

Curbside Food Waste Collection Service Extended

October 1, 2008

Dear Cedar Resident,

Thank you for participating in the Residential Food Waste Collection Pilot Project. Your efforts, combined with those of 764 other households on your collection route, have demonstrated the benefits and feasibility of introducing a region-wide program, planned for launch in 2010.

Since the Pilot Project began last October, more than 72 tonnes of compostable organics have been collected from Route 52 alone. Along with your curbside recycling, this means you are diverting more than 55 per cent of your garbage from the Regional Landfill (up from 26 per cent diversion before food waste collection started). Well done!

To ensure continuity for pilot project participants, the Regional Board has decided to extend the collection of household organics on your route (Route 52 in Cedar), as staff prepares to introduce the program across the region. Please note the enclosed concerning your food waste, garbage and recycling collection:

- A new Food Waste, Garbage & Recycling Schedule covering the period to March 31, 2009. Food waste remains on weekly collection; garbage and recycling is collected bi-weekly.
- The Fall 2008 Residential Food Waste Collection Pilot Project newsletter includes information on the pilot's success and a follow-up survey. Please ensure you complete the survey, as your continued input will help plan the region-wide program. The survey includes an entry to win a six month supply of compostable bags; ten winning entries will be drawn from your collection route.

If you are a homeowner and do not reside on the collection Route 52 in Cedar, please forward this letter and the enclosed schedule and newsletter to the current residents or tenants. If you have any questions about the residential food waste collection program, please contact the RDN Solid Waste Department at 250-390-6560.

We appreciate your contribution to the success of the Pilot Project, and your ongoing participation in what will become a region-wide program. You have helped us take an important step toward achieving our Zero Waste goal of diverting 75 per cent of our garbage from the Regional Landfill by 2010.

Sincerely,

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