

RDN HOSTS GREEN BIN PRESENTATIONS

Residents still getting used to the new Green Bin food waste collection program are invited to two upcoming presentations, on November 24 in Parksville, and on December 1 in Qualicum Beach. The afternoon and evening sessions will cover the basics of the Green Bin Program, and will include an opportunity for questions and answers. The events are free and open to everyone.

“The Green Bin Program is new to our communities, and many residents still have questions about it, so these upcoming presentations will be beneficial,” said Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee Chair George Holme. “For example there has been some confusion over the bags people use to line their green bins and kitchen catchers – we want to ensure that everyone understands that no bag is necessary, but if you do use a bag only certified compostable liners or paper-based products are acceptable.”

Scheduling for the Green Bin presentations is as follows:

- 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm, Wednesday, November 24
Parkville Community and Conference Centre, 132 E. Jensen St, Parksville; and
- 2:00 pm, Wednesday, December 1
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre Community, 747 Jones St., Qualicum Beach

The events are aimed at residents who want to learn more about food and kitchen waste collection, or those who missed the previous Green Bin Program Open Houses in September and October.

Green bin food and kitchen waste collection began in October for single family homes in Lantzville, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, and RDN Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G, and H. Although participation and volumes collected through the program has been strong, there were some problems with initial distribution of collection schedules, containers and start-up information. All households starting the program have now received the necessary materials.

Complete information on the Green Bin Program, including a how-to video and links to downloadable collection schedules, is available at www.beyondcomposting.ca. To have a schedule mailed call 1-866-999-8227 (toll-free).

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