

### **Free Drop-off Options**

#### **Did You Know About These Free Drop-off Options?**

The following items are accepted free of charge anytime at the Mission Recycling Depot, conveniently located at 7229 Mershon Street, across from the West Coast Express parking lot:

- Appliances: including fridges, freezers, washers, dryers, coffee makers, and hair dryers
- **Electronics:** including TVs, monitors, computers, laptops, stereo equipment, cables, keyboards, phones, chargers and gaming peripherals
- Scrap metal: including bicycles, barbeques, metal siding, wire fencing, empty paint cans, and hot water tanks
- Outdoor power equipment: including pressure washers, lawn mowers, and chain saws
- **Lighting products:** including fixtures, lamps, Christmas lights, fluorescent tubes and compacts, LEDs, and incandescent light bulbs
- **Textiles:** clean & dry textiles including: accessories and bags, clothing (all types, reusable or not), curtains, general household textiles (towels, blankets, sheets), shoes and boots, sleeping bags
- Used motor oil, filters, gasoline, and antifreeze
- **Used cooking oil** (vegetable-based)
- Household batteries: both regular and rechargeable

Off-rim tires (passenger/light truck) are accepted at the Mission Landfill free of charge. On-rim tires are accepted for a nominal fee. Tire drop-off is limited to eight tires per customer, per day.

For a complete list of drop-off options, refer to the Guide on page 5.



Toilets: Fees apply, for more information contact the Engineering Department 604-820-3736 or engineering@mission.ca.

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### Get the Recycle Coach App!

Get reminders for collection days and special collection events, as well as help with sorting. Available at the App Store or Google Play.

## **Determining Your Collection Route**

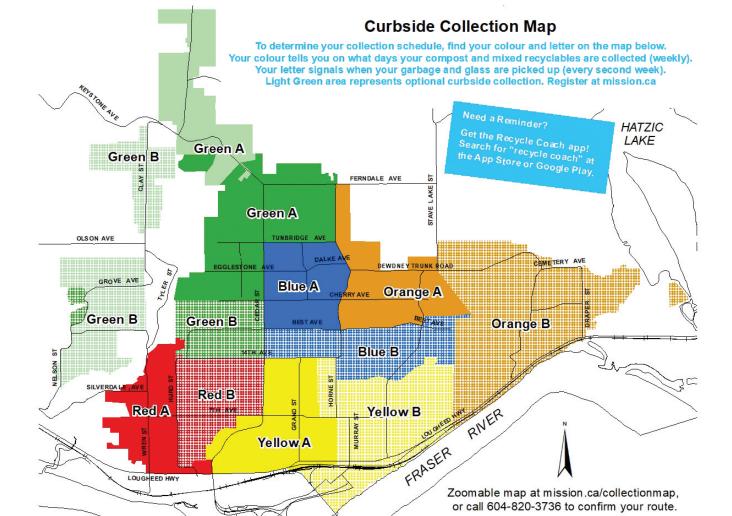
Note the colour and letter assigned to your location on the map (page 2) and match them to the monthly schedules.

Set out compost and recyclables on any day that matches your colour (weekly), and set out garbage and glass on any day that matches both your colour & letter (bi-weekly).

If you have trouble determining your collection route, contact the Engineering Department at **engineering@mission.ca** or **604-820-3736.** 



Blue Bins, Rot Pots, and glass boxes are all the property of the City of Mission and must remain with the property.



### **Collection Rules**

Avoid attracting wildlife, only set out materials between 5:00 am and 8:00 am on collection day. The fine for early setouts is \$250. No bag, bin or bundle may weigh more than 20 kg each.

**HOW TO PREPARE** 



#### Garbage

Limited to two 80-L bins weighing up to 20 kg each. Oversized & overweight bins will not be collected. Do not use a bin that could be mistaken as a recycling bin.

**BI-WEEKLY** collection.

#### Garbage is limited to two 80-litre bins every two weeks.

Bins cannot exceed 20 kg in weight each & must have tight fitting lids. Garbage in bins must, at a minimum, be contained in plastic shopping bags. Excess garbage bags may be set out in an 80-L bin with an extra-garbage sticker. Stickers are available for a fee and can be collected at City Hall, Welton Common, and the Leisure Centre.

PLEASE NOTE

Bi-weekly garbage collection, on average. has reduced the amount of garbage collected by 100 tonnes per month. In direct relation, the amount of compost collected has increased by 100 tonnes a month.

Burving compostable materials in a landfill results in methane gas **production**, which is a stong greenhouse gas. Thank you for sorting!



#### Recyclables Mixed recyclables:

**WEEKLY** collection in Blue Bins

Glass bottles & jars: **BI-WEEKLY** collection in Black Box on

garbage day.

#### Mixed recyclables are collected weekly in unlimited amounts.

Recyclables are collected in Blue Bins provided by the City (one Blue Bin per household). Materials are handsorted. Please only include clean, dry materials.

Cardboard: flatten, place in Blue Bin or bundle and place underneath to keep dry. Bundles are not to exceed 90 cm in any dimension.

**Shredded paper:** place in paper bag or box to include in mixed recyclables.

Extra recyclables can be set out in lidded bins, not exceeding 121 litres in capacity, with D-handles and a blue sticker Blue stickers are available free of charge at City Hall, Welton Common and the Leisure Centre

Black Boxes and Blue Bins are available at Welton Common, 7337 Welton Street. Fees may apply.

BAGGED RECYCLING IS NOT ACCEPTED. ALL MATERIAL MUST BE PLACED IN BINS LOOSE (EXCEPT SHREDDED PAPER - place in paper bag or cardboard box.).



#### **Compostables** Food & yard waste: WEEKLY collection.

Both food and yard waste are collected in the same truck and can be combined in the bin.

#### Compost is collected weekly.

**Food waste:** Rot Pots or 80-litre bins with tight-fitting lids and orange stickers. Place newspaper on the bottom and between layers for ease of service & cleaning.

Yard waste: Rot Pots, 80-litre bins with lids and orange stickers, paper yard waste bags or bundles. Bundled branches are not to exceed 5 cm in diameter and 90 cm in length. Limited to 10 extra vard waste bins, bags, or bundles per collection day.

All food waste is collected at the curb.

including cooked table scraps, bones, meat, cheese, bread and contaminated paper (pizza boxes, paper napkins).

Rot Pots are available at Welton Common. Fees may apply.

**Orange stickers** are available free of charge at Welton Common,7337 Welton Street, City Hall & the Leisure Centre.

### **Recyclables**

ACCEPTED ITEMS A	ND PREPARATION	DO NOT INCLUDE
Glass Bottles & Jars Set out in Black Box on your Garbage Day	Rinse clean. Leave labels on. Remove plastic and metal lids and place in Blue Bin.  • pickle & jam jars  • ketchup, oil & salad dressing bottles  • non-refundable beverage bottles; return refundables for deposit	<ul> <li>light bulbs and tubes</li> <li>mirror and window glass</li> <li>drinking glasses</li> <li>ceramics (plates, mugs, Pyrex®, etc.)</li> <li>Lighting products (lamps &amp; fixtures) and lighting peripherals (light bulbs, fluorescent tubes &amp; compacts, LEDs &amp; halogen bulbs) can be dropped off at the Mission Recycling Depot.</li> </ul>
Rigid Plastic Packaging	Rinse clean. Remove lids & include in Blue Bin.  • ketchup, vegetable oil & salad dressing bottles  • detergent, soap & shampoo bottles  • clamshells  • ice cream tubs & yogurt cups  • plastic lids  • plastic beverage take-out cups	<ul> <li>motor oil &amp; other hazardous waste</li> <li>plastic items that are not packaging (e.g. toys, lawn chairs &amp; coat hangers)</li> <li>expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam")</li> <li>plastic film (bags or wrap)</li> <li>Styrofoam" and stretchy and non-stretchy plastic film are not accepted in curbside recycling but can be dropped off separately at the Mission Recycling Depot.</li> </ul>
Metal & Tin Containers	Rinse clean.  • clean aluminum take-out & tin foil  • food & pet food cans & lids  • metal lids from glass jars	<ul> <li>paint &amp; paint aerosol cans</li> <li>non-packaging metal items (e.g. cooking pots or pans, utensils, batteries)</li> <li>paper-backed foil (take-out container lids)</li> <li>foil snack food bags</li> <li>Paint cans and paint aerosols with or without residue can be dropped off at the Mission Recycling Depot.</li> </ul>



### Shredded paper can go in your Blue Bin in a paper bag or box. All other recyclables must be placed in the Blue Bin loosely.

	ACCEPTED ITEMS A	AND PREPARATION	DO NOT INCLUDE
	Aerosol Cans	Empty containers only.  • hairspray bottles  • foam dispensing bottles  • air freshener cans  • cooking oil spray	<ul> <li>paint aerosol cans</li> <li>lubricant aerosol cans</li> <li>aerosol cans with residue</li> </ul> Paint aerosol cans with or without residue can be dropped off at the Mission Recycling Depot.
FASHION	Mixed Paper	Clean and dry paper only.  newspapers, flyers & junk mail telephone books, magazines & cards paper bags, cups & milk cartons paper egg cartons & take-out trays office paper & envelopes (windows & staples OK) craft paper & non-metallic gift wrap shredded paper (put in cardboard box or paper bag)	<ul> <li>contaminated or wet paper, e.g. tissues or paper towels</li> <li>metallic/glitter gift wrap &amp; cards</li> <li>photographs</li> <li>hard &amp; soft cover books</li> <li>Wet or soiled paper, including tissues, napkins and paper towels, goes in the Rot Pot. Wet or contaminated paper will develop mold when baled and is no longer recyclable.</li> </ul>
	Boxboard	Clean and dry boxboard only.  cereal, shoe & tissue boxes  paper towel & toilet paper cores  frozen dessert boxes  spiral-wound juice concentrate cans	<ul> <li>food take-out containers</li> <li>donut boxes</li> <li>french fry cups</li> </ul> Wet or soiled boxboard goes in the Rot Pot.
	Corrugated Cardboard	Clean and dry cardboard only.  Boxes must be flattened and either included in your Blue Bin or tied in bundles not to exceed 90 cm in any dimension or a weight of 20 kg per bundle. Place bundles under the Blue Bin to keep them dry.	<ul> <li>greasy pizza boxes</li> <li>other contaminated cardboard</li> <li>wet cardboard</li> <li>Wet, greasy or soiled cardboard goes in the Rot Pot. Wet cardboard can also be dried for inclusion in the Blue Bin.</li> </ul>

### **Compostables**

All compostables can be set out in lidded 80-L bins with an orange sticker. Orange stickers are available at Welton Common free of charge.

Store all waste inside or secured until 5:00 am on collection day. The fine for early setouts is \$250. No bag, bin or bundle may weigh more than 20 kg each.

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS AND PREPARATION





Collected in 80-L bins with an orange sticker, paper yard waste bags or compostable plastic bags. Limited to 10 extra yard waste bins, bags, or bundles per collection day.

leaves, moss & weeds

Collected in unlimited amounts.

- grass clippings, twigs & plant trimmings
- branches up to 5 cm in diameter and 90 cm in length

Small branches may be bundled using natural string (jute, twine etc.), rather than included in a bag or bin.

fruit/vegetable wastes & leftovers

cooked, baked & processed goods

coffee grounds, paper filters & tea bags

with a tight-fitting lid, such as a 46-litre Rot Pot.

bones, cheese, meat & bread

All food waste must be contained in a bin



If using bags, ensure they are paper or compostable plastic. Look for one of these two symbols on *compostable* plastic bags:





Leave grass clippings on the lawn to return nutrients to the soil.

No plastics, metal or glass, please. Bins do not have to be lined. Place crumpled newspaper at the bottom of the bin to soak up liquids.

If using a plastic liner, ensure it is certified **compostable**. See above for the appropriate symbols.

Keep food waste in a secure **enclosure** until collection day to keep bears and other wildlife away.



#### Food Waste





#### Collected in unlimited amounts.

- pizza boxes
- donut boxes
- paper food napkins
- facial tissues
- wet newspaper

Contaminated paper is not recyclable but can be composted. Please include food-contaminated paper in your Rot Pot.

Contaminated paper, yard and food waste can be set out in the same **container.** To control potential odours, layer food waste with dry leaves or small twigs.

Compost containing any amount of food waste must be contained in a bin with a tight-fitting lid, such as your Rot Pot, and stored inside



#### Food **Contaminated Paper**



### **Household Hazardous Waste**

#### **Drop Off Anytime, Free of Charge**

The Mission Recycling Depot accepts many household hazardous items and substances any day of the year. They include:

#### Residential Paint

Includes paint aerosols, paint cans, paint tubs and paint products, such as latex, oil, varnish, wood finishing oil, shellac, marine paint and wood preservatives.

#### **Domestic Pesticides**

Includes liquid, solid and aerosol pesticides in containers up to 10 litres in size. Labels must display skull and crossbones, the word "domestic", and the Pest Control Product (PCP) number.

#### **Flammables**

Includes aerosols and liquids, such as paint thinner, fondue fuel, and acetone in quantities of up to 10 litres. Gasoline and kerosene must be dropped off in an ULC-approved container not exceeding 25 litres in volume.

For a complete list of accepted products, visit productcare.org/mission.



Household hazardous waste not regularly accepted, can be dropped off at the Depot on Saturday, May 10th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. See page 9 for details.



### **FREE Recyclables Drop-off Locations**

Antifreeze	com
Appliances (large)Mission Landfill; Mission Recycling Depot; return-it.ca; marrh	oc.ca
Appliances (large/small). Mission Recycling Depot; return-it.ca; electrorecycle.ca; marrb	oc.ca
Batteries (automotive) Everclear Metal Recyc	cling
Batteries (household, rechargeable/non-rechargeable)Mission Recycling Depot; call2recyc	ele.ca
Beverage containers (refundable)	epot
Books	
Cell phones & chargersMission Recycling Depot; call2recycling Depot; call2recycl	le.ca
Clothing & household textiles	es.ca
Electronics & electrical appliances Mission Recycling Depot; return-it.ca; electrorecycling Depot; electrorecycl	le.ca
Flexible plastic packagingMission Recycling Depot; Mission Bottle D	epot
Gasoline (must be left in ULC approved can)Mission Recycling Depot; productcare	e.org
Glass bottles & jars (household) Mission Recycling Depot; Mission Landfill; Mission Bottle D	epot
Gypsum board/drywall	plies)
Household hazardous productsMission Recycling Depot; productcare	e.org
Light bulbs, fixtures, fluorescents, LEDsMission Recycling Depot; lightrecycles	le.ca
Medications, vitamins, needles Pharmacies; use proper container for sharps; healthstewar	rd.ca
Oil (containers & filters, automotive)Mission Recycling Depot; interchangerecycling.	com
Oil (vegetable-based cooking)	epot
Outdoor power equipment	ic.ca
Paint & spray paint	
Polystyrene (Styrofoam <sup>TM</sup> ) packagingMission Recycling Depot; Mission Bottle D	
Propane tanks	ndfill
Scrap metal (hot water tanks, fencing, etc.)Mission Recycling Depot; Mission Lar	ndfill
Smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectorsMission Recycling Depot; productcare	e.org
ThermostatsMission Recycling Depot; Noble BC 32873 London Ave.; hrai.ca	
Tires (passenger vehicle size)	
Tire retailers; Mission Landfill (off-rim free; on-rim - fees apply); tirestewardshipb	oc.ca

### **Drop-off Locations**

#### Mission Recycling Depot

7229 Mershon Street (across from West Coast Express overflow parking) 7 days a week; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm CLOSED on Statutory Holidays, Easter Sunday and Boxing Day T: 604-814-3555

#### **Mission Landfill**

32000 Dewdney Trunk Road (east of Stave Lake Dam) 7 days a week; 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CLOSED on Statutory Holidays, Easter Sunday and Boxing Day T: 604-826-9008

#### Mission Bottle Depot

7233 Park Street
Please call for current hours.
T: 604-820-1830

#### **Questions About Recycling?**

Call the Recycling Hotline of BC at 1-800-667-4321 or visit rcbc.ca

### **Donations to Charitable Organizations**

Most resellable household items.

(NO electronic equipment\*, encyclopedias\*, appliances\*, children's safety equipment or mattresses)

**Habitat for Humanity Restore** ....31877 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford • 604-557-1020 Lumber, metal products, construction & renovation items (e.g. cupboards, sinks, cabinets), furniture.

\*Accepted at the Mission Recycling Depot • 7229 Mershon Street • 604-814-3555

#### **Food Donations**

Copper Hall/Hope Central	info@hopecentralmission.com
Mission Friendship Centre	Reception - 604-826-1281
Mission Youth House	calvin@youthunlimited.com • 604-287-7200
St. Joseph's Food Bank	778-536-3663
Emma's Acres/L.I.N.C Society	seflett@telus.ca • 604-852-5514

Please only drop off wanted items.
Unsuitable donations are a liability, not a gift.

#### **Before You Donate**

Please check with the charity of your choice to ensure that your donation can be accepted.

#### **Food Donations**

Contact charitable organizations on this page with any food donations you may have to contribute.

#### **Donation Bins**





There are several donation bins around town for clean & dry textiles including:

Accessories and bags Clothing (all types, reusable or not) Curtains

> General household textiles (towels, blankets, sheets) Shoes and boots Sleeping bags

### **Snow Time**

#### **Clear Sidewalks**

Residents are responsible for keeping sidewalks in front of their homes free of snow and ice. Please ensure safe passage for everyone, including elderly people and people with mobility issues, to avoid liabilities. If you have a neighbour who cannot clear the sidewalk, consider offering help.

#### **Keep Drains Free**

Snow and ice accumulations can block street drains. Do not deposit snow near grates, but clear snow from grates to prevent road flooding.

#### **Be Patient**

#### **Curbside Collection**

It is not safe to manoeuvre large collection vehicles down slippery and narrowed roadways. If your collection is missed due to bad weather, please be patient and check the City's website (**mission.ca/curbside**), or call the curbside collection contractor at **604-820-6487** for updates.

#### **Road Clearing Efforts**

During snowfall events, City crews work around the clock to clear snow and ice from roads on a priority basis. Please note that roads are not cleared to bare pavement. Check the City's website or call Public Works at 604-820-3761 for updates.

#### **Enjoy**

Make the most of it. Work from home, if you can, or take a day or two off, and get the cross country skis out. Light a fire, have a hot drink, play guitar, read a book, and relax. It's the season.



### **January** 2025



You can set out up to two extra bins or bags of garbage on your garbage collection day with this symbol.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Remove all decor collection day, or	ur Christmas Tree rations, cut in half an drop off at the landfi e tree per household	d set out on Il free of charge	1 New Year's Day NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	2 Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	4
5	Green Zone B	7 Yellow Zone A	8 Blue Zone A	9 Orange Zone A	10 Red Zone A	11
12	13 Green Zone A	14 Yellow Zone B	15 Blue Zone B	16 Orange Zone B	17 Red Zone B	18  BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
19	20 Green Zone B	21 Yellow Zone A	22 Blue Zone A	23 Orange Zone A	24 Red Zone A	25
26	27 Green Zone A	28 Yellow Zone B	29 Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	To the curb by 8:00 am



### Going to the Depot?

#### **Here's How to Enhance the Experience**

- Make your trip worthwhile. Adding to traffic and lineups to drop off one spent toaster and a light bulb is not a good idea.
- **Sort your load at home.** Sorting recyclables at the counter takes time and holds up other depot customers.
- Follow depot staff's direction, they are there to keep things running and safe.
- Direct program-related questions to the City (engineering@mission.ca or 604-820-3736).

#### **Sorting Recyclables for Drop-off**

Sort your clean, dry, everyday recyclables into the following categories at home:

- Paper products (newspaper, flyers, magazines, office paper, envelopes & cardboard)
- **Rigid retail containers** (soup & pet food cans, metal lids, plastic cups, tubs, pails & jugs, plastic clam shells, tin takeout trays)
- Retail container glass (jam & pickle jars, marinade & ketchup bottles)
- Styrofoam<sup>TM</sup> (trays & boards, sorted into white and coloured) no flexible foam or "peanuts"
- Flexible plastic packaging (chip & dry pasta bags, pet food bags, candy wrappers, produce netting, Ziploc<sup>TM</sup> bags, and Saran<sup>TM</sup> wrap, shopping & bread bags, case lot overwrap)

#### **Other Recyclables**

For a list of other recyclables accepted at the Mission Recycling Depot or elsewhere, please consult the Guide on page 5 of this calendar.



## **February** 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
with a variety of ski	t July & December) or Ils and talents, invite pair Cafe. <b>info@wea</b>	s you to bring your it	ems in need of a	recycle codch	d never miss another collection day.	1
2 Groundhog Day	Green Zone B	4 Yellow Zone A	5 Blue Zone A	6 Orange Zone A	7 Red Zone A	8
9	10 Green Zone A	11 Yellow Zone B	12 Blue Zone B	13 Orange Zone B	14 Valentine's Day  Red Zone B	15 BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
16	17 Family Day (BC) NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	18 Green Zone B	19 Yellow Zone A	20 Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	22
23	24 Red Zone A	25 Green Zone A	26 Yellow Zone B	27 Blue Zone B	28  Orange Zone B	To the curb by 8:00 am

### **Wild Things**

#### **Keep Your Waste Secure**

It's a fact: household waste attracts wildlife. The City's Solid Waste Management Bylaw 5526-2015 requires that garbage, recyclables and compost only be set out for curbside collection between 5:00 am and 8:00 am. The fine for early setouts is \$250 per day.

Other than for curbside collection, garbage, recyclables and compost must be stored in a manner that prevents access by dangerous wildlife, preferably in a garage, shed, or other secure enclosure.

#### **Protect Yourself**

Bears are also attracted to small livestock, beehives, bird feeders, pet food, barbeques, and ripe fruit. Please be advised that backyard hens must be secured with electric fencing as per the Zoning Bylaw 5949-2020.

Bears that become accustomed to human food sources are more likely to become a public safety risk which may result in their destruction.

#### **Wildlife Act**

Wildlife is regulated by the provincial *Wildlife Act*. Feeding or attracting bears is an offence under the act. Bears that become habituated to human food sources are generally trapped and destroyed, not relocated.

To report an aggressive wildlife encounter, please phone the provincial Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277.

The WildSafeBC Program was established by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation to prevent conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions. Visit wildsafebc.com for conflict reduction strategies and additional resources. You may contact the provincial WildSafeBC Coordinator at 1-250-828-2551.

### Numerous food-conditioned bears are destroyed in British Columbia every year.

This is preventable and requires your cooperation. Please do your part by securing wildlife attractants.



### **March** 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bears are out, put your bird feeders av	vay!	Fraser Valley Conse Open for online sale on May 10, 2025. https://fraser-valley-	1			
2	Red Zone B	4 Green Zone B	5 Ash Wednesday  Yellow Zone A	6 Blue Zone A	7 Orange Zone A	8 International Women's Day
g Daylight Saving starts	10 Red Zone A	11 Green Zone A	12 Yellow Zone B	13 Blue Zone B	14 Orange Zone B	15 BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
16	17 St. Patrick's Day  Red Zone B	18 Green Zone B	19 Yellow Zone A	20 Spring begins  Blue Zone A	21 Orange Zone A	22
23 30	24 Red Zone A	25	26	27	28 Orange Zone B	29

### **Water Conservation**

#### **Water is a Precious Commodity**

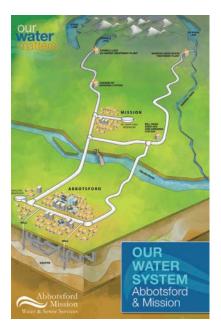
We owe it to ourselves to use this resource wisely and to minimize waste. Due to high peak water demands in the summer, water restrictions are implemented each year. Watering restrictions will ensure that Mission residents continue to have a high quality water supply capable of supporting a growing population.

Water Restrictions in effect May 1 – September 30 with potential for extension depending on drought levels. Check ourwatersmatters.ca for up-to-date information.

Due to high peak water demands in the summer, the Abbotsford/Mission Water Sewer Commission implements water restrictions each year. Watering restrictions will ensure that Abbotsford and Mission residents continue to have a high quality water supply capable of supporting a growing population.

#### **Did You Know?**

Abbotsford and Mission have a Landscape & Irrigation Waterwise Efficiency program. This program offers free irrigation and landscape assessments to Abbotsford and Mission residents. During this session, you will learn how to make your landscape more water efficient, how to amend your soil and get recommendations for making your irrigation system more efficient. If you amend your soil, plant waterwise plants, or install a climate-based irrigation controller, you will be eligible to apply for up to \$250 in rebates. You need to sign up for an assessment before you apply for the rebates. To apply, or find out more, visit www.ourwatermatters.ca



### **Conserving Water**

#### Inside:

- Install high-efficiency shower heads, toilets and tap aerators
- Fix leaky pipes, hoses, faucets and toilets
- Take shorter showers
- Run only full loads in your diswasher & washing machine

#### **Outside:**

- Choose native and droughtresistant plants
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of using a hose, and use a bucket when washing your car
- Apply mulch and use soaker hoses to reduce evaporation
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn



### **April** 2025



Get up to 1 cubic yard of free Rot Pot compost at the Mission Landfill any day of the week, including weekends in April and May.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
To the curb by	Fraser Valley	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5
8:00	Conservancy's Spring Native Plant	Free Compost				
am	Sale • See March 2025	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Free Compost	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	Yellow Zone B	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
					NO COLLECTION	BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
Free Compost	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED						Green Living 11am-3pm Heritage Park
Free Compost	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	Yellow Zone B	Blue Zone B	info@messociety.ca messociety.ca
27	28	29	30	<b>Spring Cleanup</b>		- B
	B	B	B	, , ,	this year. Please put out yo age collection day with on	
Free Compost	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B		bagged. Bags can be colle isure Centre, Public Works	_
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### **Spring Cleanup 2025**

Spring Clean-up starts early this year. Curbside collection **residents may set out up to two cubic metres of additional garbage or bulky items on their regular garbage collection day only.** One cubic metre is equivalent to six bags of garbage or the size of one stove. Mattresses must be bagged. Bags can be collected free of charge from Welton Common, the Leisure Centre, Public Works and City Hall.

Items set out at the curb must not be loose and must be manageable by two people. Excess or unacceptable materials will be left at the curb, and prompt cleanup of "leftovers" remains the resident's responsibility. Fines apply.

#### **Materials EXCLUDED from Spring Cleanup Collection:**

- Electronics: e.g. computers, monitors, audio equipment, etc.
- Renovation waste: e.g. flooring, windows, lumber, drywall, sinks, toilets, etc.
- Hazardous materials: e.g. paint, solvents, pesticides, sharps, fluorescent lights, etc.
- Vehicle parts: e.g. tires, batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, etc.

#### **FREE Drop-off Options (Year-round):**

	Examples	FREE Drop-off at Mission Recycling Depot	FREE Drop-off at Mission Landfill
Electronics	TVs, monitors, computers	1	
Paint Products	Paint, stain, thinner, aerosols	1	
Pesticides	Domestic, with skull & cross bones	1	
Fuel	Gasoline, kerosene in ULC container	1	
Oil	Motor oil & filters, cooking oil	1	
Light Bulbs	Incandescents, fluorescents, LEDs	1	
Batteries	Automotive, household	Household batteries only	
Scrap Metal	Barbecues, bicycles, appliances	1	1
Small Appliances	Toasters, coffee makers, lamps	1	
Cooling Appliances	Fridges, freezers, air conditioners	1	1
Tires	Passenger vehicle & light truck only		Off-rim: free; on-rim: Fees apply



### Household Hazardous Waste Day

Household hazardous wastes, such as corrosive, caustic and unknown substances, can be dropped off on **Saturday, May 10, at the Mission Recycling Depot free of charge from 9 am to 1 pm.** Please note – the depot accepts paint, flammables, and domestic pesticides anytime, see details on page 4 of this calendar.

The event is paid for by the City of Mission and Electoral Area C, F & G taxpayers, and will be restricted to residents from these communities.

No commercial, industrial or agricultural products, please!





#### **Green Thumb Outdoor Plant Sale**

Buy plants at 32965 4th Avenue from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on dates with this symbol, and support four animal charities. Contact: 604-826-3290.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Spring Cleanup: Ex garbage collection	tra garbage and bulky it day. Please do not set id attracting wildlife, ar	tems are collected <b>only</b> out extra garbage bags	Free Compost  Yellow Zone A	2 Blue Zone A	Rotary Shred-A-Thon Parking Lot 9am-1pm missionsunriserotary.org	
Free Compost	5 Orange Zone A	6 Red Zone A	7 Green Zone A	8 Yellow Zone B	9 Blue Zone B	Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day; Recycling Depot at 7229 Mershon St. 9 am to 1 pm
11 Mother's Day  Free Compost	12 Orange Zone B	13 Red Zone B	14 Green Zone B	15 Yellow Zone A	16 Blue Zone A	17  BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
18 Free Compost	19 Victoria Day NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	20 Orange Zone A	21 Red Zone A	22 Green Zone A	23 Yellow Zone B	24
25 Free Compost	26 Blue Zone B	27 Orange Zone B	28 Red Zone B	29 Green Zone B	30 Yellow Zone A	To the curb by 8:00 am

# **Land Clearing Management Program**

### The City recently updated and created Development Permit Areas for the protection of the natural environment.

Development Permits may be required for land alterations or clearing in regulated areas as identified on Map 14A and 14B of the Official Community Plan. The purpose of this initiative is to equip the City with the proper tools to regulate otherwise uncontrolled land clearing which may occur outside or in advance of the development process.

Unless subject to an exemption, a Development Permit is required for any clearing of virgin or regenerated forest which exceeds the following cumulative areas in a calendar year:

- 200 m2 within the Urban Growth Boundary
- 500 m2 outside the Urban Growth Boundary

This program also regulates development near streams in accordance with the provincial Riparian Areas Protection Regulation. Generally, any new development or disturbance within 30 m from the natural boundary of a stream would require a Development Permit.

For additional information, visit mission.ca/landclearing



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### **June** 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	Yellow Zone B		
8 Fraser Valley Children's Festival Fraser River Heritage Park • 10am-4pm	9	10	11	12	13	14	
604-826-0029 missionartscouncil.ca	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A		
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20 Summer begins	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	
	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	Yellow Zone B	BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca	
22	23	24 Saint-Jean Baptiste	25	26	27	28	
	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A		
29	30	Get the Recycle				ng Restrictions	
	Blue Zone A	Get reminders for your collection day, spring cleanup, and household hazardous waste day. The app also helps with waste sorting and finding drop-off facilities. You can get it at <b>App Store</b> or <b>Google Play</b> . for details					
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### **Don't Get Burnt!**

## Giant Hogweed can cause second degree burns, blindness and permanent scarring on contact.

It can reach 5 metres in height and features white, umbrella-like flowerheads that produce up to 50,000 seeds each.



**Young Hogweed Leaves** 



Mature Hogweed

– up to 5 m high

#### **Report Giant Hogweed Sightings**

If you see giant hogweed, immediately report the location to the City at **604-820-3736** or at **engineering@mission.ca**. Do not come in contact with any part of this plant to avoid injury!

More information on invasive species at www.fviss.ca

### **Knotweed is Highly Invasive**

Knotweed (Japanese, Himalayan, giant and bohemian) is not a health hazard, but it is highly invasive and can **grow through asphalt and concrete, including building foundations**. Its root system can extend up to 15 metres laterally and 3 metres into the ground. Knotweed, due to its segmented stem, is often mistaken for bamboo.

Conventional control methods such as physically pulling plants is ineffective due to the extensive root network. Mowing is strongly discouraged as it will cause the infestation to spread and it is likely to stimulate further growth of existing plants.

If you find knotweed on your property, contact the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society for advice on control options. FVISS can be reached at info@fviss.ca.



**Japanese Knotweed - note the zig zag stem** 

## **July** 2025



Large appliances, including fridges and freezers, are accepted at both the Mission Landfill and the Mission Recycling Depot.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
To the curb by 8:00 am		1 Canada Day  NO COLLECTION  RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	4 Green Zone A	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Yellow Zone B	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Yellow Zone B	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	
27	28 Yellow Zone A	29 Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	31 Red Zone A		ion Arts Centre at I June 30th to August mation go to <b>mission</b> -

# Join the Habitat Healers Today and Take Action!

The Fraser Valley Conservancy's Habitat Healers team is a group of volunteers dedicated to creating happy, healthy habitats in your neighbourhood.

Are you looking for a new way to make positive changes for the environment right here in Mission? Join the Habitat Healers!

Be a part of a group of volunteers who are learning how to care for nature, improving habitats, making friends, and having fun. Habitat Healers events are free to join, open to all skill levels, and family friendly.

Join the fun and make a difference for nature today!





fraservalleyconservancy.ca/programs/habitat-healers



### Join us for a variety of nature-based events in Mission from May - November:

- Guided nature walks
- Educational workshops
- Invasive species removal
- Garbage cleanups
- Tree planting events
- Team building and networking



### August 2025

Open for online sales August 25th - September 28th 2025 with pick-up location TBD on Oct. 4th, 2025. https://fraser-valley-conservancy.myshopify.com/ • 604-625-0066

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	recycle coach		d Recycle Coach	now	1 Green Zone A	2
3	4 BC Day, Heritage Day NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	5 Yellow Zone B	6 Blue Zone B	7 Orange Zone B	8 Red Zone B	9
10	11 Green Zone B	12 Yellow Zone A	13  Blue Zone A	14 Orange Zone A	15 Red Zone A	16 BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
17	18 Green Zone A	19 Yellow Zone B	20 Blue Zone B	21 Orange Zone B	22 Red Zone B	23
31	25 Fraser Valley Conservancy's Fall Native Plant Sale • See above	26	27	28	29	30
-	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	

### **Recycling Contamination:**

#### What Is It and How Can We Prevent It?

Contamination in curbside blue bins is a major obstacle in the recycling process.

After collection, materials are brought to a receiving facility where they are further sorted into categories i.e., paper, plastic, tin, etc. From there, the materials are baled and sold to end markets.

When contaminated material is found, it impacts its end use. High contamination rates could mean recycling is no longer a viable option, and the material is directed to the landfill.

Keeping contamination rates low keeps program costs down. Mission's curbside recycling currently has high levels of contamination which could result in fines and eventually increased collection fees. We need your help to reduce contamination.

#### The most common contaminants in curbside recycling are:

- Material that is not residential packaging or paper i.e., toys, plastic totes, plastic products.
- Material that is not part of our accepted material list i.e., hard, and soft cover books, packaging with mixed layers of paper and plastic.
- Hazardous material, including batteries, propane or butane cylinders, needles, lighters.
- Textiles i.e., clothing, footwear, linens.
- Garbage.
- Soiled paper products. i.e. paper towel, napkins, etc.

#### For more information, please visit mission.ca/recycling.

If you're unsure whether a material is accepted, download, and use the Recycle Coach app or call 604-820-3736.







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## September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
To the curb by 8:00 am	1 Labour Day  NO COLLECTION  RECYCLING DEPOT  & LANDFILL CLOSED	2 Green Zone A	3 Yellow Zone B	4 Blue Zone B	5 Orange Zone B	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca Renaissance Faire
	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	Yellow Zone B	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	missionartscouncil.ca 604-826-0029
21	22 Fall begins	23	24	25	26	27
	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	
28	29 Red Zone A	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	ground and run your l	m up, leave them on the awnmower over them, ree trunks and shrubs	i Needles and snarps	can also be returned macies free of charge.

### **Only Rain In Your Drain**

### **Even Clean Tap Water Can Pollute Fish Habitat**

Unlike water that goes down your household drain, water that flows into storm drains is not treated or filtered, and all storm drains eventually lead to creeks, rivers, or lakes. As per Mission's Sewer Bylaw 5033-2009 it is illegal to discharge into a storm drain or ditch wastes such as cleaning detergents (including biodegradable products), oil, anti-freeze, gasoline, car-washing soaps and products, chlorinated water, paint, varnishes and stripper products or residues, concrete and grout product and wash water, pesticides and other household poisons.

Contact **engineering@mission.ca** or **604-820-3736** to find appropriate disposal options.

Many municipal water supply disinfection systems include chlorine and ammonia together which produces chloramine, which is very toxic to aquatic organisms. It is therefore important to never introduce wash water from vehicles or driveways into storm drains, and even straight tap water should not be allowed to flow into storm sewer intakes.



Photo credit: Hoy/Scott Watershed Society



## Follow these tips to keep materials hazardous to the environment out of our stormwater systems and out of our waterways:

- Never use bleach when cleaning concrete or asphalt surfaces, such as driveways. Direct runoff to a porous surface, such as gravel or grass.
- Clean paint brushes and rollers inside your home, so that the wash water will go to the sanitary sewer, rather than the storm sewer.
- Visit a commercial car wash for cleaning your vehicle. Wash water from
  these operations is directed to the sanitary sewer and receives treatment.
  If you must wash your vehicle at home do so on a grass or gravel area so
  that wash water can infiltrate into the ground.

### October 2025

Pumpkins can be placed in the Rot Pot. Remove any decorations and ensure the Rot Pot doesn't exceed 20kg.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A Solution for Halloween Packaging Ghosts, goblins, witches, and packaging? Unlike the usual spooky subjects, packaging doesn't have to be scary. Candy wrappers and other flexible plastic packaging can be returned to a Recycle BC depot or London Drugs location.			1 Green Zone A	2 Yellow Zone B	3 Blue Zone B	4
5	6 Orange Zone B	7 Red Zone B	8 Green Zone B	9 Yellow Zone A	10 Blue Zone A	11
12		14	15	16	17	18
12	NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	Yellow Zone B	BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	Yellow Zone A	
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	To the curb by 8:00
	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	Yellow Zone B	

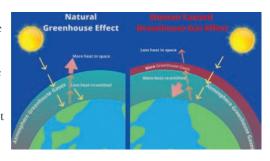
# Climate Change and Mission's Environmental Charter

Climate Change is the long-term change in average weather patterns that defines our earth's local, regional, and global climate.

Mission's 2008 Environmental Charter was revised in 2022 to bring it up to date with current environmental concerns. After a thorough public consultation process, the new Environmental Charter was adopted by Council on June 18, 2022.

The Environmental Charter 2022-2027 is a 5-year action plan to address climate change, foster resilient and vibrant communities, and protect and enhance ecosystems and green spaces now and into the future. Access the City of Mission's Environmental Charter 2022-2027 at mission.ca/environmental-charter.

With the growing events of climate change and increasing demand on our world's natural resources, it is now more urgent than ever to take climate action to better steward our environment and cut greenhouse gas emissions in our community.



# Here are some simple ways you can help address climate change:

- Reduce your greenhouse gas emissions by walking or biking instead of driving your vehicle
- Eat more meatless meals
- Be more conservative with your energy usage
- Reduce your amount of waste by ensuring you are recycling and composting correctly
- Transition to renewable or clean energy sources and appliances, like a heat pump, and induction stove, and/or a zero-emission vehicle
- Get involved join or create an environmental or climate change focused community program
- Let your local, provincial, and federal government know climate change is important to you



### **November** 2025



Mission Recycling Depot at 7229 Mershon Street, accepts small appliances, power tools, and electronics

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		earn how to re Download Recycl		Download on the App Store  America Arroll  Google play	To the curb by 8:00 am	1
2 Daylight Saving ends	3 Blue Zone B	4 Orange Zone B	5 Red Zone B	6 Green Zone B	7 Yellow Zone A	8 Annual Christmas Craft Market missionartscouncil.ca 604-826-0029
9 Annual Christmas Craft Market missionartscouncil.ca 604-826-0029	10 Blue Zone A	11 Remembrance Day NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	12 Orange Zone A	13 Red Zone A	14 Green Zone A	15 BRIM-Repair Cafe weareBRIM.ca
16	17 Yellow Zone B	18 Blue Zone B	19 Orange Zone B	20 Red Zone B	21 Green Zone B	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	

### **Happy Holidays!**

### Holiday Schedule Mission Landfill & Recycling Depot

Both the **Mission Landfill and the Recycling Depot will be closed** on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and will close at 3 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

#### **Curbside Collection**

Please note any changes to curbside collection due to Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day, as indicated in the calendar. Residents can put out twice the regular amount of garbage on their garbage collection day immediately following the holidays. Additional garbage is acceptable in bags or bins. Waste can only be set out between 5:00 am and 8:00 am on the morning of collection day.

### Christmas Tree-cycling At the Curb:

Christmas trees will be collected at the curb on your regular collection day, but **must be free of decorations and cut in half** to fit into the collection vehicle.

#### At the Landfill:

One Christmas tree per household may also be dropped off at the Mission Landfill free of charge anytime. The Mission Landfill is located at 32000 Dewdney Trunk Road, just east of the Stave Lake Dam, and is open seven days a week, from 8 am to 5 pm, but closed on statutory holidays, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

#### **Holiday Waste Reduction Tips**

- Avoid elaborate gift packaging.
- Use reusable gift bags, or make the wrapper part of the gift (e.g., use a tea towel).
- Bake cookies, make preserves, or create your own beverage concoction.
- Use leftover food to make soup, or send leftovers home with your guests.
- Give the gift of time, such as offering shopping, cleaning, baby or pet-sitting services.



### **December** 2025

Decem	<b>ber</b> 202	25		<b>Happy H</b>	lolidays!	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
To the curb by 8:00	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Yellow Zone B	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	Red Zone A	Green Zone A	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Yellow Zone B	Blue Zone B	Orange Zone B	Red Zone B	Green Zone B	
21 Winter begins	22	23	24 RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSE AT 3 PM	25 Christmas Day NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	26 Boxing Day NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	27
	Yellow Zone A	Blue Zone A	Orange Zone A	& LANDFILL GLOSED	& LANDFILL CLUSED	
28	29 Red Zone A	Green Zone A	31 RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSE AT 3 PM Yellow Zone B	1 New Year's Day NO COLLECTION RECYCLING DEPOT & LANDFILL CLOSED	Please see the	e 2026 calendar ry schedule.







### Where Do I . . .

#### ...pickup a Rot Pot, Black Box or Blue Bin?

All containers are available at Welton Common at 7337 Welton Street. Please bring proof of Mission residency. Charges may apply.

#### ...buy a kitchen compost bin?

Kitchen catchers are available at building supply and hardware stores.

#### ...get free orange & blue stickers for extra curbside hins?

Stickers are available at City Hall, Welton Common and the Leisure Centre.

### asbestos/old drywall disposal?

#### ...buy compostable bags?

Compostable paper and plastic bags are available at local building supply and grocery stores.

#### ...buy extra garbage stickers?

Hall, Welton Common and the Leisure Centre for a fee.

### ...buy clear, marked bags for

Clear, marked 6-mil bags are available by the bag at RONA at 7072 Wren Street, or by the box at LORDCO at 32885 London Avenue.

Extra garbage stickers are available at City

#### **Contacts**

#### **Curbside Collection Contractor**

• T: 604-820-6487

E: curbsidecontractor@mission.ca

#### **Engineering Department**

• T: 604-820-3736

E: engineering@mission.ca

#### **Landfill Scalehouse**

• T: 604-826-9008

#### **Mission Recycling Depot**

• T: 604-814-3555

#### **Recycling Hotline**

• T: 1-800-667-4321

#### Wildlife Conflicts/ **Conservation Officers**

• T: 1-877-959-7977

#### **Welton Common**

7337 Welton St, Mission, BC V2V 3X1

#### **Mission City Hall**

8645 Stave Lake St, Mission, BC V2V 4L9







