

Compost Collection

Don't throw it away! Turn your food waste into compost by participating in the curbside organic waste collection pilot project.



What goes in my Green Bin?

Food waste and food contaminated paper including:

- Meat and small bones
- Bread and grain products
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags
- Dairy products
- Egg shells
- Baked goods
- Fruit and vegetables
- Pasta products
- Nutshells
- Fats, oils, butter, and mayonnaise
- Food contaminated napkins, paper towels and tissues
- Wooden popsicle sticks and toothpicks



DO NOT include:

- Yard trimmings including grass clippings, tree and hedge prunings, leaves, plants, weeds and flowers
- Plastics of any kind (including compostable and biodegradable plastics)
- Glass
- Pet waste/kitty litter
- Disposable coffee cups
- Styrofoam
- Wax coated crayons
- Diapers and baby wipes
- Wire, twist ties, and rubber bands
- Rocks dirt and sod
- Stumps and logs
- Wax paper and aluminum foil
- Cigarette butts
- Vacuum contents and bags



FAQ

Who can participate?

The compost pilot location covers about 120 homes in Mountview neighborhood. Once the pilot is complete, the program will be assessed for future expansion.

When does compost collection start?

August 2014- October 31 2014. Pickup will be every Tuesday morning, with your regular garbage. Bins must be on the curb by 8 am.

What about wildlife?

Placing food waste in your green bin is the same as placing it in your garbage bin – it's just separated. The animal attractant bylaw applies, so please only place your bin on the curb the morning of pickup. Ensure your green bin and garbage are stored in a secure location.

Where can I bring my yard waste?

The curbside compost pickup does not allow yard waste. Please take the yard waste to the Transfer station located on Highway 3 at Brenner Road free of charge.

Can I use plastic bags to line my kitchen pail?

Plastic bags, including compostable and biodegradable plastic are not accepted in curbside compost collection unless provided by the program. News print is recommended to line the bottom of your green bin.

Contact information

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please email us at compost@fernie.ca or call 250 423-6817



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Ferne Curbside Compost Collection Pilot Project

Help Reduce Landfill Waste



Why should we compost?

We can put our waste to work! Waste that ends up in the landfill creates a large amount of methane, a very potent greenhouse gas. That's because the decomposition is 'anaerobic', meaning there is no oxygen assisting in the breakdown.

When we compost, oxygen is an important ingredient – this creates an 'aerobic' environment, reducing the amount of methane created, and speeding up the breakdown of materials.

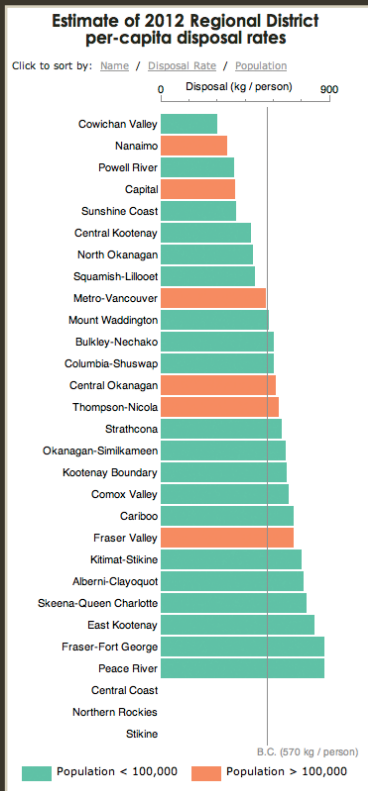
Composting can take a big dent out of the emissions created through our waste. The end product is high in nutrients and can be used for gardening and landscaping.

How much waste do we create?

The East Kootenay has the 3rd highest disposal rate of all regional districts in British Columbia!

In 2010, 4333 tonnes of waste was collected from City of Fernie residents, and hauled to a landfill in Lundbreck, Alberta.

About 40% of our household waste is compostable. There is a lot of potential to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill.



How to Compost

STEP 1:

Line kitchen pail with newsprint/paper towel (optional) and keep it handy in your kitchen.

STEP 2:

Place newsprint or other similar material in the bottom of your green bin, in preparation for your kitchen scraps. Store in a secure location with your garbage bin.

STEP 3:

Put compostable material into kitchen pail – refer to the list of food items allowed in the bin.

STEP 4:

Once your kitchen pail is full, empty into the green bin. Frequent emptying of the kitchen pail will prevent odours.

STEP 5:

Give your kitchen pail a quick rinse with soap. This will keep it clean, prevent odours and keep fruit flies away.

STEP 6:

Place your green bin out on the curb the morning of collection.

Tips and Tricks to reduce odour and pests

1. Empty your kitchen pail on a regular basis (daily) into your green bin.
2. Rinse or wash your kitchen pail after emptying.
3. Line your kitchen pail with newsprint or paper towel.
4. To reduce odor either sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen pail or freeze food scraps in an ice cream container until collection day.
5. Remember to put out your green bin out for pickup every week.
6. Avoid leaving food waste exposed to open air.
7. Diapers and kitty litter are not accepted as compost. When placing diapers or kitty litter in the garbage double bag them to reduce odour concerns.

