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Options available for Property Tax and Utility Bill Payment

Each year, the City tries to make it easier for residents to pay utility bills and property taxes. In 2023, individuals who prefer to pay their taxes in person at City Hall will find that our doors are open longer. From June 26 to July 4, our tax payment hours will be from 8:00 am-6:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Note that City Hall will be closed Monday, July 3, for the Canada Day long weekend. Here are some more convenient payment options:



- Pay online with Visa or Mastercard at Kamloops.ca/Payment (service fees apply).
- Pay through your bank's online or in-person banking systems
- Pay by mail
- Drop your payment off at one of four drop box locations
- Pay in person at the Tournament Capital Centre (8:30 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday)

Full details are included with your tax notice and are available at:

Kamloops.ca/PropertyTax

Curbside Organic Waste Collection

Coming to a Curb Near You...

A Council-authorized curbside residential organic waste collection program is coming soon to all single- and multi-family households in the City of Kamloops that receive curbside cart collection. If you have a set of garbage and recycling carts that are collected by City trucks, your household is included.

KNOW

Organic waste buried in a landfill generates methane, a highly potent greenhouse gas. By comparison, composting organic waste with controlled exposure to air, moisture, and heat (i.e. at a composting facility) produces carbon dioxide, a much less harmful greenhouse gas.

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3



September 2020 to June 2021 Research and public consultation September 2021 to August 2022

Pilot program along five select collection routes

Mid to Late 2023

Implement curbside organic waste collection for all single- and multi-family households

Learn more about the organics program, subscribe to receive updates on key community rollout milestones, such as the timing of cart delivery for your zone and the start date for city-wide curbside residential organic waste collection at: LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/Organics





It's Bear Smart Season.

Unmanaged bear attractants around our homes can unintentionally attract bears to our neighbourhoods as they sniff out food sources.

Under Solid Waste and Recyclables Bylaw No. 40-67:

- Residents must ensure that solid waste carts are stored securely and made inaccessible to wildlife.
- Carts must not be placed at the curb earlier than 4:00 am on collection day between April 1 and November 30.
- No property owner or occupier shall accumulate, store, or collect any wildlife attractants unless stored in an enclosed structure or closed container.
- Infractions may result in a \$100 fine.





Did you know? Kamloops is one of only 10 BC communities that has achieved official "Bear Smart" status.

Learn more at: Kamloops.ca/BearSmart



Mark These Community Events on Your Calendar

May 26 to June 4

May 20

July & August

July 1

July 23

July 27-30

August 11–13

August 11–12

Memorial Cup

BC Lions Fanfest

Music in the Park

Canada Day/Art in the Park

Overlanders Day

International Buskers Festival

Ribfest

Hot Night in the City



Emergency Alert Service

The City of Kamloops, Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) are encouraging all residents to register for Voyent Alert! in advance of the 2023 flood and wildfire seasons.

All three local governments utilize Voyent Alert!, an emergency notification system that allows residents to register for emergency updates via SMS text, phone call, email, or app notification, making the system accessible in both urban and rural settings. A recent update to the app now allows residents to seamlessly register any property within the city, Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, or TNRD boundaries to the same account and receive notifications from the appropriate local government.

As some devices automatically offload unused apps, registered app users are encouraged to verify that the app is active on their devices.

Registration for Voyent Alert! is free, easy to use, and anonymous, and you can unsubscribe at any time. Download the Voyent Alert! app or register

