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Phase Two of Sort Toss Roll Automated Collection Underway

North and south Nanaimo residents to receive new garbage carts next week

Summary

Starting June 11, residents of north and south Nanaimo will start receiving their new SortTossRoll carts. Each household will receive a set including carts for garbage, recyclables and organics. It will take approximately six weeks to deliver the more than 53,000 new carts to homes. Along with the carts, residents will receive instructions on the carts and the new automated collection system.

Households have begun receiving their new collection calendars which show the date in July when they can start using their new carts. All of Nanaimo will be switched over to automated collection by August 3.

Later in 2018, the City will be seeking feedback from residents on how the new service is operating, their thoughts on options for future solid waste services in Nanaimo and ways to continue to reduce the amount of household garbage sent to the landfill.

Strategic Link: SortTossRoll supports the City's environmental strategy by offering more opportunities for residents to recycle and converts the collection fleet to run on natural gas, a less environmentally harmful fuel choice.

Key Points

- Cart deliveries start June 11 and will take approximately 6 weeks for all residents to receive their new carts.
- Residents in north and south Nanaimo are encouraged to check their new collection calendar for the date they can start using their new carts.
- A survey will be sent to residents later in the year to gauge the new service and contribute their ideas on reducing the amount of garbage sent for disposal in the landfill.

Quotes

"Phase 2 of SortTossRoll will bring the tidy three-cart system to the entire city. The carts are easy to set out on collection day and will allow residents to include yard waste with their kitchen scraps for composting. Also, the large size carts for recyclables will make it more convenient for residents to recycle. I am looking forward to having the new, quieter trucks out on the streets of Nanaimo continuing to provide excellent service that our residents expect."

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