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The District of Mission is pleased to announce the imminent delivery of new 46-L green bins nicknamed “Rot Pots” to our curbside collection for households. The delivery of the 46-L green bins is part of a stepped-up effort to decrease the amount of organic materials being buried in the landfill.

The “Rot Pot” is intended to provide a convenient way to separate food waste from regular garbage. It is not meant to replace yard waste bins or backyard composters, but rather to allow for diversion of those organic materials that are not suitable for backyard composting, such as bones, cooked table scraps, moldy bread, etc. By sorting out all food waste, curbside garbage currently buried in the landfill could be reduced by as much as 2000 tonnes per year. To close the loop, residents will be able to pick up some free finished compost on special occasions throughout the year (to be advertised).

It remains very important to store all curbside materials, including garbage, compost and recyclables, in a secure building or enclosure at all times, and only set them out on the morning of the scheduled collection day to reduce wildlife attraction.

“Mission is a progressive community with a strong, collective environmental conscience. People realize that keeping organic materials out of the landfill is essential in fighting climate change, and the “Rot Pot” will provide a convenient means for separating food waste from garbage,” commented Mayor Atebe.

The delivery of the “Rot Pots” will commence on June 13, 2011 and continue for approximately two weeks. More information on how to best use the “Rot Pot” will be included, and can also be accessed at [www.mission.ca](http://www.mission.ca) or by calling the District’s Engineering Department at 604-820-3736.

Mission residents who do not live in the curbside collection area may separate their food waste and drop it off at the Mission Landfill for composting free of charge. In order not to be charged for the weight, residents dropping off food waste need to let the scalehouse operator know that their load contains food waste. Freezing food waste until a trip to the landfill is justified is a good way to reduce the smell and prevent the attraction of bears and other wildlife.

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For further information, please contact Paul Gipps at 604-820-3706