

## News Release

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### **Cowichan Recycles mobile app released for garbage and recycling programs**

**Duncan, BC** – A new mobile app will make it even easier for residents to stay informed about garbage and recycling programs in the region. The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is launching a curbside collection app called “Cowichan Recycles” which residents can use to access their collection schedules and get reminders sent directly to their phones. The app also contains a searchable list of common household waste items with information on local recycling and disposal options.

“A digital mobile app aligns with our mandate to reduce waste at the source by allowing residents to access their schedules on their phones instead of using a printed calendar,” said Tauseef Waraich, Manager of Recycling and Waste Management Division for the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “We hope the Cowichan Recyclopeda will provide a useful resource for residents to check how to recycle specific items, and help our region reduce contamination in curbside recycling totes.”

The curbside collection app connects residents directly to the CVRD as a way to report any issues with recycling and garbage collection. In addition, residents can sign up for notifications if there are any service disruptions due to weather or road works. The app allows residents to access the new Cowichan Recyclopeda directly on their mobile phone, where they can search a list of over 750 common household items and get direction on how and where to recycle or dispose of these items. The list will be continuously updated to ensure that Cowichan residents have the latest information on recycling in the region.

Residents can ensure they never miss a collection day by downloading the CVRD curbside app from the Apple or Google Play stores. Visit [cvrd.bc.ca/recycling](http://cvrd.bc.ca/recycling) to download the Cowichan Recycles mobile app, or call the CVRD’s Recycling Hotline at 250.746.2540 to learn more.

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