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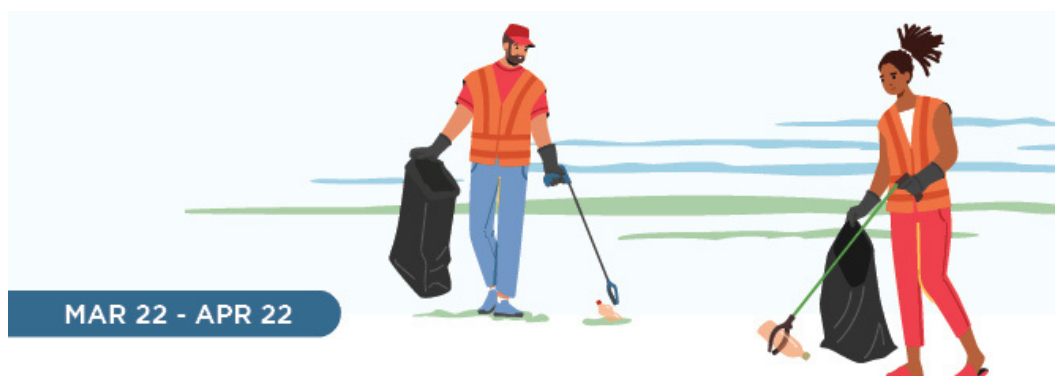
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2023 Litter Cleanup Challenge

We are kicking off this year's cleanup season with our 2023 Litter Cleanup Challenge! Between March 22 and April 22, participate in a cleanup and you can be entered into a draw to win 1 of 25 prizes featuring reusable tiffins, reusable straws, reusable cutlery sets, reusable produce bags, and much more.

This year, we are partnering with your local community centre and community policing centre to disperse supplies. You can visit any of the following locations to grab cleanup equipment. Once you're done cleaning up your neighbourhood, take a photo of the garbage you collected or your cleanup in action and submit it in our online post cleanup survey [here](#). The more cleanups you do, the more entries you can get for the draw.



2023 LITTER CLEANUP CHALLENGE



List of participating sites

- Strathcona Community Policing Centre
- Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre
- South Vancouver Community Policing Centre
- Collingwood Community Policing Centre
- Downtown Granville Community Policing Centre
- Grandview Woodland Community Policing Centre
- West End Community Centre
- Renfrew Community Centre
- Sunset community Centre
- Kerrisdale Community Centre
- Hillcrest Community Centre
- Marpole Oakridge Community Centre
- Killarney Community Centre
- Britannia Community Centre
- False Creek Community Centre

Learn more about the event [here](#)!

Upcoming events – towards Zero Waste 2040

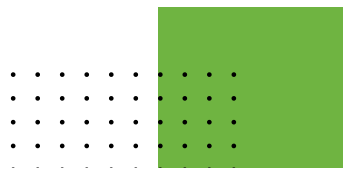
From cleanups to repair cafes to recycling and reuse drop off events, the City of Vancouver is committed to achieving its Zero Waste 2040 goals. These events will be occurring throughout the spring and summer so keep an eye out on our [city calendar](#) to sign up!

Reduce, reuse, repair!

Our second repair cafe of the year will run from 9am–1pm at Trout Lake Community Centre. Bring an item such as a piece of clothing or a small appliance that needs repairing and one of our repair cafe volunteers will try to fix it for you. By repairing your items, you can extend its lifespan, reduce waste, and hence, contribute to our shift towards a zero waste community. You can register for the free event [here](#)!

Alternatively, if you are passionate about waste reduction, helping the community, or repairing items, you can learn more and register to volunteer [here](#).

Repair cafes will be occurring monthly so keep an eye out on the [website](#) for future events.



Free Repair Café

Trout Lake Community Centre
3360 Victoria Drive
Saturday, March 18, 2023, 9am to 1pm

GOT A SMALL APPLIANCE, ELECTRONIC ITEM
OR PIECE OF CLOTHING THAT NEEDS FIXING?



Get it repaired at our repair café.
To book at time slot, scan the QR code.

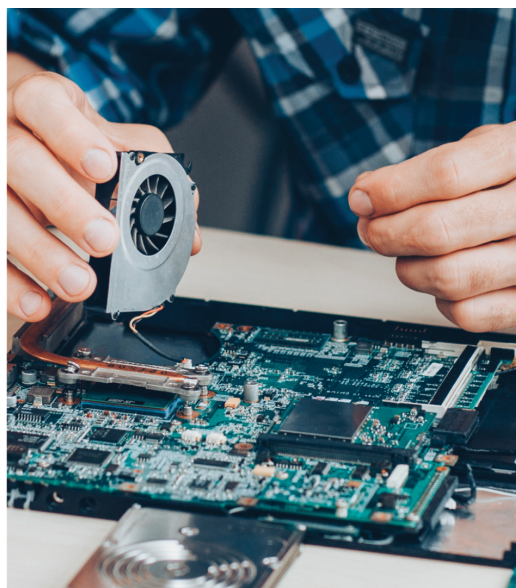
vancouver.ca/repaircafe



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This event is funded with assistance from Metro Vancouver and the City of Vancouver.



Reuse and recycling drop off events

Have you been wanting to drop off some goods at the zero waste center but haven't had the chance to? Come to a Reuse and Recycling Drop Off Event near you and bring any unwanted electronics, computers, small appliances, power tools, light bulbs, phones, used clothing and much more, and drop them off for free. Please visit our [website](#) for a list of accepted items, safety procedures and sorting requirements, and the [calendar](#) for the event dates.

Zero Waste Fair

Our Zero Waste Fair is happening again after its huge success last year! This year, the fair will take place May 20th from 9am-1pm at Killarney Community Centre. It will feature guest speakers, a repair cafe, [a city hosted cleanup](#), a clothing swap, other zero waste organizations, and more! Pre-register for the event [here](#)!

Adopt a block feature and updates

This year, we have been transitioning away from plastic bags toward buckets for our new adopt a block volunteers! We have partnered with local businesses to source these buckets in an effort to reuse existing resources. We have also received some valuable feedback and ideas from the community regarding upcycling items like bread bags or fruit bags for their cleanups! Thank you to everybody who has contributed to our program so far!

This month, we are featuring our adopt the blocker, Eva Machálek, who had a great cleanup experience to share.

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I wanted to [share] my great time cleaning up today. Not only [did many] people [walk] by saying hi and thank you, today a man came running out of his apartment buildings to talk to me. He said he sees me outside doing my clean up and was impressed. We had a great chat about what one person can do and how it all adds up to make society better. I told him that my family has had a great life in Canada since we arrived in 1905 and it's important for me to say thank you. Volunteering is one way I can do that. There are 38 million Canadians. 38 million little contributions = fabulous!!!

We hope this story inspires and uplifts you in knowing that your contributions and efforts do matter!

Recapping our first cleanup of the year

We had a successful first city hosted cleanup at Riley Park last Saturday! More than 55 people showed up despite the rainy weather and we collected over 25 bags of garbage!



Starting in April, on top of the city hosted cleanups, we will also be hosting monthly Chinatown cleanups! The anticipated date of our first Chinatown cleanup event is Saturday April 15, and our next City Hosted Cleanup will be on May 20th at Killarney Park in conjunction with our Zero Waste Fair that day! Hope to see you all there!



Recycle BC expands the types of accepted items

We have some exciting news! Recycle BC has expanded the types of items accepted in the household curbside recycling program as well as at their depots. Some of the items that are now accepted in your blue bins include plastic utensils, plastic tape dispenser, plastic plant pots, and much more! Check out the full list [here](#).

Additionally, other flexible plastic packaging and plastic bags and overwrap are now being consolidated into a single collection category of flexible plastics. This includes but is not limited to items such as chip bags, candy wrappers, plastic produce bags, and plastic sandwich and freezer bags. These are accepted at your local depot and the full list of accepted items can be found [here](#).

