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Wheeled Cart Deliveries to Joe Rich Residents

This Thursday and Friday (June 25th – 26th) Joe Rich residents receiving curbside solid waste collection will receive their new, wheeled carts.

Approximately 500 mostly rural properties in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area will be receiving new automated garbage, recycling and yard waste collection carts.

In preparation for the delivery, two public meetings were held earlier this spring to inform residents about the new automated collection system and help them to make the transition from the old manual curbside collection system to the new program.

Regional Waste Reduction Office Supervisor Peter Rotheisler says, "When they are delivered, crews will locate the carts alongside the road, at the end of driveways where residents should place them for easy pickup on their collection day. Information about the program, proper spacing of the carts and registration of the carts will be attached to the carts by delivery crew. There's also special information for Rural Residents available on the Automated Collection System webpage on the Regional District website: www.regionaldistrict.com. Select the Quick Links menu at the top of the page and Automated Waste Collection Program. If anyone has any questions about the program and would like assistance in transitioning to the new collection system, please contact our office (250-469-6250 or email recycle@cord.bc.ca) and we'll be more than happy to assist."

Rural residents in the City of Kelowna, Ellison-area and the District's of Lake Country, Peachland and West Kelowna have been using their new carts for several weeks and in some cases months and have made an easy transition to the curbside Automated Collection program.

By Friday, July 10th the distribution of carts within the City of Kelowna should be complete and will see more than 150,000 of the wheeled garbage, recycling and yard waste carts in use throughout the Central Okanagan.

With the main distribution nearing completion, the Waste Reduction Office is offering some tips to ensure rural residents get the most from the automated program:

- Please only place the appropriate materials in each cart...garbage in the dark gray lid cart, recyclables in the cart with the blue lid and yard waste in the green lid cart. Please do not put any plastic bags into the cart for your yard waste.
- In order to ensure easily emptying into the automated trucks, please make sure the carts are placed facing the proper direction. The arrow on the lid should point to the middle of the road or access with both wheels at the back.
- Those with long driveways may wish to keep their carts on their property as close a possible to the area where their driveway meets the road, delivering the garbage, recycling and yard waste to the appropriate cart on collection day. They may also wish to pursue other options such as special hitches that are available to help transport their carts to the road. Regional Waste Reduction Office staff would be pleased to provide more information.

- Sheds near the roadway may help alleviate both storage and animal concerns. Residents considering this option should contact their municipality before construction to ensure the location meets any property line setback requirements.
- OK Environmental Waste Systems will replace at no charge, lost or stolen carts and repair or replace carts that are damaged through normal use. Call 250-868-3211 if you need assistance in this area.
- With animals on the prowl for food, please do not put your carts out until at the morning of your collection day. In order to reduce animal conflicts, please keep your garbage container in a secure location when it is not out on your collection day. For an additional cost a local supplier is available for the 'Critterguard' locking system and an information sheet is available on the Automated Waste Collection Program webpage or by calling the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250 or emailing recycle@cord.bc.ca. Residents may also choose to come up with their own security device, perhaps using a bungee strap to secure the lid of their container. In any case, security devices must be released on collection day allowing the lid to freely open so that the container contents can be emptied into the automated truck.

For more information about the new program, a video explaining the use of the carts and answers to frequently asked questions visit the Automated Waste Collection Program webpage on the Regional District website (select Quick Links /Automated Waste Collection Program).

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