



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
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Sort'nGo Sees Unprecedented Waste Diversion Rates in City of Port Alberni

PORT ALBERNI – Since the launch of Sort'nGo in Port Alberni last September, residents of the City of Port Alberni have become waste reduction heroes. The service is demonstrating successful results and achieving a significant increase in waste diversion from the Alberni Valley Landfill.

“The efforts of residents have helped us exceed our expectations for success,” said Sharie Minions, City of Port Alberni Mayor. “We’re thankful for everyone’s commitment to this effort, which will go a long way in prolonging the lifespan of our landfill and reducing harmful greenhouse gases, while creating nutrient-rich compost for community green spaces.”

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) recently reported results of the transition to the new three-stream roadside waste collection service, which is now diverting organics from the landfill:

- 40% reduction of residential waste going to landfill since the program launched
- 690 tonnes of organic waste (and counting) diverted from the landfill
- 15% more recyclables being diverted by residents at the roadside
- 42% organics diverted by residents at the roadside
- 46% decrease in garbage disposal volume

“This has been a great success for the City of Port Alberni, and the ACRD is excited to be part of this successful initiative,” says Jodie Frank, ACRD Organics Coordinator. “It really shows people want to do this well, and we’re grateful for their commitment. Now is the time for a few reminders about where we can keep making improvements.”

Moving forward, decreasing contamination rate in the organics stream is a priority. Items that do not belong in green carts include plastic bags (even those labeled compostable), plastic coffee pods, and plastic gardening tags, trays, and other accessories. As well, more waste can be redirected from the garbage cart, including plastics (recyclable in the blue cart or at the depot) and food waste (organics cart).

To help residents sort smarter, the Sort'nGo ACRD app is available for download for iPhone and Android devices. Ask the waste wizard for help sorting items, set schedule alerts, and play the ACRD sorting game to hone those sorting skills.

Stay in the know with Sort'nGo at: <https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/sortngo-port-alberni>

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