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GREEN BINS COMING TO REMAINING CITY HOUSEHOLDS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

Starting the second week of September, green bins will be delivered to all remaining Nanaimo households waiting to join the City's food and kitchen waste collection program.

Distribution of food and kitchen waste containers to 17,500 households receiving City Garbage and Recycling service should be completed by September 26. Householders will receive everything they need to start the Green Bin Program free-of-charge.

Inside the green bin is a kitchen container with a package containing a new white 3-month collection schedule, a how-to user guide, stickers and sample compostable liner bags.

Residents are encouraged to open their new green bin immediately and check for their new October to December schedule, and their first food waste collection day. The addition of food waste collection results in garbage collection changing to bi-weekly and as such changes garbage pick-up days. Scheduled food waste collection will start in October making green bin service City-wide.

Residents starting the Green Bin Program are invited to attend one of the following Open House information sessions:

- Tuesday, September 13
Beban Park Social Centre Lounge, 2300 Bowen Rd.
3 pm to 8 pm
- Thursday, September 15
Departure Bay Activity Centre, 1415 Wingrove St.
3 pm to 8 pm

Multi-family buildings with private waste collection are not serviced by the City and will not receive a green bin or start the Green Bin Program at this time. The Regional District of Nanaimo and the City will provide information to property owners to help them establish a similar service for their multi-family complexes.

More information on the Green Bin Program, including a short how-to-video, is available at www.nanaimo.ca or by calling 250-758-5222.

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