

### Compost Giveaway on Earth Day

Coquitlam residents are invited to our annual Compost Giveaway event on Earth Day, **Saturday, April 22** at Town Centre Park (Parking Lot C) from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** This year we have added fun activities:

- Compost workshops at the Inspiration Garden (11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.).
- Earth Day-themed children's activities.
- Information booths on environmental topics such as co-existing with wildlife, water conservation, and the City's Tree Spree and Bad Seed invasive plant programs
- Representatives from stewardship groups: Burke Mountain Naturalists, Hoy-Scott Watershed Society, Maple Creek Stream Keepers and Riverview Horticultural Centre Society.

Each Coquitlam household is eligible for one bag of compost (ID is required).

- Pick up a Compost Stamp Card at the event Info Booth.
- Get your Compost Stamp Card validated at one of the City environmental booths (ID required).
- Bring the stamped card to the drive through compost pick-up location on your way out.

The giveaway compost was made possible by Coquitlam residents' Green Cart collections and is a great example of waste diversion – keeping organic material out of the landfill by transforming it into a usable product.

You can find more information about the event at [coquitlam.ca/CompostEarthDay](https://coquitlam.ca/CompostEarthDay).



### What's New?

#### Coquitlam Receives Funding for Guildford Greenway Micromobility Project

Coquitlam is delivering on its commitment to improve the safety and comfort for micromobility users along Guildford Way, thanks in part to funding from TransLink and the B.C. government.

When complete, the Guildford Greenway Protected Micromobility Lane Project will provide about 2.1 new kilometres of protected micromobility (i.e. cycling and scooter) lanes along a key arterial route. With a \$500,000 grant from the B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program, and \$2.5 million from TransLink's Municipal Cost Share Programs, approximately 60 per cent of the project will be funded by partners. Learn more at [coquitlam.ca/GuildfordGreenway](https://coquitlam.ca/GuildfordGreenway).

### Have Your Say

#### Master Plan Advancing for Blue Mountain Park

Following extensive public engagement and technical work, the Master Plan that will guide the future of Blue Mountain Park is starting to take shape.

In late 2021, a variety of audiences and key park user groups participated in public engagement. Feedback highlighted that Blue Mountain Park is an important social space that facilitates strong connections in the community. A detailed public engagement breakdown and infographic is available at [letstalkcoquitlam.ca/BlueMountainPark](https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/BlueMountainPark).

Public input has been used to create a draft vision and guiding principles for the Master Plan. Next steps for the project team in summer and fall 2023 will include creating a park concept and implementation plan. There will be more opportunities for public engagement that will be advertised here as well as on the project page.

### Looking Out for Our Environment

#### Time to Set Out Extra Yard Trimmings

Coquitlam residents cleaning up their yards and gardens this spring may once again set out additional yard waste for free curbside pickup on their regular collection day between April 3 to May 11.

The City offers unlimited extra yard trimmings pickup in the spring and fall to households that pay the Garbage Fee on their annual utility bill. Collecting an average of 415 tonnes each year, the Seasonal Unlimited Yard Trimmings program helps residents manage the extra yard waste generated seasonally from spring yard cleanups. More information can be found at [coquitlam.ca/yardtrimmings](https://coquitlam.ca/yardtrimmings).

#### Brush Up on Your Bear Smart Skills to Stay Safe

With spring approaching and bears waking up and getting active, it's a great time to make sure everyone in your household knows how to avoid unwelcome attention from wildlife.

Coquitlam is home to a variety of urban wildlife, and the City encourages residents to learn the simple but effective Bear Smart guidelines that help keep bears, coyotes and other animals away – including locking up all potential food sources and only setting out waste carts after 5:30 a.m. on collection day. To report wildlife attractants, including improper waste storage, call the City at **604-927-3660** or email [urbanwildlife@coquitlam.ca](mailto:urbanwildlife@coquitlam.ca).

Looking for more info on events and activities in Coquitlam?

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### Rate Freeze for Recreation Drop-in Rates

Recreation drop-in and ONE PASS rates will remain at 2022 levels until March 31, 2024.

Go for a swim or skate, shoot some hoops, stretch out in yoga, join in some volleyball or get the family together to try badminton. Try a drop-in session today at [coquitlam.ca/registration](https://coquitlam.ca/registration).

In addition to weekly low-cost drop-in activities and the convenient ONE PASS we also offer the Financial Assistance for Recreation (FAR) program and Grade 5 and 6 Active passes.

Find out about these and all of the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services activities, programs and events in the Spring Program Guide at [coquitlam.ca/ProgramGuide](https://coquitlam.ca/ProgramGuide).