



FireSmart Your Property

Did you know that by applying a few simple FireSmart principles, your home and property have a greater chance of withstanding wildfire threats?

You can FireSmart your home by:

- maintaining your landscape and choosing FireSmart plants for your yard—the FireSmart Guide to Landscaping can be found online
- enclosing decks with non-combustible materials to discourage the collection of debris and embers
- keeping firewood piles and other items stacked a least 10 m from your home, especially during wildfire season
- ensuring you have a clean, fire-resistant roof and that your eaves are clean
- enclosing soffits and vents to ensure that embers cannot enter them
- removing trees, bushes, and other combustible materials within the first 10 m surrounding your home (junipers and cedars are particularly combustible)
- having a wildfire evacuation plan and making sure everyone in your household knows what to do

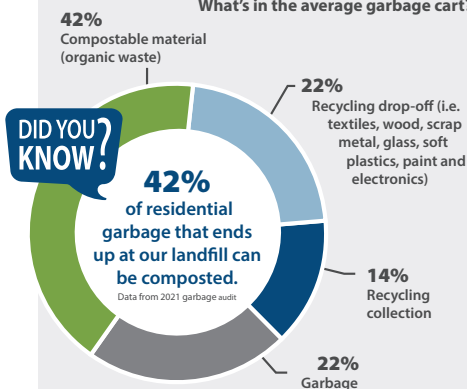
To request a free FireSmart assessment, ask questions, view FAQs, watch videos, and more, visit:

[LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/FireSmart](#)

Why Curbside Organics?

Help Residents Divert Waste From The Landfill

What's in the average garbage cart?



Diverting organic waste from the landfill supports GHG emissions reduction targets in the Community Climate Action Plan.



Curbside Organic Waste Collection

A pilot program testing organic waste collection is currently underway. In September 2021, the City began testing organic waste collection in five select neighbourhoods to learn what works well and what needs to be improved for a community-wide program.

Pending Council's approval, a residential curbside organic waste collection program is planned for all single- and multi-family households along curbside collection routes for mid to late 2023.

Visit our Let's Talk page to learn more about what items would be included in collection, read FAQs about the program, and subscribe to project updates.

To learn more, visit:

[LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/Organics](#)



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Emergency Alert Service

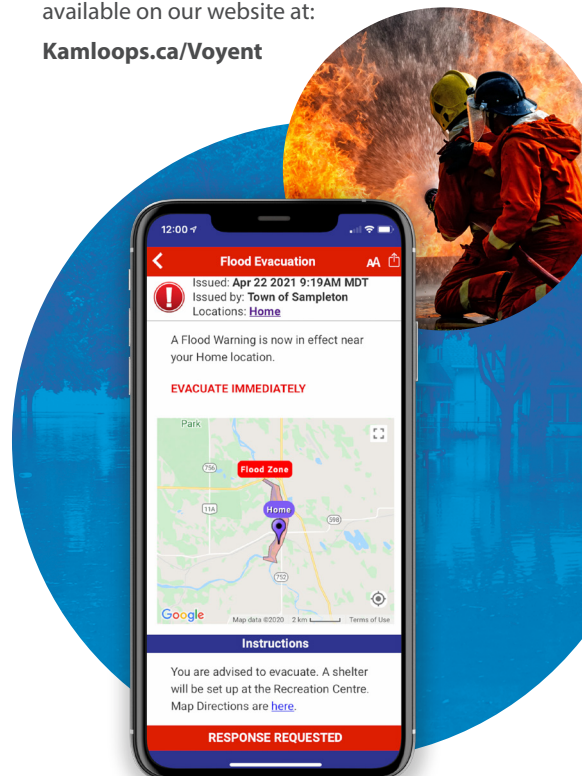
The City of Kamloops is using Voyent Alert! emergency alert service.

- Receive emergency alerts and critical incident notifications.
- Register anonymously and unsubscribe anytime.
- Free and easy to use.
- Sign up on the mobile app or register online to receive notifications via email, text, or phone call.

Note: All users who had previously registered with Voyent Alert! under the TNRD account (i.e. last summer during wildfire season) and who had placed a pin within City of Kamloops boundaries have automatically been added to the City's Voyent account, and no action is required. Find details on our website.

Download the app or register online today. A registration link and tutorial video is available on our website at:

[Kamloops.ca/Voyent](#)





Do Your Part to Be Bear Smart

The City's "Bear Smart" Bylaw is in Effect, April 1–November 30

Bears have already emerged from their winter dens. After a record high year of black bear reports and conflicts in 2021, it is crucial that we properly manage our garbage and bear attractants. Prevent conflicts with bears and help keep the community safe by doing the following:

- Garbage containers should not be set curbside until 4:00am on collection day.
- Store garbage, organics, and recycling in a garage or some other bear-resistant fashion.
- Keep pet food containers indoors.
- Keep barbecues clean.
- Remove bird feeders from May until November.
- Pick ripe fruit quickly and remove unwanted fruit trees.
- Manage back yard composters properly, and do not compost animal products, such as meats, greases, dairy.

If you spot a bear, call the RAPP line at **1-877-952-7277**.



Renovate Smart Kamloops

Did you know? Energy efficient appliances and overall home energy efficiency are top must-have features for home buyers*. Keep your home in good shape and make it energy efficient to be competitive in the real estate market. Learn more in an online Home Energy Performance Workshop.

Our team will help you discover cost-effective ways to improve your home's energy performance and how to take advantage of the many incentives available. These monthly workshops are free and hosted virtually on Zoom.

To view the workshop schedule and register, visit:
[Kamloops.ca/RenovateSmart](https://kamloops.ca/RenovateSmart)

*Source: Canadian Home Builders' Association Consumer Buyer Preferences 2020 Report



Improving home energy efficiency supports GHG emissions reduction targets in the Community Climate Action Plan.



More Ways to Pay Property Taxes and Utility Bills

Paying bills is never fun, but it can be easy. In 2022, the City is expanding the ways in which we accept property tax and utility payments to give you more options and hopefully take less time out of your day. There is now an additional place to pay in-person—at the Tournament Capital Centre—and an additional dropbox location—at Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre. You can also pay online with Visa or Mastercard at Kamloops.ca/Payment (note: a non-refundable 1.75% service fee applies to Visa and Mastercard payments). Your bank may also have phone or online banking options to pay property taxes from the comfort of your home without service fees.

A list of all tax and utility payment options and more detailed information will be available on the tax notices arriving at the end of May.



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