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REGIONAL DISTRICT

3008- 5th Ave, Port Alberni, V9Y 2E3

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Port Alberni Residents Asked to Help Decrease Contamination in Sort'nGo Organics Carts

PORT ALBERNI – Residents have been working hard to divert organics from the landfill with the new Sort'nGo Organics curbside collection service. Households are now invited to learn more about decreasing contamination for a clean stream – with a chance to win free waste services for 2022.

Based on what's being found in organics collection, and the common errors when playing the sorting game on the Sort'nGo ACRD app, here are a few of the top items residents are unsure how to sort:

- soiled newspaper (belongs in organics)
- diapers (belongs in garbage)
- rubber bands from produce items (belongs in garbage)
- plastic garden tags and garden accessories (can be dropped off at recycling depot)
- dog feces, cat litter (belongs in garbage)
- coffee pods (belongs in garbage)

“When we take care to keep non-organic materials out of organics carts, we’re ensuring a better end result,” said Sharie Minions, City of Port Alberni Mayor. “Contamination can lead to increased costs as well as less overall compost that can be returned to our parks and green spaces.”

Right now, there's a big incentive to sort with skill! Residents can win a free year of solid waste collection, valued at \$180 (based on standard 120L carts) by playing the sorting game on the app: acr.recycle.game.

To be entered in the draw, residents must complete all five levels of the game, and when a certificate of completion is issued, it can be emailed as a screenshot to sortngo@acrd.bc.ca or saved as a PDF and a hardcopy mailed to the ACRD office at: 3008 5th Ave, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3.

With over 2,000 gameplays to date, and more than 97 certificates created, participants are having fun while honing their sorting skills. Meanwhile, star curbside sorters on collection routes are also being automatically entered into the draw to win. The contest closes end of day Dec 15, 2021.

“The best way to learn to sort is to play the sorting game on our app,” said Jodie Frank, Sort'nGo Organics Project Lead. “When we sort smarter, our whole community benefits!”

Learn more about Sort'nGo Organics service at letsconnectacrd.ca/organics.

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Questions?

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