

## **Food Waste Removal – Columbia Shuswap Regional District Waste Bins**

As you begin the task of cleaning your fridges and freezers out after wildfire, know that you have our compassion for any loss you have experienced. The CSRD is here to support you through this incredibly difficult time. Spoiled and old food can go from being smelly to a health risk in days, and properly cleaning up the food waste on your property should be one of the first things you do.

*We ask all CSRD residents to be safe while they clean up.*

You do not need another emergency. Work with someone, stay properly hydrated and take rest breaks as needed. Please use plastic garbage bags for all waste. Wear gloves and goggles while you work. If you can, take pictures before and after you clean for insurance purposes. Contact your insurance company before you begin cleaning if you are insured.

### **Waste Removal Bin Locations**

The CSRD has high-capacity industrial garbage bins located at three locations currently:

#### **Celista**

Celista Fire Department

#### **Ross Creek / Anglemont / St. Ives**

Ross Creek Store

#### **Scotch Creek**

Scotch Creek Market

A fourth location is planned to be added on Tuesday August 29. (Tomorrow)

#### **Lee Creek**

Pullout on Squilox Anglemont Road at the “Welcome to the North Shuswap” sign and mailboxes beginning on Tuesday.

### **Cleaning Tips For Dealing With Fire Damage / Spoiled Food**

- Wear gloves and goggles. Mask as you need. Keep children and pets away and ventilate the area you are cleaning.
- Smoke odours are difficult to remove. You may need to clean everything several times.

- Wash fridges/freezers with baking soda, vinegar or ammonia to remove odours.

### **Permits**

We have been assured by the RCMP that area residents staying within the evacuation order, transporting waste from their properties to CSRD bins will be allowed without a permit. We ask everyone to be kind and patient with any RCMP and Security Staff. They are working a hard job, and they only want to keep you, and your property safe. If you are stopped, calmly explain who you are, where you live, and why you are travelling. We thank everyone for working together to get through this.

### **Support**

This is the early days of clean up so please know assistance is still coming. If you are feeling overwhelmed, or that you cannot handle what is happening please call:

*Health Unit Crisis Line: 1-888-353-2273*

### **CSRD Support**

If you have a question, please contact the CSRD at:

*CSRD: 250-833-3350*

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

We thank everybody for working together and helping each other through this. Any questions, please call us or visit Facebook/Twitter. Take care of yourself. Support others. We will get through this together.