

## Garbage FAQ

### What do I do if I have more than the one (1) garbage container every second week that we are allowed?

Additional garbage containers will be picked up provided they are identified with a **Garbage Collection Tag(s)**. These tags can be purchased at Town Hall.

If you cannot wait until your next garbage collection day, you can take extra garbage to the Creston Landfill (1501 Mallory Road) for \$3 per bag (for the first 4 - 120L containers) or \$12.50 for more than 4 containers but less than 100kg. Over 100kg will be charged at \$125 per tonne (\$12.50 minimum charge).

If you have a home with high waste disposal needs due to things like pet waste, diapers or medical waste, contact Tip-It Waste Solutions at (250) 428-9887 to subscribe to an additional weekly collection opposite your regular garbage collection.

### If I miss a week, can I place double the amount of garbage out the following garbage collection week?

No. Only one (1) untagged container OR 2 Regular sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm) will be picked up each garbage collection week. If you have a second container to pick-up on your next garbage collection day, it will require a **Garbage Collection Tags**. These tags can be purchased at Town Hall.

If you can't wait until your next collection day, you can take your garbage to the Creston Landfill (1501 Mallory Road) for \$3 per 120L container.

### If I have EXTRA garbage containers/ bags, where do I place my Garbage Collection Tag?

**Garbage Collection Tags** should be affixed to a plastic bag, NOT your garbage container.

If your EXTRA garbage is placed in a garbage container that is 120L or smaller, each Regular sized black garbage bag (65cm x 83cm) in your EXTRA container must have a **Garbage Collection Tag** affixed to it.

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If your EXTRA garbage is placed in plastic garbage bags, one (1) **Garbage Collection Tag** should be affixed to each EXTRA plastic bag so that it is clearly visible to the collector. Each **Garbage Collection Tag** permits you to place 1 Regular sized black garbage bag (65cm x 83cm) in addition to the 2 Regular sized black garbage bags already permitted. For example, you can place 3 Regular sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm) using (1) **Garbage Collection Tag**, 4 Regular sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm) using (2) **Garbage Collection Tags**, etc.

If **Garbage Collection Tags** are not clearly visible to the collector, your EXTRA garbage will not be collected.

### Do I have to bag my garbage?

Yes, your garbage when placed in a garbage container must be securely tied in a bag. Loose garbage (sweepings, ash, shavings etc.) will not be accepted as it is hazardous to the collection staff.

You can use any type of plastic bag – it does not have to be a black garbage bag.

### Do I have to use a garbage can?

No, you do not have to put your garbage bag inside of a garbage can at the curb.

If you don't place your garbage in a container, up to 2 Regular sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm) weighting approx. 11.5kg (25 lbs) each, will be collected.

Placing garbage volumes in excess of 120L and/or with combined weights greater than 23kg (50 lbs) may result in your garbage not being collected.

If your garbage is not in a container, the use of plastic bags smaller than 65cm x 83cm is discouraged and could result in your garbage being left at the curb. If you only need a small bag for your waste needs it's okay to use a bag smaller than 65cm x 83cm but remember, a maximum of 2 bags will be collected – regardless of size! To maximize the amount of garbage that is collected, please consider

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using regular sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm) that weight approx. 11.5kg (25 lbs) each.

Regular sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm) are recommended although bags will **NOT** be collected if the total weight of all bags exceeds 23kg (50 lbs) OR the total volume exceeds 120L.

If you choose to use a garbage can to protect your garbage from wildlife or weather, it must be durable, not corrosive, and fitted with handles and a lid.

### Won't my garbage get too smelly if it's picked up every second week?

Most of the "smelly" items such as meat scraps and dairy will now go in your Food Waste Cart that will be collected every week. If you have a home with extra waste disposal needs such as pet waste, diapers or medical waste, contact Tip-It Waste Solutions at (250) 428-9887 to subscribe to an additional weekly collection service opposite your regular garbage collection.

### Is Yard Waste included in the new Curbside Collection Program?

Yard waste will continue to be collected three times a year in the new Curbside Collection Program – once in the spring and twice in the fall. This service is provided by Town of Creston Crews **not** Tip-It Waste Solutions.

Subject to changes due to weather, yard waste collection can be expected as follows:

- Spring – the week immediately following the Easter long weekend;
  - Fall pickup #1 – the week immediately following the Thanksgiving long weekend;
  - Fall pickup #2 – the full week immediately following Remembrance Day.
- \*Actual collection weeks will be subject to weather. Please check the Town Website periodically for updates.

All Yard Waste must be placed in rigid, weather-proof containers or Kraft paper bags for collection. Each Yard Waste container/ bag can weigh up to 50 lbs (23

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kg). Kraft paper bags are available at local retailers. Branches and pruning's must be cut into 1 meter lengths and tied in manageable bundles.

Yard waste can be taken to the Creston Landfill (1501 Mallory Road) at any time during their normal operating hours. Yard waste taken to the landfill will be charged at the going rate for 'Yard and Garden Waste'. Effective January 2022, this rate is \$2 Per 120L container (first 2 containers), \$5/ load for Loads ≤ 2.5 m<sup>3</sup> and \$50/ tonne for Loads > 2.5 m<sup>3</sup>. These rates may be amended from time to time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

During the months of April and October (only) the Creston Landfill accepts Yard & Garden Waste for FREE. This practice is subject to the conditions placed upon it by the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

### **What materials are considered Yard Waste?**

The following items are accepted for Yard Waste collection: clippings (grass, lawn, and hedge), sod, flowers, weeds (non-invasive), leaves, vegetable stalks, shrubs, and branches.

Shrub and tree branches may be up to 6" (15 cm) in diameter and 39" (100 cm) in length. Branches can be tied in manageable bundles or placed unbundled inside of compostable Kraft paper bags.

### **Where to I find the Kraft paper bags?**

Compostable paper bags can be found at local retailers – please check for availability leading up to the next yard waste collection week.

### **How much Yard Waste can I put out for collection?**

Materials will be accepted in unlimited quantities, provided each container or bag does not weigh more than 50lbs (23 kg).

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### **When do I place my Yard Waste out for collection?**

Place your yard waste containers and/ or bags at the curb by 7 AM on the collection day and keep them separate from garbage, food waste and/or recycling containers, ideally on the other side of your driveway.

If the collection trucks are unable to reach every household on the collection day, missed locations will be collected on subsequent days. It may take several days for the drivers to collect from all of the homes in the Town. If you think your Yard Waste has been missed, call the Town of Creston at (250) 428-2214.