

CONCLUSION

Staff are continually assessing allocation of resources to even out any fluctuations in volumes of both refuse and recycling collection. Experience from one year of operations has proven that the collection system utilized by Burnaby is efficient based on the recycling goals set forth in our program.

With reference to concerns expressed that only half empty boxes are being placed out for collection, staff are continuing to address public education in recycling to maximize the collection effort. Advertisements, such as the one appended have appeared, in local papers in the past and will reappear periodically.

Though recycling reduces the amount of material placed at curbside going to disposal by 15%, more dramatic effects are anticipated through future waste reduction and composting strategies currently being reviewed under the GVRD Solid Waste Management Plan Review process. Upon completion of that process, if warranted, Municipal collection protocols will be reassessed.


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Burnaby Recycles

Blue Box Recycling Tips

We've come a long way this past year in our recycling collection programs in Burnaby. Here are some recycling tips from the crews that have collected the over 5 million kilograms of material which Burnaby residents have prepared for recycling.

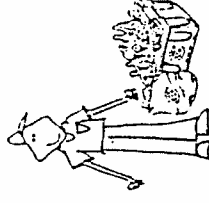
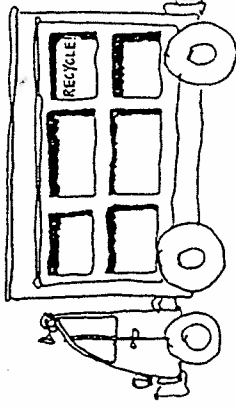
1. Please set your Blue Box and Bags out by 7:30 on your regular collection day. We want to collect as much recyclable material as possible, as efficiently as possible. Recycling trucks run on different schedules and routes from our refuse vehicles, and they may be driving past your home before (or after) your normal refuse collection.

2. Please set your Blue Box and Recycling Bags out distinctly separate from your refuse. That way there is less chance of your recyclables being missed. The recyclables should be in plain view from both directions of the street or lane, not more than 3 feet off of the travelled portion of the roadway.

3. Please avoid putting the wrong recyclables in the wrong box or bag. The Blue Bag is for newspapers only. The Yellow Bag is for Mixed Paper only. And the Blue Box is for glass, metal, and plastic containers as listed in our brochures.

Recyclable materials that we can't collect curbside may be dropped off at the Recycling Depot at 4800 Still Creek. Call us at 294-7972 for more information or brochures.

4. To avoid losing Blue and Yellow Bags on windy days, try placing them out with the Blue Box ... even if it isn't full. That way, after collection we can put the empty bags securely back into the box.



Thank you for all your efforts in making the curbside Blue Box recycling program in Burnaby a success. Together we can become part of the solution and work to complete the Recycling loop ...

Recycling collection from multi-family dwelling units is planned for 1992. Until then residents in townhouses, co-ops, and apartments are encouraged to use the Recycling Depot at Still Creek.

