

Why transition to automated Curbside Collection?



Economies of Scale: All RDOS municipalities and electoral areas collaborated on a single Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure the best contractor. This strategy enabled better pricing and service options while preserving the ability to create customized contracts.

Automated Collection: The new contract requires special carts for automated collection. Planning for the rollout of the carts started last fall. This modernizes the collection process and improves efficiency.

Cost Management: The cost of the new contract is higher, but it's worth noting that the previous contract rates remained relatively unchanged for 14 years. Adjusting the rates now to align with the current market will prevent more significant increases in the future.

Waste Reduction: The RDOS invested significant time and effort to assess and reuse old garbage carts for as long as possible. This underscores the RDOS's commitment to waste reduction and sustainability.

Feasibility and Risk Management: The RDOS considered other options, including starting an in-house collection program. However, these options were not feasible due to higher costs and risks, making the chosen contract the most fiscally responsible and sustainable choice.

Rate Adjustments: The curbside rates are increasing to reflect the change in service halfway through 2025.

In 2026, the rates will increase again to account for an entire year at the new rate.

Efficiency: Automated collection uses special carts that can be easily picked up by the collection trucks. This speeds up the process and reduces the time spent on each collection.

Consistency: Automated collection ensures that all participating areas receive the same level of service, maintaining consistency and reliability.

- RDOS Solid Waste Hotline: 250-490-4129 Email: solidwaste@rdos.bc.ca
- Visit the RDOS Regional Connections interactive website at rdosregionalconnections.ca



Video:

How to use your new collection carts

RDOS YouTube channel:
youtube.com/OkanaganSimilkameen

For more information,
visit the RDOS website at
rdos.bc.ca/curbside.

