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### **GREEN BIN OPEN HOUSES COMING TO NANAIMO**

With green bins being delivered to Nanaimo homes on City 'E' and 'F' routes over the next two weeks; it would be helpful for residents to come out to one of the available open house opportunities.

At the events hosted by the City and the Regional District of Nanaimo, attendees will learn about green bin food and kitchen waste service and how to start using it.

The Nanaimo open houses will be held Tuesday, September 28th at the Wellington Hall, 3922 Corunna Avenue and Thursday, September 30th at the Beban Park Lounge, 2300 Bowen Road. Both events are open from 2 pm to 5 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm.

Staff will be available to answer questions about the Green Bin Program and changes to garbage and recycling collection. There will be informative displays illustrating what is accepted in the green bin and its diversion impact.

Only Nanaimo households on Routes 'E' and 'F' will receive green bins and start-up kits in September. Food waste collection will start on these routes after October 11th. Homes on remaining routes, 'A' through 'D', will start participating in 2011. City residents can check the top left corner of their Garbage and Recycling Schedule to see if they are on one of the routes that will have this new service added in October.

"We want to encourage households on Routes 'E' and 'F' to come to the open houses and ask questions. There will be displays and people to answer to all their questions and address any concerns," said Gary Franssen, Manager of Sanitation and Recycling. "Other Nanaimo residents interested in learning more about the new program are also welcome to attend."

Visit [www.beyondcomposting.ca](http://www.beyondcomposting.ca) for helpful resources on the Green Bin Program or the City website at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) for information specific to City of Nanaimo households.

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