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Hello Mayor & Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing two information bulletins over the holiday week: (1) a reminder of this season's recycling options for live, cut Christmas trees (Dec. 28 issuance) and (2) a reminder of the single-use item by-law coming into effect on January 1, 2022 (Dec. 30 issuance).

Best,  
Paul

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## **How to recycle your Christmas tree this season**

The City makes recycling live, cut Christmas trees easy with four free options for Vancouver residents this holiday season:

- Bring your tree to any Lion's Club chipping event January 8-9
- City-wide tree (and extra leaf) collection January 15-16
- Cut your tree into small pieces and put it in your Green Bin
- Drop your tree off for free at the Transfer Station or Landfill until January 31

To prepare your tree for recycling, remove all lights, decorations, and tinsel beforehand. Artificial trees or trees sprayed with artificial snow or foam are not accepted.

Trees collected through the City's programs are turned into nutrient-rich compost at the Vancouver Landfill. This compost is then sold to residential gardeners, commercial landscapers and municipal parks departments.

More information on recycling live, cut Christmas trees is available below and at [vancouver.ca/christmastree](https://vancouver.ca/christmastree).

### **Lions Club Tree Chipping Events**

**Saturday January 8 and Sunday January 9, 2022**

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Locations:**

- King George Secondary School parking lot
- Kitsilano Beach parking lot
- Kerrisdale Ice Arena parking lot
- Trout Lake Community Centre parking lot

Donations of cash and non-perishable food items are welcome and will be distributed to local charities.

### **Curbside Tree (and extra leaf) Collection – January 15 and 16**

Trees and extra leaves will be collected from homes with City Green Bin service the weekend of January 15 and 16. Residents should set out their tree and/or leaves before 7 am on Saturday, January 15 in their regular collection area to avoid being missed.

### **Cut It, Green Bin It**

Trees cut into small pieces are accepted as part of regular Green Bin service. Pieces should be less than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter and 50 cm (20 in) long and the lid of the Green Bin must close completely.

### **Free Drop-off to Transfer Station or Landfill – until January 31**

Trees can be dropped off for free until January 31 at the following locations:

- Vancouver South Transfer Station, 377 West Kent Avenue North
- Vancouver Landfill, 5400 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Delta

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## **Bag ban and fees on single-use cups start January 1**

Vancouver's ban on plastic bags and fees for single-use cups is just days away. On January 1, 2022 City by-laws will go into effect banning plastic shopping bags and requiring businesses to charge fees for paper and new reusable shopping bags, as well as single-use cups.

These new regulations are key parts of our overall strategy to reduce waste from single-use items. They join the by-laws for foam, straws and utensils introduced in 2020.

### **How we shop is changing**

- Starting January 1, businesses can no longer distribute single-use plastic shopping bags to customers. The ban includes plastic shopping bags made from fossil fuels, plastic bags labelled or described as compostable or degradable, and plastic bags made from plants or other biological materials.
- This year Vancouver shoppers will also start paying for paper and new reusable shopping bags, if they forget to bring their own. Businesses are required to charge a minimum of \$0.15 for a paper shopping bag and \$1.00 for a new reusable shopping bag.

Residents should always bring their own reusable bags when they shop to avoid paying bag fees and to reduce single-use waste. Bringing your own bag is allowed during COVID-19, according to [BC Centre for Disease Control guidelines](#). Residents are encouraged to clean their bags regularly using Health Canada cleaning tips available [here](#).

## **Coffee and tea time is changing**

- On January 1, businesses are required to charge a minimum of \$0.25 for each single-use cup. To avoid the fee and reduce waste, bring your own cup. Or, if you're having a drink to stay, ask for it in a reusable cup.
- The City has worked with Vancouver Coastal Health to ensure that "contactless cup" procedures, which are used in cities around the world, can be used during COVID-19 to safely serve drinks in customers' cups.

## **What happens to the fees?**

Businesses keep the fees from cups and shopping bags and are encouraged to use them to cover the cost of complying with the by-laws (e.g. software updates, staff training) and to invest in reusable alternatives, such as dishwashers, reusable cup-share or "take-a-bag, leave-a-bag" programs.

The City is committed to supporting businesses and other organizations that are affected by the new by-laws. [Toolkits](#) are available in several languages to help businesses comply and find reusable, recyclable or compostable alternatives that are convenient and affordable.

Visit [vancouver.ca/single-use](https://vancouver.ca/single-use) for more information on all our single-use item by-laws.

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