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CITIZENS CAN START COMPOSTING FOOD WASTE AT REVELSTOKE LANDFILL

Hot on the heels of commercial composting starting up at the Revelstoke Landfill, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District is now offering residents and commercial facilities direct drop-off of compostable waste at the site.

Effective immediately, citizens interested in bringing their compostable material to the facility will be able to drop it off. There is a \$10 minimum fee for disposing of compost, while larger loads are charged at \$120/tonne. Compostable material can only be deposited in compost-certified bags.

The goal of the project is to reduce food waste by collecting it locally and processing it into viable compost material that can enrich the soil, rather than dumping it into the landfill.

Acceptable materials for the compost program include:

- Edible food products (raw and cooked) - meat, fruit, vegetables, bread, pasta, rice nuts, dairy
- Bones
- Eggshells
- Cooking oil
- Food-soiled paper products
- Coffee filters
- Tea bags

The facility's capacity to handle large amounts of compost allows materials that generally wouldn't decompose in backyard compost to be deposited into the facility.

Allowing citizens to drop-off compostable waste at the Revelstoke Landfill is the next step in the process for food waste collection in Revelstoke. The program began November 1, when commercial haulers can collect the contents of commercial compost bins along a designated route, much as they would do for garbage collection.

Compost from the Revelstoke facility will be regularly monitored and tested to ensure it meets all provincial and federal regulatory standards before being marketed for public use within the community.

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