



Public Service Announcement

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FROZEN WASTE PROMPTS GREEN CART COLLECTION CHANGES

The City of Port Coquitlam will collect green carts later in the day than usual this winter, whenever overnight temperatures fall below zero.

The change, effective immediately, was initiated because waste is freezing inside the carts and will not dislodge when crews attempt to empty them.

Whenever overnight temperatures fall below zero this winter, residents can expect their grey carts (garbage) to be collected first, and their green carts to be collected later in the day, when the temperature is warmer.

Green carts are usually collected first to avoid wildlife scavenging of the food scraps. It is anticipated that cold weather will sufficiently reduce odours that attract wildlife, on days when collection takes place later to allow the contents to thaw from the side of the cart.

Residents are requested to have both carts at curbside before 7:30 a.m. if they are unsure of the overnight temperature. As a guideline, if there is frost on car windows, it is cold enough to freeze the contents of the green cart.

If any solid waste collections are missed, or the contents are not fully emptied, residents may request a return pickup if they are unable to wait until their next collection day. Call the Operations Centre at 604-927-5496.

Residents can find a wide variety of trouble-shooting advice, resources and information on the City's solid waste collection service by visiting the website (www.portcoquitlam.ca/greencart) and in printed format at City Hall.

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