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Sort'nGo carts are coming to West Coast homes

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT - Special deliveries are coming to homes in Tofino, Ucluelet, Port Albion and Millstream as the start of roadside organics collection approaches. Starting the week of November 21, all single-family homes will receive new carts for food/yard waste, recycling and garbage under the new collection service.

"This is an important step for the region that will extend the life of our landfill while diverting waste that can be turned into nutrient-rich compost for decades to come," says John Jack, Chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board. "We thank everyone for their preparations ahead of launch."

For hitaču (Yuutu?i?ath First Nation) and Esowista and Ty-Histanis (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation), the new Sort'nGo service launched October 31, 2022. This First Nations Pilot Project rollout was a great success, and residents are busy sorting and setting out their new carts as the ACRD now gears up for full public rollout.

Collection using the new Sort'nGo carts begins Dec. 5:

Tofino: Tuesday (Organics), Wednesday and Thursday (Alternating Recycling/Garbage)

- Dec. 5 launch week: Organics Tuesday, Dec. 6, Garbage Thursday, Dec. 8
- Dec. 12 week: Organics Tuesday, Dec 13, Recycling Wednesday, Dec 14

Ucluelet/Port Albion/Millstream: Monday (Organics), Wednesday and Thursday (alternating Recycling/Garbage)

- Dec. 5 launch week: Organics Monday, Dec. 5, Recycling Wednesday, Dec. 7
- Dec. 12 week: Organics Monday, Dec. 12, Garbage Thursday, Dec. 15

Here are some other reminders about your new carts:

- **No Overflow:** Recyclables must be loose in the blue carts with the lid closed and all materials inside
- **Food/Yard Waste:** Food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy and greases, soiled papers, tissues, pizza boxes and yard waste (grass clippings, tree trimmings), are accepted in green carts
- **No Plastic Bags in Green Carts:** Even those marked as compostable **cannot** go in organics carts
- **Reducing Wildlife Interactions:** These carts come with bear resistant locks that will need to be unclipped once set out for collection. Carts are **not** permitted roadside until 7 a.m.

A welcome package will also be delivered with carts as well as a "kitchen buddy" for use in your home and some sample liners. Find out how to sort specific items, as well as track pickup schedules, and get weekly reminders with the Sort'nGo app. Learn more at: letsconnectacrd.ca/sortngo-west-coast

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