

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **New garbage calendars being delivered to Nanaimo homes**

#### *Calendars to coincide with start of automated collection services*

Throw out last year's garbage calendar and get ready for a new one, Nanaimo! New solid waste collection calendars are being delivered to all 28,000 households currently receiving collection services from the City of Nanaimo.

"The delivery of these new, easy to read calendars is part of the wider changes coming to solid waste collection in Nanaimo this year and next," Charlotte Davis, Manager of Sanitation, Recycling and Public Works Administration said, "I ask residents to pay close attention to their new calendar to see changes to their schedule."

The calendars, covering a nine month period between October 2017 and June 2018, are being distributed earlier than usual due to implementation of Phase 1 of the automated solid waste collection project, also known as Sort Toss Roll, starting in central Nanaimo in late October. Changes to the solid waste collection cycle mean that the month of October does not follow the regular add-a-day pattern. Even though only homes in central Nanaimo will receive the new service at this time, all homes in Nanaimo will receive a new calendar and have changes to their collection schedule.

Residents can make sure they don't miss a collection day by downloading the Nanaimo Recycles app which sends reminders to your phone and has automatically been updated with the new collection schedule.

Don't have a smart phone? "No problem!" says Charlotte Davis, "Residents that don't have a smart phone but would still like to receive a reminder can call Public Works at 250-758-5222 and sign up to our free telephone reminder service."

Once the new calendars are delivered, the current calendars should be discarded. Make sure to remove the magnet before recycling them. More information on collection schedules can be found at:  
[www.nanaimo.ca/goto/GarbageCalendar](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/GarbageCalendar)

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