



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**

**“SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE BYLAW, 1997, NO. 6920”**

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**

**BYLAW NO. 6920**

**A Bylaw to provide for the operation of  
a Solid Waste Management Service.**

The Council of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

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## **PART 2 – TITLE**

### **201 Short Title**

- .1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **“Solid Waste Management Service, Bylaw 1997, No. 6920”**.

## **PART 3 – INTERPRETATION**

### **301 Definitions**

- .1 “Bylaw Officer” means the person(s) appointed by the Council to act in the capacity as City Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Property Use Inspector or Peace Officer.
- .2 “City Engineer” means the person holding the office of City Engineer or their duly authorized representative.
- .3 “City” means The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.
- .4 “Collector” means a person who is contracted, employed or appointed by the City or by a Generator to collect and remove recyclable materials.
- .5 “Commercial garbage” means any and all accumulations of:
  - a) abandoned materials resulting from the operation of a trade or business, including but not limited to, boxes and packing cases, wrapping material, sweepings, and
  - b) all flammable materials of a like nature other than garbage.
- .6 “Commercial premise(s)” means any real property which contains, singly or in combination, warehouses, factories, storage yards, stores, cafes, wholesale or retail businesses, office suites, schools, hospitals and personal care facilities, churches, government and community buildings and any building, other than a single or multi family dwelling where a single garbage pickup is provided by the City service and each commercial, industrial or institutional operation within a single parcel of real property shall be considered a separate commercial premise where individual garbage pickup in respect of that specific establishment is provided by the City service.
- .7 “Construction and Demolition waste” means materials including, but not limited to: wood, metals, plastics, cement, lumber, drywall, gyproc, and garbage generated during the construction, renovation or demolition of a dwelling unit or commercial premise but does not include rock and soil.

- .8** “Council” means The Council of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.
- .9** “Director of Finance” means the person holding the office of Director of Finance or their duly authorized representative.
- .10** “Dwelling unit” means one or more habitable rooms for residential accommodation and contains or provides for only one cooking facility or set of cooking facilities.
- .11** “Garbage collection” means the system of collection and disposal of “garbage” and “commercial garbage”.
- .12** “Garbage container” means galvanized iron or plastic receptacles and/or plastic bags with watertight covers or seals specifically manufactured for the containment of garbage, as defined in Part 7.
- .13** “Garbage” means any and all accumulations of:
- a) general rubbish, ash, or discarded materials normally associated with residential use but specifically excluding liquids and semi-fluids, recyclable materials, construction and demolition waste.
  - b) rejected, abandoned or discarded vegetable or animal food, floor sweepings, crockery, glass, plastic or metal ware having contained food, and yard trimmings but does not include rock and soil.
- .14** “Generator” means a person who generates recyclable material or who, on that person’s behalf, place recyclable materials in a recycling container or otherwise puts out recyclable material for collection by a Collector.
- .15** “Hazardous waste” means waste which is radioactive, toxic, pathogenic, corrosive, explosive or in any way dangerous to persons receiving or handling it.
- .16** “Highway” means a highway as defined in the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.290 (includes a lane).
- .17** “Owner” means the Owner as defined in the Land Title Act or an agent acting on his behalf, including any person occupying the property with the permission of the Owner.
- .18** “Recyclable materials” means any products, goods or things described in Schedule “E” attached to this Bylaw.
- .19** “Recycling container” means the Blue Box, Blue Bag, Yellow Bag or other container approved by the City to store recyclable materials.

- .20 “Recycling depot” means a facility owned, operated or used by the City for the receipt of recyclable materials.
- .21 “Recycling Program” means the system of collection, processing and marketing of recyclable materials operated by the City.
- .22 “Solid waste” means “commercial garbage”, “garbage” “yard trimmings” and “recyclable materials”.
- .23 “Standard Residential Service” means a maximum number of containers collected per dwelling unit on a weekly basis as set out in Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.
- .24 “Transfer station” means the facility operated by the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) for the transfer of waste collected on the North Shore to other GVRD facilities.
- .25 “User” means any owner or occupier of a residential or commercial premise whose garbage and/or recycling material is collected under the Solid Waste Management Service Bylaw.
- .26 “Yard trimmings” means weeds, leaves, grass cuttings, and tree, plant or shrubbery cuttings.
- .27 “Yard trimmings container” means any container approved by the City to store yard trimmings, including kraft yard bags especially designed for yard trimmings collection, a rigid plastic or galvanized metal can with a Yard Trimmings decal applied, or a securely tied bundle.

**PART 4 – ORGANIZATION** *[this section is deleted in its entirety by Bylaw 7885 Oct.15/07]*

**PART 5 – COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND COMMERCIAL GARBAGE**

**501 Use of the Solid Waste Management Service**

- .1 Every owner or resident of a dwelling unit, whether or not occupied, shall pay for the Garbage Collection Service in accordance with Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.
- .2 Every owner or resident shall be responsible for the lawful disposal of any materials not considered garbage due to its nature, size or weight by the limitations established in this Bylaw.

- .3 An owner or resident of a dwelling unit within a multi-family complex may utilize the service of a private commercial bulk garbage container contractor, provided that the City Engineer be so advised in writing and provided that such containers be situated on private property in a location satisfactory to the City Engineer and are in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw. At no time shall containers be placed on or encroach upon or project over any highway.

## **502 Frequency of Service**

- .1 The City will endeavour to collect solid waste once per week. The City Engineer may establish and alter the frequency that collections of garbage are made from Residential and Commercial premises.

## **503 Standard Residential Garbage Collection Service**

- .1 All residential users of the Solid Waste Management Service are entitled to the standard residential service for the collection and disposal of garbage, yard trimmings and recyclable materials at a cost as set out in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw.
- .2 All garbage put out for collection in excess of the standard residential service will require the attachment of a Residential Garbage Tag, as set out in Schedule "C" attached to this Bylaw, and in accordance with the fees set out in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw, which will permit the garbage container to be picked up from a dwelling unit even though the garbage container limit has been reached by that dwelling unit.
- .3 All Garbage put out for collection and not collected will be marked with a Garbage Information Tag in accordance with Schedule "B" attached to this Bylaw.

## **504 Commercial Garbage Collection Service**

- .1 All Commercial premises are required to tag each container of garbage with a Commercial Garbage Tag as set out in Schedule "D" attached to this Bylaw, and in accordance with the fees set out in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw.
- .2 All garbage put out for collection and not collected will be marked with an Information Tag in accordance with Schedule "B" attached to this Bylaw.
- .3 The Commercial Garbage Collection Service does not include recyclable materials collection.

### **505 Acceptable Materials for Collection**

- .1 The following is acceptable for garbage collection when it is properly contained pursuant to Section 701 of this Bylaw:
  - .1 Garbage as defined in Section 301.13 of this Bylaw.
  - .2 Recyclable materials as defined in Section 301.18 of this Bylaw
  - .3 Yard Trimmings as defined in Section 301.26 of this Bylaw

### **506 Unacceptable Materials for Garbage Collection**

- .1 Materials set out in Schedule “F” attached to this Bylaw.

### **507 Ownership of Materials**

- .1 Once containers for solid waste are placed out to be emptied by the Solid Waste Management Service, then those contents which comply with this Bylaw are the property of the City.
  
- .2 No person shall remove, take or convert for his/her own use, recyclable material placed in a recycling container or otherwise put out for collection except:
  - The Generator of the recyclable materials; or
  - A Collector

## **PART 6 – COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

### **601 Use of the Recyclable Materials Collection Program**

- .1 Every owner or resident of a dwelling unit, whether or not occupied, shall pay for the Recyclable Collection Program in accordance with Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.

## **602 Frequency of Service**

- .1 The City will endeavor to collect yard trimmings and recyclable materials weekly. The City Engineer may establish and alter the frequency that collections are made.

## **603 Acceptable Materials for Recycling Program**

- .1 Materials as set out in Schedule "E" attached to this Bylaw.
- .2 Any material put out by a Generator, whether at a recycling depot or otherwise, for collection by a Collector for recycling purposes pursuant to an agreement between the Generator and the Collector which is acceptable to the City Engineer.

**604** *[THIS SECTION IS DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY BYLAW 7885 OCT.15/07]*

## **PART 7 – CONTAINERS**

### **701 Garbage Containers**

- .1 All users of the garbage collection service shall use a garbage container which meets the following requirements:
  - .1 galvanized iron or plastic receptacles shall have the capacity of not more than 77 litres; and
  - .2 plastic bags shall be sealed with wire or plastic ties and shall have a capacity of not more than 77 litres.
- .2 All users of the garbage collection service shall use a sufficient number of garbage containers to contain all their garbage.
- .3 When full, a garbage container shall not weigh in excess of twenty (20) kilograms.
- .4 No liquids or free water shall be put or placed in or allowed to run into or accumulate in any garbage container. All garbage containers shall at all times be kept clean and in a sanitary condition, and protected against the weather or disturbance by domestic or wild animals.

## **702 Recycling Containers**

- .1 All users of the Recycling Program shall use approved recycling containers.
- .2 When full, containers for recyclable materials, other than those lifted by mechanical means, shall not weigh in excess of twenty (20) kilograms each.

## **703 Yard Trimmings Containers**

- .1 All users of the Yard Trimmings collection service must ensure that yard trimmings must be in one of the following types of containers:
  - a) a covered receptacle which shall be cylindrical, watertight, metal or plastic, and have a capacity of not more than 77 litres, the contents of which may not exceed a weight of twenty (20) kilograms;
  - b) another type of waste receptacle approved by the City Engineer;
  - c) twigs and branches tied using garden string or twine in bundles of not more than 0.9 metres in length and 30 centimetres in diameter; or
  - d) grass clippings, leaves, small trimmings, plants and flowers secured in kraft bags, the contents of which may not exceed a weight of twenty (20) kilograms.

## **704 Location and Placement of Containers**

- .1 Containers for garbage, yard trimmings and or recyclable materials to be emptied by the Solid Waste Management Service shall:
  - a) be permanently located on the premises of dwelling units or commercial premises in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw and not encroach upon a highway;
  - b) be placed, no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day designated for collection, and returned to private property by no later than 9:00 p.m. the same day;
  - c) be placed so as to be conveniently handled from ground level, readily accessible from the rear lane at the property line, or if no lane exists, then from the adjoining street at the curb or pavement edge, clear of the traveled pavement area.
- .2 *[THIS SECTION IS DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY BYLAW 7885 OCT.15/07]*

## **705 Maintenance of Containers**

- .1** All enclosures for garbage, commercial garbage, yard trimmings and or recyclable material containers shall be built to comply with the Building Bylaw and be of a sufficient size and shape to allow ready access by the Garbage Collection Service without the need to enter private property. Any doors used on the enclosure shall not, when either opened or closed, encroach on a highway.
- .2** All containers for garbage, commercial garbage, yard trimmings and or recyclable materials, and any enclosure shall be kept in good condition and accessible for inspection at all reasonable hours. The City Engineer may identify containers which are unfit for their purpose and inform the Owner that the containers shall no longer be used. Each Owner of a container so identified shall forthwith replace the container to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

## **PART 8 – REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT**

### **801 Rates**

- .1 The Owners of residences containing or consisting of not more than one dwelling unit, and single family dwellings with additional dwelling units shall be charged a rate for the Standard Residential Service as set out in Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.
- .2 The Owners of dwelling units within a multi-family complex using the Standard Residential Service shall be charged for each dwelling unit in accordance with Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.
- .3 Commercial premises using the collection service must attach a designated Commercial Garbage Tag to each container of garbage put out for collection in accordance with Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.
- .4 The Owners of residences containing or consisting of not more than one dwelling unit and single family dwellings with additional dwelling units shall be charged a rate for collection of recyclable materials as set out in Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.
- .5 The Owners of dwelling units within a multi-family complex shall be charged for each dwelling unit at the rate for collection of recyclable materials as set out in Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.

### **802 Payment**

- .1 The Owner of a dwelling unit shall pay to the City, the rates set out in Section 801 and Schedule “A”. Rates shall be due and payable as specified from time to time by the Director of Finance.

## **PART 9 – ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAW**

- 901 .1 All materials or containers which contravene this Bylaw will not be collected or emptied, and employees of the Solid Waste Utility Management Service will leave a Garbage Information Tag substantially in the form of Schedule “B” which explains the nature of the contravention of this Bylaw.
- .2 The City Engineer and his assistants and any other City official appointed to administer or enforce the provisions of this Bylaw are hereby authorized to enter at all reasonable times upon any property or premises, to ascertain whether the regulations or directions herein, are being obeyed.

- .3 It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, obstruct or seek to or attempt to prevent or obstruct any aforesaid officials in, or from the carrying out of, any official duties under this Bylaw.
- .4 Every person who offends against or violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) nor less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- .5 The provisions of this Bylaw are severable. If, for any reason, any provision is held to be invalid by the decision of a Court of Competent Jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Bylaw.
- .6 A "Bylaw Officer" may enforce any regulation in this bylaw by means of a ticket or bylaw notice.
- .7 Each day that the offence continues is deemed a separate offence.

## **PART 10 – REPEAL AND ENACTMENT**

**1001** "Waste Disposal Bylaw, 1985, No. 5464", and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ a first time by the Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

READ a second time by the Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

READ a third time and passed by the Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

RECONSIDERED and finally adopted by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997.

Signed by: "John E. Loucks", Mayor

Signed by: "Bruce A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk

**SCHEDULE OF USER CHARGES  
FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

**1101 DEFINITIONS**

- .1 *Standard Residential Service* = A maximum of two (2) garbage containers per dwelling unit collected per week.
- .2 *Standard Commercial Service* = Up to twice weekly of appropriately tagged containers.
- .3 *Recycling Service* = Weekly collection of recyclables and an unlimited number of designated containers, kraft bags and/or tied bundles of yard trimmings.

**1102 ANNUAL USER CHARGE**

<b>GARBAGE:</b>	<b>2010</b>
1. <b>Standard Residential Service: per dwelling unit (including duplexes)</b>	\$124
2. per Residential garbage tag	\$3.00
3. <b>Standard Commercial Service: per Commercial garbage tag</b>	\$3.50

<b>RECYCLING:</b>	<b>2010</b>
1. Recycling Service: Single-family dwelling unit (including duplexes)	\$103
Multi-family dwelling unit (greater than 2 units)	\$60
2. Yard Trimming Service: Single-family dwelling unit (including duplexes)	\$54
Multi-family dwelling unit (greater than 2 units) – equal to the single-family rate apportioned among the strata lots	

**1103 PENALTY**

- .1 A 5% penalty will be added to the balance owed if unpaid by the end of the first working day in July, and a further 5% penalty will be added to the balance owed if unpaid by the first working day of September.

## SCHEDULE "B"

### 1104 GARBAGE INFORMATION TAG

Garbage put out for collection and not collected will be marked with a Garbage Information Tag as follows:

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
**GARBAGE INFORMATION TAG**

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The container will not be emptied in the future because:

- Garbage can is larger than 77 litres.
- Garbage can is in poor condition and requires replacement.

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The garbage was not taken because:

- Over 2 can or bag limit.
- Cans or bags are overweight: (20 kg/45 lb. limit).
- Excessive water in container.
- Garbage must be contained in proper bags and/or cans. (Small grocery bags are not acceptable.)
- Animal waste, dirt, rock, gypsum, cement, metal or demolition materials are not acceptable.
- Hazardous wastes (oil, gas, solvent, paint, etc.) are not acceptable.
- Special wastes (oilers, Keenex, hygiene products, etc.) must be bagged and sealed.
- Branches, wood, hedging, etc. must be banded and tied. (1m x .5m diameter.)
- All dust, wood chips or loose material must be bagged.
- Fluorescent light tubes should be broken prior to disposal.
- Garbage must be placed at property line or curb.
- Access to garbage must not be obstructed.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES 987-7155

## SCHEDULE "C"

### 1105 RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE TAG

A Residential Garbage Tag as set out below permits a garbage container to be picked up from a dwelling unit even though the garbage container limit has been reached by that dwelling unit. The cost of a Residential Garbage Tag is set out in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw, and can be purchased from the Treasury Department, City Hall, 141 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver, BC V7M 1H9.

The image shows a grey rectangular form for a Residential Garbage Tag. At the top left is a circular hole punch. To its right, the number 'No. 16684' is printed. Below this, the text 'City of North Vancouver Residential Garbage Tag' is centered in a bold font. Underneath, there are three lines for text entry: 'Name: .....', 'Address: .....', and 'Date: .....'. At the bottom, a small line of text reads: 'This tag is good for the removal of one 77 litre bag or can of garbage, not to exceed 20 kgs in weight.'

**SCHEDULE "D"**

**1106 COMMERCIAL GARBAGE TAG**

A Commercial Garbage Tag as set out below permits a garbage container to be picked up from a Commercial Premise. Containers without a tag will not be picked up. The cost of a Commercial Garbage Tag is set out in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw, and can be purchased from the Treasury Department, City Hall, 141 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver, BC V7M 1H9.



No 61111

**City of North Vancouver  
Commercial Garbage Tag**

Company  
Name: .....

Address: .....

.....

Date: .....

This tag is good for the removal of one 77 litre bag  
or can of garbage, not to exceed 20 kgs in weight.

**SCHEDULE “E”**

**1107 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTED BY THE SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

<p><b>1. Newspapers</b></p>	<p><b>Includes</b> #8 newspaper, and newspaper inserts as delivered, special news de-ink quality, flexographic ink, loose, fresh, dry, not sunburned.</p>
<p><b>2. Mixed Paper</b></p>	<p><b>Includes</b> boxboard , paper shopping bags, old corrugated cardboard having liners of either test liner jute or kraft, white and coloured ledger paper, computer paper, envelopes, junk mail (3<sup>rd</sup> class mail), flyers, magazines, catalogues, newsprint, telephone books, paper egg cartons, pizza boxes and any other 100% paper fibre products.</p> <p><b>Excludes</b> newspapers, co-mingled containers and any mixed paper which is wet, soiled or contaminated with substances other than paper fibre.</p>
<p><b>3. Co-mingled Containers</b></p>	<p>All containers shall be prepared by rinsing out the contents, flattening cans and plastic bottles, and removing lids, plastic neck rings and metal wraps from glass or plastic bottles or jars.</p> <p><b>Includes</b> all colours of glass food and beverage bottles or jars, all ferrous or nonferrous metal food and beverage cans and tins, all plastic jars and bottles identified by the Society of Plastics Institute (S.P.I) codes #1, #2, #4 and #5.</p>
	<p><b>Excludes</b> drinking glasses, ceramics, pyrex, window glass, china porcelain, light bulbs, containers with food or food residue aerosol cans, paint cans, food trays. tetra paks, and wax coated containers.</p>

## **SCHEDULE “F”**

### **1107 UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Recyclable materials as described in Schedule “E”:

- corrugated cardboard
- newspapers and flyers
- mixed papers including magazines, telephone directories and boxboard;
- rigid plastic containers numbered 1, 2, 4 and 5

Yard trimmings

Materials subject to provincially required stewardship programs:

- beverage containers except milk and milk products
- household paints, stains and their containers including aerosols;
- waste lubricating oil and its containers
- oil filters;
- pesticides, solvents and flammable liquids and their containers;
- prescription and non-prescription drugs and their containers;
- automotive tires;
- lead acid batteries;
- electronic goods including computers and their peripherals, desk-top printers and televisions

Hazardous waste

- Explosive, toxic, corrosive, caustic, hot or flammable, combustible or oxidizing substances, objects or mechanisms
- Hypodermic needles
- Bio-medical waste, sharps or infectious materials
- Dead animals, animal faeces or viscera
- Sod, rocks, gravel, soil, cement, asphalt and other similar material
- Construction and demolition material including gypsum board (gyproc)
- Derelict motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts
- Materials originating from industrial and/or agricultural operations;
- Refillable propane cylinders;
- Scrap metal;
- Any refrigerator, freezer or other large appliance;
- Waste materials not identified as acceptable for land filling pursuant to any permit or certificate issued by the Provincial Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.
- Industrial or commercial spools.