



TOWN OF SIDNEY

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

MODIFICATION TO YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The Town of Sidney has been informed of a ban on the use of plastic bags for the yard waste collection program, as the use of these bags is not a sustainable practice. The ban will go into effect on July 1st of this year.

As the region becomes more environmentally sustainable, it is becoming a challenge to find an economical receiver of yard waste that is able to process yard waste in plastic bags. Yard waste that is collected in plastic bags must either receive extra handling, or be redirected to the landfill instead of being composted; both of these actions have an impact on processing costs, and the rates that are charged for the program.

Beginning July 1, 2019 the Town's contractor, Emterra Environmental, will only collect yard waste that is placed in rigid garbage containers, without the lid, or in compostable, craft paper, yard waste bags (use of the paper bags is not advisable in rainy conditions). The volume of yard waste to be collected each month remains unchanged. As a reminder, a single family dwelling is entitled to place at the curb for collection three 80 litre containers, with each container not heavier than 20 kilograms. Homes with yard waste that exceeds the limit are required to purchase from the Town additional container stickers.

Yard waste in plastic bags that is placed out for collection after July 1, 2019 will be left at the curb.

The Town regrets any short-term inconvenience that may result from this change; however we must impose this ban to keep our solid waste collection program affordable, and to support regional sustainability practices.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact the Engineering Department, at 250-656-4502 or engineeringadmin@sidney.ca.

