

Organics Program Updates Summer 2025

Organics Self-Haul Program

Starting September 1st, 2025, the Organics Self-Haul Program will transition out of the pilot phase.

The qRD will continue to offer two free drop-off locations for small loads of food waste. Large loads of food waste, yard waste, and commingled food and yard waste will continue to be accepted at the Resource Recovery Centre Transfer Station, now subject to applicable fees.

The qRD is committed to waste diversion. The updated program and fees are designed to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfill and shift disposal costs away from your property taxes and onto high-volume waste producers.

Please review the guidelines inside to ensure your materials can be processed in the most sustainable and efficient manner.

Organics Drop-off Locations:

Resource Recovery Centre

4924 Marine Avenue, Powell River

Phone: 604-413-6861

Email: scalehouse@qathet.ca

Hours: 8am – 5pm (Mon – Sat)
Closed statutory holidays

Tla'amin Recycling Depot

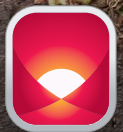
4885 Highway 101 (near the Salish Centre)

Hours: 9am – 5pm (Tues – Sat)
Closed statutory holidays

Questions?

If you're unsure about whether your item is accepted or how fees apply, please contact environmentalservices@qathet.ca or **604-485-2260**, or find more information at qathet.ca.

Let's work together to promote proper organics composting and keep our coast beautiful. Thank you for your cooperation!



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For more information please contact us!

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ORGANICS: Know before you sort – what's accepted and what's not.

YARD Waste guidelines:

- **No food:** Yard waste can not contain food, including fruit, berries, or root vegetables, as these attract unwanted animals to our facilities.
- **No soil/garden supplies:** yard waste must be free of soil, sod, plant pots and tags, garden fabric, rocks and other waste materials.
- **Size limit:** All branches must be under 2 inches in diameter to prevent damage to equipment during the composting process.
- **No invasive plants:** Invasive plants must be handled separately from regular yard waste to prevent unwanted spreading.

Got invasive plants? The qRD hosts a month-long Invasive Plant Roundup Event each May at the Resource Recovery Centre. Please store invasive plants until the Roundup Event and **call 604-485-2260 for more information.**

Upcoming Changes:

NEW TIPPING FEES will take effect **September 1, 2025** for:

- **FOOD waste** (*over 10kg*):
\$200.00 per tonne (1,000kg)
Minimum \$5.00 (0 - 50kg)
- **YARD waste:** **\$225.00 per tonne** (1,000kg)
Minimum \$5.75 (0 - 50kg)

- **COMMINGLED Food and Yard waste**
\$250.00 per tonne (1,000kg)
Minimum \$6.25 (0 - 50kg)
- Once new fees begin, the 2-cubic-yard limit for Yard Waste will be lifted.
- Small food waste drop-off (*under 10kg*) at the Resource Recovery Centre and Tla'amin Recycling Depots **will remain free.**

FOOD Waste Yes or No:

- ✓ **Fruits & Vegetables**
- ✓ **Meat, Poultry, & Fish**
- ✓ **Rice, Pasta, Grains, & Cereals**
- ✓ **Dairy Products**
- ✓ **Eggshells**
- ✓ **Tea Bags, Coffee Filters, & Coffee Grounds**
- ✓ **Food-Soiled Paper Towels & Napkins**
- ✓ **Food-Soiled Cardboard, Paper, & Paper Plates**
- ✓ **BPI Certified Containers**

- ✗ **Meat Absorbent Pads**
- ✗ **Plastic Bags & Plastic Wrap**
- ✗ **Parchment Paper**
- ✗ **Oyster Shells**
- ✗ **Biodegradable Plastic**
- ✗ **Produce Stickers**
- ✗ **Diapers**
- ✗ **Cat Litter**
- ✗ **Pet Waste**
- ✗ **To-Go Cups**

ORGANICS Drop-Off Locations & Hours

Starting September 1st, 2025

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE *Recycling Depot* (4924 Marine Ave)

- **FOOD WASTE** (*under 10kg*) **Free Drop-Off**
Hours: Monday–Saturday, 8am – 5pm
Closed statutory holidays

TLA'AMIN RECYCLING DEPOT 4885 Highway 101 (near the Salish Centre)

- **FOOD WASTE** (*under 10kg*) **Free Drop-Off**
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 9am – 5pm
Closed statutory holidays

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE *Transfer Station* (4924 Marine Ave)

- **FOOD WASTE** (*over 10kg*)
- **YARD WASTE**
- **COMMINGLED Organics** (*food and yard waste mixed together*)

Subject to Applicable Fees

Hours: Monday–Saturday, 8am – 5pm
Closed statutory holidays