

News Release

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Curbside collection changes during holiday season

City of Campbell River residents who take their garbage and recyclables to the curb on Thursdays are reminded that Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 pick-up will be moved to the following day. There will be no other changes in days for waste collection, and regular collection resumes for Thursdays after the holidays.

"There's no change in collection days on any other day of the week. This change applies to the two Thursdays only," says Amber Zirnhelt, the City's manager of long range planning and sustainability. "Households scheduled for Friday pick-up following Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, during the holidays should be aware that collection times may vary from normal because Emterra is covering two routes those days."

While residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible, extra garbage collection over the holidays will be available.

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 10, Emterra will accept extra garbage for curbside collection to help people clear away after the holidays. No tags will be required for extra containers, but the weight limit still applies. Each container must weigh no more than 20 kg or 44 pounds.

"We encourage you to find creative ways to reduce, reuse and recycle this holiday. For last minute green gift ideas try gift certificates for local services such as a restaurant, movie passes, swimming or skating passes, a massage or other activities," Zirnhelt suggests.

Residents are also encouraged to recycle Styrofoam packaging and glass at the Island Return It Centre on Willow Street or at the Campbell River Waste Management Centre on Argonaut Road.

Questions about waste collection? Please contact Emterra at 250-286-0211.

Campbell River waste collection guidelines and routes schedule are posted on the City's website (<u>www.campbellriver.ca</u>) under *Waste Collection*. The same location offers information about weekly unlimited recycling.

Residents are also reminded that an online directory (www.campbellriverrecycles.ca) provides current information about where to return and re-purpose more items than those picked up through curbside collection.

Residents without Internet access can pick up paper copies of waste collection information at City facilities or from Emterra drivers.

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