



Let's talk about trash

Port Coquitlam's Waste-Reduction Strategy

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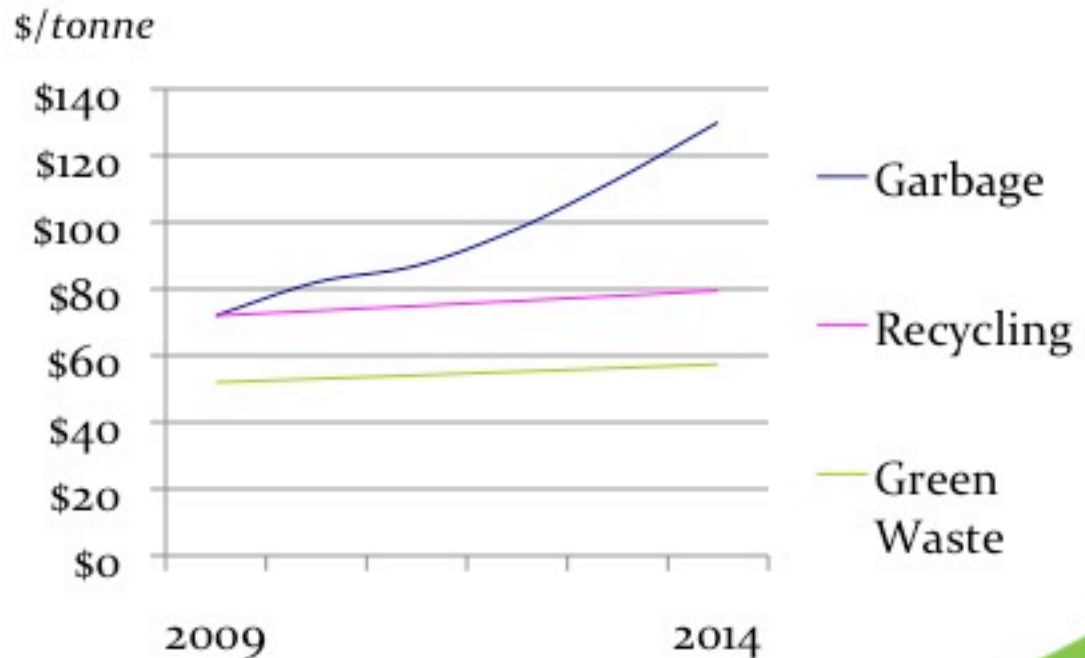
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The problem: Too much garbage

- Cache Creek landfill to close by 2012
- Only 55% waste now diverted from landfill
 - Metro Vancouver sends about 1.6M tonnes/yr
 - Port Coquitlam sends about 7,200 tonnes/yr

The problem: Rising disposal costs

- Garbage disposal rates to almost double by 2014
- Taxpayers *directly fund* waste disposal through their annual tax bills



Metro Vancouver's solution

- Zero Waste initiative
- 70% of waste diverted from landfill by 2015
- Increased organic waste collection
- Regional recycling centres, new programs



Port Coquitlam's solution

Waste-Reduction Strategy:

- **2004** - automated waste collection (*first in BC*)
- **July 2008** - kitchen green waste collection (*first in MV*)
- **Nov. 2009** - all food scraps collection (*first in MV*)
- **Mid-Jan. 2010** - alternate-week garbage collection (*first in MV*)



PORT COQUITLAM
Kitchen Waste
COLLECTION PROGRAM

Alternate-week garbage collection

- Starting mid-Jan. 2010
- Successfully implemented in Squamish and other cities
- Diversion goal: 75%
- Potential for 2,400 fewer tonnes/year going to landfill
- \$225,000 savings to taxpayers over five years



Responding to your concerns

Concern: “Yuck factor” – odour, dirty carts

City's response:

- Weekly green waste pickup mid-May to mid-Nov.
 - Warmest months, main gardening months
- Investigated compostable/biodegradable plastic-type bags
 - Still can't use – hinder composting process, drive up costs
 - *Can use: newspaper, paper bags, kraft paper liner bags*



Responding to your concerns

Concern: Not enough capacity

City's response:

- Weekly green waste pickup mid-May to mid-Nov.
- Collection of *all* food scraps/food-soiled papers
- Our standard 240 L garbage carts are larger than some other cities (Port Moody: 120 L, New West & Burnaby: 180 L)
- More could be diverted to recycling and green waste carts
 - MV audit shows at least 75% diversion possible
 - Current diversion rate approximately 55%



Responding to your concerns

Concern: Not enough capacity

City's response:

- Waive 2010 admin fee for larger green waste/recycling carts

For 2010	Solid Waste Levy*			Fees for Additional Carts		
	120 L*	240 L	360 L	240 L	360 L	Admin Fee
Garbage	\$81.02	\$111.02	\$141.02	\$60	\$90	\$50
Green Waste	n/a	\$65.28	\$75.28	\$20	\$30	\$0
Recycling	n/a	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$0

*120 L garbage carts available in summer 2010

* 2010 Solid Waste Levy to be finalized during 2010 budget process.

Responding to your concerns

Concern: Service reduction

City's response:

- Weekly green waste pickup mid-May to mid-Nov.
- Newly expanded Kitchen Waste Collection Program accepts *all* food scraps/food-soiled papers
 - First in MV to offer this service
- Any savings go directly to taxpayers



Responding to your concerns

Concern: Disposable diapers

City's response:

- Bag diapers separately
- Use heavier gauge bags, preferably biodegradable
- Tightly secure bag
- Sprinkle baking soda on soiled diaper and in bag before you tie it shut
- Keep lid to waste cart closed at all times



Responding to your concerns

Concern: Wildlife attracted to carts

City's response:

- Weekly green/kitchen waste pickup mid-May to mid-Nov.
- Residents still responsible for wildlife locks, per bylaw
 - City will pay to move locks if smaller or larger carts required



Educating our citizens

- 2010 Waste Collection Calendar
 - Brochure and waste-sorting guide
- Displays at City events and facilities, e.g. recreation centres, library
- Kitchen composting starter kits
- Tips on Facebook
- Printed and online resources and tips
 - www.portcoquitlam.ca/wastecollection
 - www.portcoquitlam.ca/greenwaste
- *Coming soon:* Online forum to share tips and solutions



The future

- Continue to listen to our citizens
- Ongoing program evaluation
- Address issues as they arise
- Leave a better earth for our children

**The City is committed to
providing the tools our
citizens need to keep
garbage out of the landfill.**

More information

Resources, info and tips:

- www.portcoquitlam.ca/wastecollection
- www.portcoquitlam.ca/greenwaste
- 604.927.5496
- operations@portcoquitlam.ca
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