

Curbside Collection Information for Properties with Suites

The City currently charges a curbside collection fee of \$101 annually to collect garbage, recycling, food waste and yard waste from properties that are eligible to receive curbside collection (referred to as **Curbside Households**). The collection limits permitted with this fee apply to the entire property, even if the primary dwelling has one or multiple contained or detached suites. The curbside collection fee is charged on annual property tax bills as a separate line item. See page 2 for collection limits.

IMPORTANT: The curbside collection fee is specific to curbside collection and not related to the City's water and sewer utilities, even if you pay additional utility fees for a suite. The City does not automatically increase the curbside collection fee for properties with suites. The City prefers that property owners determine what level of curbside collection service works best for their suites(s).

The following three (3) curbside collection options are available for suites:

1. Suite(s) **share** the curbside collection service with primary household:
 - Appropriate where suites generate minimal garbage and food waste.
 - A single curbside collection fee is charged to the property.
 - The primary dwelling and suite(s) combined must stay within the permitted collection limits:
 - Food waste and garbage bins are shared by the primary household and the suite(s).
 - Suites may put out their own recycling bins as recycling collection is unlimited.
 - Bag tags can be purchased for food waste or garbage exceeding the limits.
2. Suite(s) receive an **additional food waste collection** service:
 - Appropriate for suites that generate minimal garbage but typically generate more food waste than the weekly limit allows for the property.
 - Property owner [applies](#) for additional food waste collection for each suite that requires this service.
 - Property owner purchases the additional food waste bins(s) and is charged the annual additional food waste collection fee(s) on their property tax bill for each suite that is approved by the City to receive this service.
 - The current cost for the additional food waste collection is \$30 + tax for the City-branded green food waste bin and \$60/year for the collection.
 - The weekly weight limit for additional food waste is 10 kg (22 lbs).
 - Suites may continue to share the garbage collection with the primary household or purchase garbage bag tags if the total garbage weight exceeds the bi-weekly limit.
 - Suites may put out their own recycling bins as recycling collection is unlimited.

3. Suite(s) receive a **full curbside collection** service:

- Appropriate for suites that generate enough waste to justify full collection.
- Property owner [applies](#) for each suite that requires the full curbside collection service.
- Property owner is charged the annual curbside collection fee (\$101) on their property tax bill for each suite approved by the City to receive the service. The approved suite(s) will be designated as Curbside Households.
- Each approved suite will receive the curbside collection containers provided by the City and will be entitled to the collection limits permitted for the full service.

These are the collection limits currently permitted for each Curbside Household:

- **Food waste:** 10 kg (22 lbs) weekly in the City of Salmon Arm green bin.
 - The City-branded green bin must be used - unbranded green bins will not be collected.
- **Garbage:** 10 kg (22 lbs) every second week put out in a single bag or garbage can (alternates with recycling collection).
 - Garbage must be bagged even if a garbage can is used, however multiple individual bags can be put in a garbage can up to the weight limit.
- **Recycling:** Unlimited quantities every second week (alternates with garbage collection).
 - Recycling must be placed loose in bins (bagged recycling is not accepted).
 - Do not put lids on bins when set-out for collection.
 - Each bin that is put out cannot weigh more than 10 kg (22 lbs) when full.
 - Any type of bin or box can be used as long as it meets the above requirements - they do not have to be standard blue bins. City Hall has free recycling logo stickers that can be applied to any bin that is used for recycling. These aren't mandatory but help ensure our collector knows you are putting out recycling.
 - **Glass, Styrofoam and flexible plastics*** are NOT ACCEPTED in the curbside recycling but can be taken to the Recycle BC Depots at the Salmon Arm landfill or Bill's Bottle Depot.

* **Flexible plastics** refer to all types of stretchy and crinkly plastic wrappers and bags (e.g. potato chip bags, frozen food pouches, coffee bags, cereal bags, zip-loc bags, bubble wrap, bubble envelopes etc.).
- **Yard Waste:** Unlimited quantities on yard waste collection weeks.
 - Weight limit of 20 kg (44 lbs) per paper yard waste bag.
 - Yard waste will be collected monthly in Sept, Oct and Nov 2025.
 - Yard waste will be collected monthly from April to November starting in 2026.

Contact the City at 250-803-4000 or by email at info@salmonarm.ca if you require further information or assistance. More information is available at www.salmonarm.ca/curbside.

Pertinent Bylaws:

[Bylaw No. 4281 - Curbside Collection of Refuse, Recycling, Food Waste and Yard Waste](#)
[Bylaw No. 2498 - Fee for Services](#) (see Schedule B, Appendix 10 for Curbside Collection Fees)