

## Regional Waste Reduction Office

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### Get ready to Wheel your Waste! The New Automated Waste Collection carts have arrived!

Dear Resident,

You have received three carts for your home – one each for garbage, recycling and yard waste - with instructions on how to use them. Please start using the carts on your next regular collection day.

The new automated system is easier, cleaner and greener. It uses trucks with a mechanical arm to collect waste placed in your reusable wheeled carts. Based on research from other communities, the switch to automated collection makes it easier to collect household waste – with fewer missed pick ups – it tidies up neighbourhoods and collects more recycling and yard waste and less garbage than before.

Even better, there's no need to buy recycling or yard waste bags. Recyclables and yard waste can be placed loosely in the carts. You can continue to bag your household garbage as usual.

In late 2007 we piloted the automated program in various neighbourhoods and received a 96% approval rating – the highest we've ever had for any new program! And, other communities like Prince George and Kamloops have successfully been using the cart system despite having harsh winters and many residents in rural areas.

Please see the attached instructions for information on the types of materials accepted in each cart and how to prepare the carts for collection. The Living Greener calendar recently sent to your home also has the details of your collection schedule.

If you would like to recycle your old garbage cans we will be happy to pick them up from your curb at the end of the roll out in late June or July. Please contact OK Environmental Waste at 250-868-3211 to have your name added to the list. Alternatively, old cans can be dropped off anytime at either the Westside or Glenmore Landfills where they will be collected for recycling.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact OK Environmental Waste Systems at 250-868-3211. Thank you for your support and participation!

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Enc: How to Use the Carts



**Easier › Cleaner › Greener**

The Waste Reduction Office is a program of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, City of Kelowna, Westside District Municipality, and Districts of Lake Country and Peachland