

# DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM NEWS



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## *The Environment*

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# Coquitlam, GVRD Organizing Hazardous Waste Drop-off

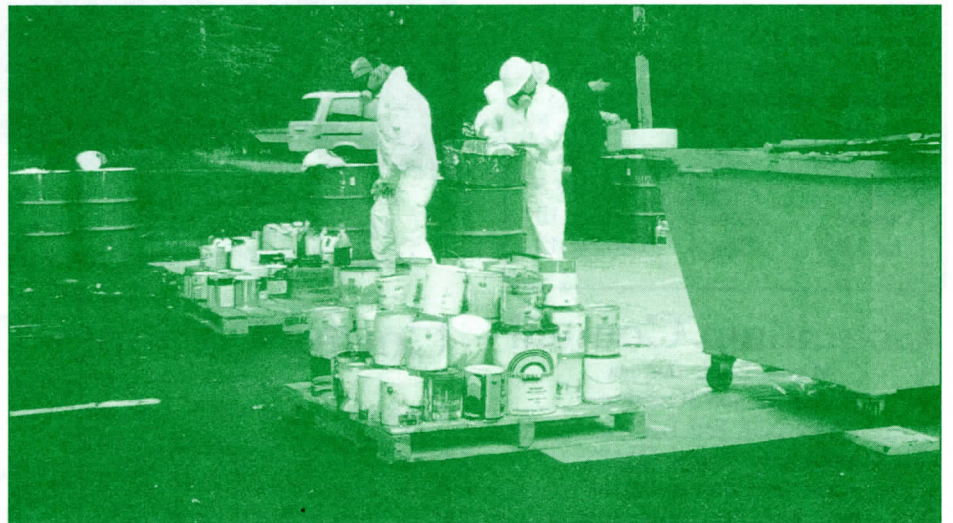
If you've been waiting for an opportunity to dispose of common hazardous products such as paint, old automotive batteries, propane cylinders or aerosol cans, to name just a few, circle the dates of Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28 on your calendar.

These are the dates on which the District of Coquitlam and the Greater Vancouver Regional District are joining forces to provide Coquitlam residents with an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste.

Coquitlam, surrounding municipalities and the GVRD will jointly facilitate a collection of household hazardous waste on the October 27-28 weekend. Residents are asked to take hazardous products to the current B.C. Transit development site at the corner of Barnet and Lougheed Highway.

Hazardous materials will be sorted at the drop-off site. The provincial government will be responsible for the transportation and disposal of the materials.

Further details will be advertised in local community newspapers prior to the collection weekend.



*Coquitlam residents will be able to drop off hazardous wastes October 27 & 28*

## GARDEN WASTE CLEAN-UP

October 1-12 has been earmarked as Garden Waste Clean-Up Week in the District of Coquitlam.

Turn to page 2 of this newsletter for complete details.



## GARDEN WASTE CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE SET

A Fall Clean-Up period for the collection of garden waste has been scheduled Oct. 1-12 to help offset the banning of backyard burning in Coquitlam.

The Fall Clean-Up will be for garden waste — leaves, weeds, branches, grass, tree and plant clippings. Items other than garden waste are *not acceptable and will not be picked up.*

Collection will be on your regular garbage pick-up day.

However, garden waste will be picked up separately from your regular garbage, *the same day but not at the same time.* Place your garden waste near to but separate from your regular garbage and tie in bundles one metre by one-half metre.

Remember, batteries, paints and other difficult-to-dispose-of items can be dropped off at the household hazardous waste collection area in October (see page 1).

Following is the Fall Clean-Up collection schedule for each zone:

Monday	Zone 5	October 1
Wednesday	Zone 2	October 3
Friday	Zone 4	October 5
Tuesday	Zone 1	October 10
Thursday	Zone 3	October 12

## Coquitlam Council

Mayor Louis Sekora  
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Alderman Bill LeClair  
Alderman Walter Ohirko  
Alderman Eunice Parker  
Alderman Brian Robinson  
Alderman Dave White

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Municipal Clerk: Ted Klassen  
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## Message from Council

District residents have responded enthusiastically to our municipal recycling program, and for this, Council is most gratified.

With more than 18 per cent of our residential waste being diverted into the recycling system, Coquitlam residents are certainly doing their part to reduce the amount of solid waste requiring disposal.

Council is fully committed to recycling and the protection of the environment.

Having recently expanded our residential recycling program to include multiple-family dwellings, Council has undertaken other environmentally sound initiatives which you will read about in this newsletter. Plan now to participate in Fall Clean-Up Week and our upcoming Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Weekend.

Working together and with our surrounding neighbours, we can make a difference!



Front row, left to right: Alderman Jon Kingsbury, Mayor Louis Sekora, Alderman Eunice Parker; back row, left to right: Alderman Dave White, Alderman Brian Robinson, Alderman Walter Ohirko, Alderman Bill LeClair

## Council Adopts Tree Cutting Bylaw

Coquitlam has moved to protect and preserve environmentally sensitive lands through enactment of a 'tree cutting' bylaw.

Bylaw 2169, adopted by Municipal Council on June 11, states that no person may 'cut, alter, remove or in any way trim, prune, defoliate or tamper' with trees within a designated tree cutting permit area without first having applied for and obtained a tree cutting permit.

The bylaw applies to areas which may be subject to flooding, erosion, landslip or avalanche.

Copies of the bylaw and corresponding maps of the protected areas are available at the clerk's office in Municipal Hall.



Questions pertaining to the bylaw or requests for information should be forwarded to Anna Caltagirone, Tree Cutting Technician, District of Coquitlam, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 1E9, or telephone 526-3611 (local 243).

## Water Quality Testing Under Way

In today's environmentally conscious society, clean water is just as important as clean air.

The District of Coquitlam thinks

so and for this reason has embarked on a water quality study of both Como Lake and Lafarge Lake.

Coquitlam has commissioned

Norecol Environmental Consultants of Vancouver to undertake the survey. Initial water samplings were taken in early August with a second series of tests to be undertaken later this year.

The study will show any water quality changes which have taken place in Como Lake and provide important data about Lafarge Lake, including sediment accumulation and determining if development is causing excessive siltation of the lake.



Como Lake:  
Water quality testing under way

## Coquitlam Expanding Recycling Program

An enthusiastic response from single-family residents has led Coquitlam Council to expand the District's multi-material recycling program to multiple-family dwellings.

Resident managers and owners of multiple-family dwellings are presently being contacted to invite their participation.





'Your residents will be able to participate fully in an important program of direct benefit to the environment,' says a letter to managers and owners.

The new service will begin as soon as bin locations are established and the required containers delivered.

A site visit can be arranged by telephoning International Paper, the company providing recycling services to Coquitlam, at 525-8810. The service is provided free of charge.

Statistics indicate an above average 78 per cent monthly participation rate among Coquitlam residents.

## Common Hazardous Products in the Home

Class	Household Cleaning	Home Improvement	Lawn and Garden	Automotive
 CORROSIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laundry and stain removers</li> <li>Toilet cleaners</li> <li>Floor wax stripper</li> <li>Drain cleaners</li> <li>Oven cleaners</li> <li>Some bathroom cleaners</li> <li>Bleach</li> <li>Lye</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Muriatic acid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most swimming pool chemicals</li> <li>Roach killer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acid batteries</li> </ul>
 FLAMMABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methyl hydrate</li> <li>Furniture cleaner</li> <li>All aerosol cans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acetone</li> <li>Contact cement</li> <li>Paint brush cleaner and solvents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insect repellent</li> <li>Camping fuel</li> <li>Kerosene</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All aerosol cans</li> <li>Methyl hydrate</li> </ul>
 TOXIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isopropyl alcohol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wood stain</li> <li>Wood preservative</li> <li>Varnish remover</li> <li>Turpentine</li> <li>Paint thinner</li> <li>Varsol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dandelion, weed, insect and grass killer</li> <li>Lawn fertilizer</li> <li>Malathion</li> <li>Camping fuel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radiator coolant and antifreeze</li> </ul>
 REACTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All aerosol cans</li> <li>Bleach with any acid or base</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All aerosol cans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All aerosol cans</li> <li>BBQ and camping fuel</li> <li>Propane cylinders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All aerosol cans</li> </ul>

Keep this chart! Put it up in your kitchen, workshop or garage!

# Outdoor Burning Restricted

Tough new regulations have all but eliminated outdoor burning in the District of Coquitlam.

In adopting a bylaw to amend the District's existing fire bylaw, Municipal Council recently served notice that random outdoor burning is a thing of the past.

The bylaw further states that no person will be allowed to 'burn any construction or demolition debris, brush, stumps, slash and like material resulting from the clearing of land or any similar materials which would, in the opinion of an Officer, produce heavy black smoke.'

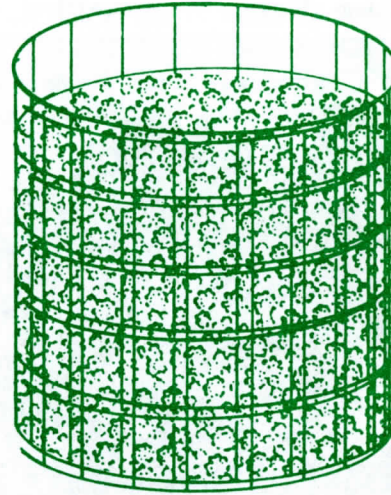
## Plan to Attend Recycling Forum

A community forum on recycling will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 3 in the Nancy Bennett room of the Coquitlam Public Library, 575 Poirier Street, Coquitlam.

Plan now to attend this special meeting to discuss the various aspects of recycling, including glass, plastic, tin cans, newspapers and paints.

You'll learn more about recycling and meet Coquitlam's recycling committee, chaired by Ald. Jon Kingsbury, by attending this meeting.

## Composting Helps Reduce Waste



Reducing the amount of refuse going into the general waste system is important to all of us.

Recycling is one way of achieving this goal.

Home composting is another.

While some residents have practiced home composting for years, others have started only recently.

Composting organic waste in your backyard not only helps dispose of solid waste but also provides you with a rich soil conditioner.

Almost any organic material — plant trimmings, leaves, weeds, and kitchen wastes such as vegetable and fruit peelings, coffee grounds, tea

leaves, egg shells and even floor sweepings and wood ashes — is suitable for composting. Grass clippings should be mixed thoroughly into composting materials.

Not recommended for open composting are ripened weeds, fats and cooked foods, meat or bones.

The best location for a compost pile is a convenient spot which receives about equal amounts of sunshine and shade during daylight hours. In areas where racoons or rodents are a problem, it is best to put a concrete slab or large patio stones under the compost box, line the box with wire mesh and cover with a tight-fitting lid.

## We'd Like Your Views

As outlined in this newsletter, the District of Coquitlam is doing its best to help protect the environment. What do you think of Coquitlam's efforts to date?

Is the District doing enough? Can we do more? We'd like to hear from you on this important matter.

To voice your opinion or to obtain further information, please address your remarks to:

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Telephone 526-3611

