

School newsletter item – City of Port Coquitlam Kitchen Waste Collection Program

Help keep it out of the landfill!

Families in Port Coquitlam can now do more to help the environment – merely by changing where they scrape their dinner plates each night!

Starting Nov. 2, 2009, the City of Port Coquitlam is expanding its curbside collection of kitchen waste to include all food waste – including meats and bones – as well as food-soiled papers such as pizza boxes.

This initiative will go a long way towards helping the City meet Metro Vancouver's goal of diverting 70% of all household waste from the landfill.

It's easy to take part. Simply:

1. **Collect** your food scraps in a container in your kitchen, or wrap them in newspaper or a paper bag,
2. **Empty** your container or place your scraps directly into your green waste cart, and
3. **Set out** your green waste cart at the curb on collection day.

As of Nov. 2, this is what can go into Port Coquitlam green waste carts:

- **all food scraps:** meat, bones, pasta, baked goods, rice, dairy, sauces, vegetables and fruits (including pits), eggshells, desserts, coffee grounds/filters and tea bags
- **food-soiled papers:** pizza boxes, plates/cups, towels/napkins, ice-cream cartons
- **yard waste:** grass, leaves, weeds, prunings, houseplants, branches and limbs up to 3" in diameter and 40" long

Go to www.portcoquitlam.ca/greenwaste for more information and downloadable information sheets, or pick up a brochure at City facilities.

Please note: food scraps placed in your green waste cart may attract bears and wildlife, in the same way as when they are placed in your garbage. If you live in a bear-prone area, secure your cart with a City-approved locking system or in your garage or other wildlife-resistant enclosure. More information about securing the carts is available at www.portcoquitlam.ca/bears.

