alternate week to week, on what is now your recycling day.
- Food scraps including meat, bones, dairy, fats oils and greases along with soiled papers like pizza boxes, and yard waste, like grass clippings and tree trimmings, can all be collected in green carts.
- Liners are not required but paper bags, including the large yard waste bags, and newspapers are permitted.
- Plastic bags, even those marked as compostable, are not permitted.
- Recyclables must be left loose in the bin, with all materials inside the cart. No overflow!
- Cardboard must be broken down to avoid blockage within the collection trucks.

The green carts are equipped with bear resistant locks. Residents are required to ensure the locks are unclipped prior to collection. To avoid wildlife interactions carts are not permitted roadside prior to 7:00 am.

A welcome package will also be delivered with the new carts which will provide an overview of the new waste collection service. Find out how to sort specific items, as well as track pickup schedules, download collection calendars and get weekly reminders with the Sort’nGo app, available for Android and iPhone. Learn more at [www.letsconnectacrd.ca/organics](http://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/organics).

Questions?

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