## Helping in the Heat

Under the *Emergency Program Act*, the City of Kamloops is required to prepare and plan for local emergency events. The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and BC Public Health continue to lead the BC heat alert response system coordination efforts. The City will activate a heat alert response protocol when Environment and Climate Change Canada issues a heat warning for Kamloops. This includes opening the Sandman Centre concourse as a cooling centre to provide relief from the extreme heat to anyone who needs it.

In the Interior Health region, a heat warning is issued when daytime temperatures are above 35°C for two consecutive days and overnight temperatures remain above 18°C. These continued high temperatures put many vulnerable populations at risk of heat-related illnesses, including the elderly, infants and young children, pregnant women, people with chronic illness, and people experiencing homelessness. Residents are encouraged to check on neighbours and loved ones who may not be able to leave their homes or whose judgment may be impaired.

For tips to beat the heat as well as symptoms of and treatment for heat-related illness, visit **Kamloops.ca/Heat**.

## Curbside Organic Waste Collection is Here!

Curbside residential organic waste collection is starting the week of August 21 in the City of Kamloops. **Residents with curbside collection are reminded that collection schedules are changing.** Organics will be collected weekly, and garbage and recycling will be collected every other week on an alternating basis*.

### What goes in the organics cart?
- **Kitchen food scraps:** raw, cooked, and spoiled food; dairy; fruits/vegetables (including pits/husks); meat/fish; bones/shells; fats and cooking oils (soak in paper towel or newsprint); and liquids (e.g. sauces).
- **Food-soiled paper products:** soiled paper napkins; food-soiled newsprint and paper/ bags/plates; greasy pizza boxes; coffee grinds/filters and tea bags ; wooden sticks (e.g. chopsticks); and food-soiled takeout containers (without wax or plastic lining).
- Small amounts of yard waste and animal bedding from cages.

For a full list of what's accepted in the organics cart, refer to the **Solid Waste Collection Guide** delivered with your organics cart or visit our website.

### New Collection Format

**Example**
**SEPTEMBER 2023**

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

🗑️ **Garbage & Organics**   ♻️ **Recycling & Organics**   🟨 **Collection Day**

**\* Note:** Organics is collected weekly March 1–November 30; and biweekly (on garbage days) December 1–February 28/29.

**Phase 1** ✓   **Phase 2** ✓   **Phase 3** ●

**2020–2021**
Public Consultation

**2021–2022**
Pilot Program

**2023**
Community Rollout

A curbside residential organics program will reduce greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing 2,000 passenger vehicles per year from local roads.

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Learn more, read FAQs, and find resources and zone-specific collection schedules at **Kamloops.ca/Organics**.

## It's Bear Smart Season.

### Do you have fruit trees?

Fruit trees are not a natural source of food for wildlife and, left unmanaged, can attract wildlife into the community. Allowing this to happen is dangerous and an offence under the *British Columbia Wildlife Act.*

If you have fruit trees, please do your part to keep our community and wildlife safe.

Remember—your actions can save an animal's life!

**Tips to prevent human-wildlife conflict and benefit your fruit trees:**
- Prune your fruit trees so they only produce the amount of fruit you are able to use.
- Clean up fallen fruit daily and pick fruit and berries as soon as they ripen.
- If you need help harvesting your trees and want to make the fruit available to others, learn about the Kamloops Food Policy Council's Gleaning Abundance Program at **KamloopsFoodPolicyCouncil.com**.
- Prune fruit trees when they are dormant (January to early February).
- Consider investing in an electric fence system that will act as a wildlife deterrent.

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

Learn more at: **Kamloops.ca/BearSmart**

## Call for photos!

### Deadline: September 29, at 4:30 pm

Residents of all skill levels and ages are invited to submit their digital photos for a chance to be featured in the 2024 City Calendar. We encourage submissions that highlight our city's diverse population, urban landmarks, breathtaking environment, and variety of leisure activities.

Individuals with submissions selected for inclusion in the 2024 City Calendar or selected as a cover for any major publication in 2024 will receive public recognition on our website and social media channels and will be awarded a one-month Full Access Family Pass to the Tournament Capital Centre!

By submitting your photos, you are granting the City of Kamloops full reproduction rights and permissions. The City uses submitted photos for a number of promotional and informational purposes beyond the City Calendar and major publications. We do our best to credit photographers when we can.

For competition conditions and to apply, visit **Kamloops.ca/Calendar.**



VOYENT**ALERT!**

## Emergency Alert Service

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

- Receive emergency alerts and critical incident notifications.
- Register anonymously and unsubscribe anytime.
- It is 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 Thompson-Nicola Regional District 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 a tutorial video are available on our website at:

**Kamloops.ca/Voyent**



## Let's Talk KAMLOOPS

**Share Your Voice. Shape Our City.**
Let's Talk Kamloops is the City's online engagement site where you can contribute your ideas and feedback on city matters.

**Sign up and speak up at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca**

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