

Regional Waste Reduction Office

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Information for Rural Residents.

Here are some suggestions to address the unique challenges that rural residents may face.

Long Driveway:

1. Leave your carts as close as possible to their collection location (usually where your driveway meets the road) and deliver material to the carts on collection day. Contact your municipality to ensure that the location meets property line setback requirements. A shed (see below) may help with storage.
2. There are special hitches available that can attach to your vehicle to help transport the carts to the road. If you would like more information, contact the Waste Reduction Office.
3. It may be possible to move your scheduled pickup to a later time of day to make it more convenient to get your carts to the road.

Bears:

1. Overall, when it comes to bears, the situation with the new carts is the same as with any existing collection container – the most important step is to ensure that garbage does not sit out over night or for long periods of time during bear seasons.
2. See www.bearaware.bc.ca/mission.htm for more ideas related to preventing bear problems. Some general recommendations include: securing all garbage cans or carts and keeping them indoors if possible; collecting ripe fruit immediately from trees and the ground; not leaving pet food outside; never approaching, interacting or feeding bears; sprinkling lime inside backyard composters to deter bears.
3. The carts are more resistant to bears than plastic garbage cans. It is unlikely that they could break one by sitting on it as bears have been known to do with ordinary plastic garbage cans.
4. The hauler may be able to limit the length of time that your cart is unlocked at the road by providing you with a window of time within which the cart will be emptied.
5. There is a BearAware endorsed cart lock available that is bear and raccoon resistant. See www.regionaldistrict.com/docs/waste/AutomatedPgm/BearCartLockingSystem.pdf for details. As with all locking systems these would have to be unlocked prior to pickup.
6. For small animals and birds, a strap with hook that tightens up, such as those commonly used for securing loads, may help prevent the lid from being opened. The hook would go under the front lip and the strap around the bar at the lid hinge. Bungee cords may also help. Note: These would have to be removed prior to collection and are unlikely to be effective with Bears and Raccoons.

Sheds:

These can help alleviate both storage and bear concerns. Residents who wish to place a shed near the roadside should contact their municipality prior to constructing a shed beside the road. Contact the following suppliers if a shed for your carts interests you:

Happy Shacks (www.happyshacks.ca) tel:250.769.1290 has locally made bear-resistant sheds of recycled steel.

Jessie BoLassen (tel:250-863-3299 email: jessbol@shaw.ca) is building cedar sheds for these carts.

Lake Country Building Centre (tel:250-766-2118) builds waste collection cart sheds.

Home Depot has suitable sheds in their seasonal department (www.homedepot.ca) tel: 250-979-4500 in Kelowna or 250-707-2300 in Westbank.

Home Hardware can get a suitable shed in on special order (www.homehardware.ca) tel:250-860-4663 in Kelowna or 250-768-3125 in Westbank.

Mara Lumber (www.maralumber.ca) tel:250-765-2963 and

Rona's Garden Centre (www.rona.ca) tel:250-762-7389 have some suitable sheds for sale.