City Gears up to Collect Kitchen Scraps and Garbage

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria has received four new trucks that will pick up both kitchen scraps and garbage starting this February. The trucks will run on natural gas, and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while also enabling Victoria to keep kitchen scraps out of our landfill.

The new trucks replace the City of Victoria’s aging garbage-only trucks and have two separated compartments for both kitchen scraps and garbage. Beginning in early February, the trucks will be collecting kitchen scraps and garbage from backyards, every two weeks and the empty Green and Grey Bins will be left at the front of each property.

Bi-weekly trips and the use of natural gas will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50%. By separating kitchen scraps from garbage, 30% of what was "garbage" will be composted instead. The new trucks will be on display at the Public Works Yard this morning.

What: Photo op of Kitchen Scraps and Garbage signs being adhered to new trucks
When: Thursday, January 3, 2013, 11:00 a.m.
Where: Public Works Yard, 417 Garbally Road
Who: Terry Snow, Manager of Solid Waste

Starting in mid January all households currently on the City of Victoria garbage-only program will be delivered a standard 120L Green Bin, a small "kitchen catcher", the size of Grey Bin that each household selected this past summer, a "how-to" guide for the new program and a new collection schedule.

To watch a video about the new Kitchen Scraps and Garbage program and to learn more visit: www.victoria.ca/greenbin.

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