

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Beginning April 16<sup>th</sup>, a new weekly Green Can Food Waste Recycling Program for single-family homes will get underway in Delta.

At tonight's Regular Meeting, Council approved the introduction of a weekly food waste curbside collection program – known as the "Green Can Program". This program allows residents to place all cooked and uncooked food waste, along with food-soiled paper and yard trimmings, in a lidded container at the curb for weekly collection and composting.

Yard trimmings were previously collected every two weeks; with the new Green Can Program, collection of yard trimmings will occur weekly in conjunction with garbage and recycling collection.

Information on exactly how the Green Can Program works will be sent to all single-family homes in Delta prior to the program launch. Delta will also run a communications campaign on the new program that will include advertising on Delta's readerboards, social media pages, local newspapers and bus shelters, along with online instructions on our website and a two hour interactive question and answer Facebook Townhall Meeting about the new program.

While the Green Can Program is currently limited to single family homes, Council also approved a six month pilot project involving approximately four to six multi-family complexes in Delta – known as the "Green Bin Pilot Project". The pilot project will begin this July and evaluate a food waste collection program for multi-family complexes before a full-scale program is considered.

Both the Green Can and Green Bin Pilot Programs will assist Delta in diverting food waste from the landfill to meet the regional requirements set out by Metro Vancouver in the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan. Metro Vancouver has indicated its intent to ban the disposal of food waste in garbage once all municipalities in the region have implemented food waste collection programs.

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