



Ridge Meadows Recycling Society Recycling Report

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! DECEMBER, 2015

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There will be **NO** Blue Box Recycling Pickup and the Recycling Depot will be **closed** on Friday, December 25, Saturday, December 26, and Friday, January 1 (2016).

Because Friday residents will miss 2 pickup days in a row, **we are adding a special recycling pickup on Sunday, December 27 for residents with FRIDAY pickup.** All Maple Ridge residents with Friday pickup can set out their recycling by 7:00am on Sunday, December 27 and it will be picked up.

If you have lots of recycling between pickups, you can always bring it down to the **Maple Ridge Recycling Depot**, open 7 days a week from 8am – 5pm (open late, until 7pm, on Tuesdays & Wednesdays). The Recycling Depot will be **closing early, at 3:00pm**, on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) and New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31).

2015 Maple Ridge Holiday Recycling Schedule

There will be **NO BLUE BOX PICKUP** and the **Maple Ridge Recycling Depot will be CLOSED** on:
Friday, December 25, Saturday, December 26 and Friday, January 1

SPECIAL PICKUP ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 27 FOR RESIDENTS WITH FRIDAY RECYCLING PICKUP

Regular Friday pickup resumes January 8, 2016

The Maple Ridge Recycling Depot will be **CLOSING EARLY AT 3:00pm** on Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24) & New Year's Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31)

NOT ACCEPTING Plastic or Foil Gift Wrap, Ribbons...

SETOUT 7 AM Please Flatten Corboard

PLASTICS ONLY

GLASS Bottles & Jars

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2015 - "Partners in Action"

2015 was all about collaboration and working together. The City of Maple Ridge, together with the Society & its volunteers launched a hugely successful campaign to change the curbside pickup program, moving from 6 sorts to 4 sorts. Starting on Earth Day, the new **Red Box** for plastics & the **Gray Box** for glass were given to Maple Ridge residents. Volunteers were overwhelmed with people lining up at events for the rest of the summer to get their new recycling boxes. From the Home Show to Save-on-Foods store displays, people love the new box system. We continue to deliver these boxes as people request them and they are available for pickup at the Depot as well.



MULTI MATERIAL BC

Partnering with **Multi Materials BC (MMBC)**, our main focus in 2015 was to ensure a smooth transition to the new program and we had no problem accomplishing that goal. Maple Ridge's multi-sort method and our depot processing/sorting combination ensures we provide a clean commodity to MMBC without concern of contamination fines like many other communities are experiencing.

Other EPR partners include:

- Encorp Pacific for **beverage containers**
- ESABC for **electronics** (Encorp Pacific)
- Call2Recycle for **cell phones & batteries**
- BCUOMA for **oil** (Terrapure)
- ElectroRecycle for **small appliances & power tools** (Regeneration/Product Care)
- AlarmRecycle for **smoke detectors & carbon monoxide alarms** (Regeneration/Product Care)
- MARR for **major appliances** (Regeneration/Product Care)
- Regeneration (Product Care) for **paints, pesticides, & flammable liquids**
- LightRecycle for **light bulbs, tubes, & fixtures** (Regeneration/Product Care)
- MultiMaterial BC/Green by Nature for **printed paper & packaging**
- Switch the 'Stat for **thermostats and mercury switches**

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Community Living BC (CLBC) continues to be a steady partner providing funding for programs at the Depot and services in the community. RMRS is a proud member of the **LAST Committee**, a group of service providers working together to facilitate a smooth transition for young people from government Youth Services into Adult Services.

Our desire to support schools that instigated a "Pack-it-In Pack-it-Out" program for their lunch waste resulted in a partnership with School District 42 to pilot **Zero Waste School - Year 1** initiatives with a presentation to Mayor & Council during Waste Reduction Week.



But our most important "Partner in Action" is YOU. We have **over 5,850 members** who directly participate with the Society by receiving newsletters & member updates through our mailing list, engaging with us on Facebook or Twitter and corresponding with our staff to ensure the recycling program here in Maple Ridge is one of the best.

Maple Ridge is a growing community. Ridge Meadows Recycling Society believes that policies, programs and services provided must be both environmental and economically sustainable with a balance between sound principles and cost effective best practices. We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2016!

Green Holiday Guide - At A Glance

Pre-Xmas:

- Bring reusable shopping bags with you to stores
- Give experiences & memories instead of buying “stuff” that may end up in the trash
- Purchase handmade durable and reusable decorations &/or gifts from a local charity or craft fair
- Use newspaper or comics, or wrap gifts with reusable cloth bags, clothing items, or towels
- Consider buying a potted tree that can be transplanted into your garden after Christmas
- Use a timer on your tree lights so you’re not wasting electricity while sleeping or away from home
- Bring old Xmas lights to RMRS bins at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, the Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre, or the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot for recycling



This holiday season, don't give loved ones more Stuff.

Instead, give “Five Hands.”

1. Handmade
2. Second hand
3. A helping hand
4. Time hand in hand
5. Hand me down

THE STORY OF STUFF PROJECT
#12DaysOfStuff

Phew! No more Secret Santa. We're on a roll collecting for charity this year.



CREATE MEMORIES, NOT GARBAGE.

You can be a #GreenAngel too. Find out how at metrovancover.org

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Hosting Parties or Events:

- Use reusable plates & cutlery (& napkins!) if possible
- Pack leftovers in reusable containers (you can even give these to guests to take home...)
- Compost all food scraps & paper napkins



Recycle in the new Curbside 4-sort:

Red Box – Plastics: plastic shopping & grocery bags, plastic packaging & containers

Blue Box – Cans & Cartons: eggnog & ice cream cartons, whipped cream containers

Grey Box – Glass: glass apple cider jugs, wine bottles

Yellow Bag – ALL Paper & Cardboard: PAPER gift wrap, cardboard packaging, paper gift bags, paper coffee cups



NO:

- NO ribbons or bows
- NO chip bags

- NO foil or plastic gift wrap
- NO xmas lights

THE NAUGHTY LIST

The following items are NOT accepted with MMRB recycling.



After Xmas:

- Bring your live trees to be chipped or composted at the green waste drop-off area
- Recycle all accepted paper & plastic packaging curbside or at the Recycling Depot

Recycle at the Depot:

Old or broken... electronics & media (DVDs, CDs, cords, chargers, speakers, hard drives, USB drives, & earbuds), cell phones, batteries, small appliances (coffee makers, slow cookers, microwaves, toaster ovens), electric guitars or keyboards, other electronic toys. PLUS!! Styrofoam packaging (no peanuts) Unused paint & paint cans, aerosol paints, All lighting fixtures, lightbulbs, & tubes (including Xmas lights!)



Did you know the Recycling Depot, **located at 10092 – 236th Street**, now accepts over 200 items? This means if Santa brings you a new cell phone, electronics, appliances, or a new computer, you can recycle the old ones for free at the Depot. PLUS, there is also free Depot drop-off for the Styrofoam, cardboard, and plastic packaging it came in!

Pay attention to what kind of gift wrap you buy – **plastic gift wrap or foil printed paper is NOT recyclable**. Only buy **paper** wrap that can be put in the yellow recycling bag. When UN-wrapping gifts, pay attention to what will happen to the gift wrap. If you unwrap presents carefully, most wrap can be reused for many years to come. Remove ALL ribbons, bows, and other decorations to use again next year!



Remember that **mixing** plastic & foil print wrapping paper, bows, and ribbons in with your paper wrap makes it difficult (if not impossible) to recycle the paper wrap. The paper manufacturers cannot accept loads with a high level of contamination and unfortunately mixed loads sometimes end up in the dump. Taking the time to sort out these non-paper gift items means the paper can actually be made into new paper products.

For more information, phone us at 604-463-5545, visit our website at www.rmrecycling.org or “Like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rmrecycling.

Or, join over 5000 residents and sign up for **FREE membership** on our website and stay up-to-date on all our new programs, schedules, and events!

Happy Holidays from Ridge Meadows Recycling Society staff, board members, Supported Work Program participants, and volunteers!



Mission Statement

“Ridge Meadows Recycling Society is a community-based, non-profit organization, advocating zero waste, operating responsible waste reduction services and providing environmental education. We employ people with developmental disabilities assisting their integration into the community.”

Vision

“A waste free, socially responsible community.”



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