

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Extra garbage bag collection fee set to increase by one dollar**

*Fee last changed in 1993*

#### **Summary**

The fee for putting out an extra bag of garbage on collection day will be increasing to \$3.00 beginning January 1, 2015.

Nanaimo residents can purchase garbage tags when their garbage exceeds the one container limit on their scheduled garbage collection day. Attaching a tag to the extra standard size container or bag allows for the extra pickup. Residents may place a maximum of two additional containers or bags at the curb.

The old 'orange' garbage tags that residents have at home will still be accepted for collection. As well, retailers that have the old tags will continue to sell them at \$2.00 until their supply runs out. The new 'blue' garbage tags will then be sold at \$3.00.

For a list of Nanaimo facilities and retail locations that sell garbage tags, visit the City's website.

*Strategic Link:* Asset management, including the development of long term funding strategies.

#### **Key Points**

- The fee for putting out an extra bag of garbage on collection day will be increasing to \$3.00 beginning January 1, 2015.
- A maximum of two additional standard size containers of garbage may be put out on garbage collection day.
- Attach the tag to a prominent place on top of each additional standard size container or bag.
- Remember to have all containers out by 8 a.m. on garbage collection day.

#### **Quotes**

"This is the first increase in garbage tag fees since 1993, and the old \$2.00 tags will continue to be honoured for the pickup of extra bags of garbage."

Diane Hiscock  
Manager, Revenue Services  
City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

- Members of the public seeking additional information are welcome to call 250-755-4415.

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