

# Multi-unit buildings get waste collection from the City or private collectors

The City can provide yard waste, food scraps, recycling, and garbage collection services for multi-unit buildings, including:

- Apartments
- Condos
- Townhouses
- Mixed-use (commercial and residential) buildings

Learn more about the collection services we offer and how to apply, and find a private service provider when your building's waste exceeds our capacity.

## City collection for multi-unit buildings

### Yard waste collection

The City can collect yard waste in up to four 360 L green bins each week.

#### **If your building exceeds our capacity**

For larger volumes, check the Yellow Pages under "yard waste" or "gardening" for a private collection company.

- [Yellow Pages gardening listings](#)
- [Yellow Pages yard waste listings](#)

### Food scraps collection

Does your multi-unit building already receive garbage or yard waste pickup by the City?

As of January 1, 2014, the City also offers food scraps collection as part of the Green Bin Program.

#### **If your building does not receive City collection services**

To prepare for the upcoming 2015 landfill ban on compostable materials, start a food scraps recycling program now. Contact your private waste hauler to ask about food scraps, or take your food scraps to a community drop spot.

#### **Find a food scraps hauler and learn what to ask them**

Drop spots are a community based composting program for apartment residents who want to recycle their food scraps but do not have collection services at their building.

The Food Scraps Drop Spot program operates weekly at selected Farmers Markets and community locations in high density neighbourhoods.

#### **Find a community drop spot**

### Recycling collection

Multi-unit buildings are automatically registered for recycling collection.

Kitchen containers help recycle food scraps



Use a kitchen container to collect your food scraps until you empty it into your Green Bin.

If you live in a multi-unit building that has food scraps collected by the City's Green Bin Program, you can order a kitchen container.

Phone 3-1-1 to learn more.

#### **How much does it cost?**

Property owners are charged annually for waste and recycling collection, usually based on the bin size.

[Look up the rates](#)

#### **Dumpsters**

Need to keep your dumpster on City property? Find out the rules, and how to apply.

[Dumpsters on City property](#)

Buildings in Downtown and False Creek get collection service from the City's contractor, Waste Management, while all other areas are served by the City.

Multi-unit buildings with fewer than five units get blue boxes and recycling bags for residents to use.

Buildings with five or more units are eligible for wheeled blue bins that can be placed in the building's garbage room.

## Garbage collection

The City can collect up to four 360 L garbage bins from multi-unit buildings each week.

### **If your building exceeds our capacity**

For larger volumes, check the Yellow Pages for "garbage collectors" to rent garbage dumpsters and hire collection services.

[Yellow Pages garbage collectors listings](#)

## How to apply for City service

**Note:** Only building or property owners, building managers, and strata council members can apply for City waste collection service, or request service changes.

Phone 3-1-1 to:

- Arrange for City yard waste, garbage, and recycling collection for your building
- Check if the Green Bin Program for City food scraps collection is right for your building

If you are a resident or tenant, please speak to the owner, building manager, or strata council first.

[City garbage and yard waste collection for businesses](#)

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### [Waste collection for businesses](#)

The City of Vancouver provides garbage and yard trimmings collection to existing small business customers. Small businesses must find private haulers to collect recycling, food scraps, and waste from dumpsters.