



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

**“Solid Waste Management Service Bylaw,
1997, No. 6920”**

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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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101 This Bylaw, for purposes of convenience only, is divided into the following parts:

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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

“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.

“City Engineer” means the person holding the office of City Engineer or their duly authorized representative.

“City” means The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.

“Collector” means a person who is contracted, employed or appointed by the City or by a Generator to collect and remove recyclable materials.

“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.

“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.

“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.

“Council” means The Council of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.

“Director of Finance” means the person holding the office of Director of Finance or their duly authorized representative.

“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.

“Food Scraps” means all food scraps (fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, bones and plate scrapings), food-soiled paper (paper towels, napkins and pizza boxes) and yard trimmings (grass clippings, leaves, small trimmings, plants and flowers); but does not include liquid oils not combined with food, grease, diapers, animal carcasses, plastic, including biodegradable or compostable plastic, and pet waste. *[Bylaw 8332, December 9, 2013]*

“Garbage Collection” means the system of collection and disposal of garbage. *[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]*

“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.

“Garbage” means any and all accumulations of general rubbish, ash, or discarded materials normally associated with residential use, but specifically excluding liquids and semi-fluids, Recyclable Materials, Construction and Demolition Waste, Yard Trimmings, Food Scraps, rock, soil, and materials set out in Schedule “F” attached to this Bylaw. *[Bylaw 8419, June 15, 2015]*

“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.

“Green Can” means food scraps and yard trimmings. *[Bylaw 8332, December 9, 2013]*

“Hazardous Waste” means waste which is radioactive, toxic, pathogenic, corrosive, explosive or in any way dangerous to persons receiving or handling it.

“Highway” means a highway as defined in the *Municipal Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.290 (includes a lane).

“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.

“Recyclable Materials” means any products, goods or things described in Schedule “E” attached to this Bylaw.

“Recycling Depot” means a facility owned, operated or used by the City for the receipt of recyclable materials.

“Recycling Program” means the system of collection, processing and marketing of recyclable materials operated by the City.

“Solid Waste” means “commercial garbage”, “garbage”, “food scraps”, “yard trimmings” and “recyclable materials”. *[Bylaw 8332, December 9, 2013]*

“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.

“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.

“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.

“Yard Trimmings” means weeds, leaves, grass cuttings, and tree, plant or shrubbery cuttings.

“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 green can decal applied, or a securely tied bundle. *[Bylaw 8332, December 9, 2013]*

PART 4 – DELETED *[Bylaw 7885, October 15, 2007]*

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 Garbage every other week. The City Engineer may establish and alter the frequency that collections of Garbage are made from Residential and Commercial premises. *[Bylaw 8419, June 15, 2015]*

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 at a cost as set out in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw. *[Bylaw 8419, June 15, 2015]*
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 DELETED *[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]*

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: *[Bylaw 8419, June 15, 2015]*
 - (a) Garbage as defined in Section 301.14 of this Bylaw. *[Bylaw 8419, June 15, 2015]*

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:
 - (a) The Generator of the recyclable materials; or
 - (b) A Collector

PART 6 – COLLECTION OF YARD TRIMMINGS AND FOOD SCRAPS

601 DELETED *[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]*

602 DELETED *[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]*

603 DELETED *[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]*

604 DELETED *[Bylaw 7885, October 15, 2007]*

605 Use of the Green Can (Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps) Collection Program

1. Every owner or resident of a dwelling unit, whether or not occupied, shall pay for the Green Can (Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps) collection service in accordance with Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw.
2. An owner or resident of a dwelling unit within a multi-family complex may utilize the service of a private commercial organics (Food Scraps and Yard Trimmings) collection contractor, provided that the City Engineer be so advised in writing and provided that materials are taken to an approved commercial composting facility regulated under the B.C. Environmental Management Act. Where use of a private commercial organics collection contractor is approved by the City Engineer, the Schedule “A” Green Can Collection services fees would not apply.
3. If section 605.2 applies to a multi-family dwelling, the occupiers, owner, or strata corporation must:
 - (a) Ensure that Food Scraps and Yard Trimmings collection containers are 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;
 - (b) Ensure that a sufficient number of collection containers are provided for the multi-family property, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer;
 - (c) Ensure that Food Scraps and Yard Trimmings collection occurs at minimum on a weekly basis;

- (d) Ensure that collection containers display appropriate signage and that collection containers and any associated surfaces or enclosures are kept tidy and cleaned on a regular basis, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

606 Frequency of Service

1. The City will endeavor to collect Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps weekly. The City Engineer may establish and alter the frequency that collections are made.

607 Acceptable Materials for Green Can Service

1. Yard Trimmings as defined in Section 301.28 of this Bylaw, and Food Scraps as defined in Section 301.11 of this Bylaw.

PART 7 – CONTAINERS

701 Garbage Containers

1. All users of the garbage collection service shall use a garbage container which meets the following requirements:
 - (a) galvanized iron or plastic receptacles shall have the capacity of not more than 77 litres; and
 - (b) plastic bags shall be sealed with wire or plastic ties and shall have a capacity of not more than 77 litres.
 - (c) bulk garbage container means a steel container, which is designed and constructed so as to meet the requirements of this bylaw for such containers.
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 or bulk garbage container. All garbage and bulk garbage containers shall at all times be kept clean and in a sanitary condition, and of sufficient strength and design to prevent access to, or disturbance of, the contents by *domestic or wild animals, birds, rodents or other pests*.

702 DELETED [Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]

703 Yard Trimmings and Food Scrap Containers *[Bylaw 8419, June 15, 2015]*

1. All users of the Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps collection service must ensure that Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps 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. All users of the Solid Waste Management Service shall ensure that containers for garbage, yard trimmings, food scraps, and recyclable materials are:
 - (a) Stored on private property in such a manner that they do not rest on, encroach upon or project over any highway (which includes streets, lanes, and boulevards) or other public place and do not impede or endanger vehicle or pedestrian traffic on any street or other public place;
 - (b) Placed at the property line, at the level of the adjacent lane, or if no lane exists, the adjoining street at the curb or pavement area, clear of the traveled pavement area, no earlier than 5:30 a.m. and no later than 7:30 a.m. on the designated collection day, and returned to private property by no later than 9:00 p.m. the same day.

[Bylaw 8741, December 9, 2019]

705 Maintenance of Containers and Enclosures

1. Any enclosures for the storage of garbage, yard trimmings and or recyclable material containers shall be located within private property, built to comply with the Building Bylaw, and prevent access by domestic or wild animals, birds, rodents or other pests;
2. All garbage containers and bulk garbage containers for household garbage, commercial garbage, yard trimmings, food scraps, and or recyclable materials, and any enclosure used to store the containers shall be stored in a tidy manner on private property, and maintained in good condition. The City Engineer may identify containers or enclosure which are unfit for their purpose and inform the Owner that the containers or enclosures shall no longer be used. Each Owner of a container or enclosure so identified shall forthwith replace, modify, or repair the container to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

[Bylaw 8741, December 9, 2019]

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. DELETED *[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]*
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.
6. The Owners of dwelling units within a multi-family complex using Green Can Service (Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps Collection) shall be charged for each dwelling unit at the rate for Green Can Service as set out in Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw. *[Bylaw 8419, June 15, 2015]*

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 25th day of August, 1997.

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

READ a third time and passed by the Council on the 25th 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 8th day of September, 1997.

Signed by: "John E. Loucks", Mayor

Signed by: "Bruce A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk

PART 11 – SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE A

Schedule of User Charges for Solid Waste Management Service

Definitions

1. *Standard Residential Service* = A maximum of two (2) garbage containers per dwelling unit collected every other week.
2. *Green Can Collection Service* = Weekly collection of a maximum total of six (6) Green Can designated containers, kraft bags and/or tied bundles of yard trimmings.

Annual User Charge

GARBAGE	2021 Rates
1. Per dwelling unit for single unit dwelling, duplex and infill	\$119.00
2. Per dwelling unit for secondary suite, coach house and multi-unit dwellings greater than 2 units	\$80.00
3. Per Residential garbage tag	\$6.00
GREEN CAN	2021 Rates
1. Per dwelling unit for single unit dwelling, duplex and infill	\$138.00
2. Per dwelling unit for secondary suite, coach house and multi-unit dwellings greater than 2 units	\$83.00
ECO LEVY	
The Eco Levy is based on the taxable assessment of a property and is charged on the following classes per thousand dollars of taxable assessment based on the BC Assessment assessed value of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residential• Utility• Major Industry• Light Industry• Business• Recreation / non-profit and is included on the Property Tax Notice payable annually in July of each year as set by Council.	

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.

[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]

SCHEDULE B

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

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.

The garbage was not taken because:

- Garbage must be placed at property line or curb by 7:30am.
- Over 2 can or bag limit.
- Cans or bags are overweight. (20 kg/45 lb. limit)
- Recyclables found in garbage can.
- Access to garbage must not be obstructed.
- Bungee Cords still attached.
- Contents frozen inside can.
- Other _____

GENERAL ENQUIRIES 604-987-7155
www.cnv.org/collection

[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]

SCHEDULE C

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 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC V7M 1H9.



The form is a rectangular document with a light blue background. At the top right, it says "No. 05201". On the left side, there is the logo for the City of North Vancouver, which consists of the word "city" in a large, lowercase, sans-serif font, with "of north" and "vancouver" in smaller, lowercase, sans-serif fonts stacked below it. Below the logo, the title "Residential Garbage Tag" is printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath the title, there are three lines of text, each followed by a horizontal line for writing: "Name:", "Address:", and "Date:". At the bottom of the form, there is a small block of text: "This tag is good for the removal of one 77 litre bag or can of garbage, not to exceed 20 kg in weight."

[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]

SCHEDULE D

Recyclable Materials Collected by the Solid Waste Management Service

Packaging and Paper Products (PPP)	
1. Mixed Paper Recyclables	Newspaper, flyers, writing/home office paper, magazines, catalogues, boxboard boxes, molded boxboard, corrugated cardboard, multi-layer paper bags, paper bags, non-foil gift-wrap, greeting cards, telephone books, shredded paper. Paper which is soiled, food contaminated, or wet should be placed into containers intended for organic material collection.
2. Glass Containers Recyclables	All clear or coloured glass food and beverage bottles or jars.
3. Non-glass Mixed Container Recyclables	All hard plastic containers, steel containers, aluminum foil and containers, cold drink cups, paper cups, gable top cartons, aseptic containers, spiral wound paper cans, empty aerosol cans, frozen dessert boxes

[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]

SCHEDULE E

Unacceptable Materials for Garbage Collection

Recyclable materials as described in Schedule “D”:

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

Food Scraps and 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

[Bylaw 8813, December 14, 2020]