



# Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

## Recycling Report

MARCH, 2013

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**DEPOT CLOSED**  
**Friday, March 29**  
**and**  
**NO BLUE BOX PICKUP**  
**Friday, March 29**  
**or Monday, April 1**



## Watch the Movie & Meet the Stars at Ridge Meadows Recycling's AGM - Tuesday, April 2, 6:00pm at the ACT

On **Tuesday, April 2**, we invite you to come meet the stars and creators of the multi-award winning film, "**The Clean Bin Project**," at our **Annual General Meeting** at the **ACT Arts Centre & Theatre**, 11994 Haney Place, Maple Ridge.

"The Clean Bin Project" is a Vancouver-shot documentary that follows regular couple Jen & Grant in their competition to see who can produce the least amount of waste and not buy any "stuff" for an entire year.



Because the film echos so many of our messages and ideals, we purchased the local school and community screening rights. We met Grant & Jen at our screening of the film for Earth Day 2011 and they ended up working with us to create a video showing the past, present, and future of Ridge Meadows Recycling which can be seen on our website.

If you haven't had a chance to see "The Clean Bin Project" yet, there will be a special screening at **6:00pm** in the ACT Lobby on Tuesday, April 2, just before the business part of our AGM at **6:45pm**. This will be followed by a special presentation by Jen and Grant themselves, talking about the movie and giving the audience a sneak peek at their latest project, "Just Eat It," which explores the issue of food waste and had the couple live for six months on food destined for the garbage:

*"We all love food. As a society, we devour countless cooking shows, food magazines and foodie blogs; we celebrate our marriages, religious beliefs and birthdays over food. The question is, 'Why are we throwing nearly half of it in the garbage?'"*

While Grant and Jen just finished the project recently, the movie is planned for release in late Fall, 2013, just in time for Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge's 2014 theme of **FOOD!**



## Cherie Hankinson talks RE-New

*A resident of Maple Ridge since 1991, Cherie has volunteered with the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society since 1995. First introduced to the Society through the Master Composter Course, Cherie realized Ridge Meadows Recycling was a good fit for her. Now a recent retiree, Cherie hopes to learn more about organic gardening, find new ways to live simply and continue to reuse or repurpose items.*



*Cherie Hankinson, Secretary,  
Ridge Meadows Recycling Society  
Board of Directors*

If the official arrival of Spring on March 20<sup>th</sup> has renewed your enthusiasm for Spring Cleaning, you may find this is a good time to also renew your commitment to live simply, reduce food waste, purchase wisely, and reduce, reuse, and recycle whenever you can.

A visit to Ridge Meadows Recycling's website at [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org) will give you an opportunity to review a list of at least 200 items now being accepted for recycling at the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot at 10092 – 236<sup>th</sup> Street, just off River Road in the Albion Industrial Park. The website offers signup for an email version of this monthly newsletter which will come right to your inbox and bring you up to date on community events, activities, and items of interest. You can look for tips and practical solutions for everyday problems. At the website you can renew your free annual RMRS membership or sign up for the first time. Everyone is welcome!

As weather permits, many of us will return to the great outdoors. Of course, one of the best ways to renew the soil is to add good compost and well-rotted manure. Excellent tips for building a good compost pile or composting with worms are available from RMRS too! Community residents are fortunate to be able to take advantage of RMRS's annual sale of Green (Solar) Cone Food Digesters, Composters, and Rain Barrels. Our District Mayor and Council support the wisdom behind the development of water-wise gardening practices. Everyone needs to help Mother Nature conserve water and nutrients so vital to our home-grown fruits, vegetables, and flowers. We shouldn't expect Mother Nature to renew the soil, every year, without a little help from us!

*Ridge Meadows  
Recycling's  
Environmental  
Educator,  
Dan Mikolay,  
talks to a young  
environmentalist  
at Amsterdam  
Greenhouses  
& Garden Centre's  
Nature Day,  
March 16, 2013*

*Thanks to Amsterdam  
Greenhouses for the  
great photo!*



Easter is  
about  
new life.  
Keep  
it  
green



**Remember!**

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# Are you ready for EARTH DAY 2013?

Plans are well underway for Earth Day, taking place from **10am - 2pm on Saturday, April 20** at the ACT Arts Centre & Theatre, the Greg Moore Youth Centre, & Memorial Peace Park.

This year, Earth Day Partners with the ARTS and we've got art for everyone! For literary lovers, we have an **environmental poetry contest** (get your submissions in by April 10, see right for details) and the Maple Ridge Library's **Storytime Corner**. For visual art lovers, we have kids' **eco-crafts**, a special display by the **Maple Ridge -Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour** artists, a **Recycled Fashion Show**, and an interactive public art project! And if performing arts is your thing, you will see roving performers, dance flash mobs, a puppet show, and hear lots of talented local musicians including event headliners **Penelope Above**.

Repeat favourites from 2012 include the first Haney Farmer's Market of the year, the **Family Freecycle**, and the **Cycle Recycle** Free bike draw. Earth Day **Opening Ceremonies** will begin at 11am in front of the ACT and directly after, at 11:30am, the Arts Council will be screening two eco-art films, **Reflections: Art for an Oil Free Coast** and **Rainforest: The Limit of Splendour**, in the ACT's Studio Theatre.



Rain or shine, the park will be filled with activity, colour, and artistic flair !

Applications for your green business or organization's interactive booth, performance, or activity are available on our website, [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org).

To volunteer at the event, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Carla Reed, at [carlar2@telus.net](mailto:carlar2@telus.net) or phone 604-466-8324.

Mark April 20 on your calendar as a date to remember and stay tuned for more details about "Earth Art Day"!

Come celebrate with us

# Earthday

Partners with the Arts

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**Celebrate Earth Day with Poetry!**

Have a passion for poetry? Put your talents to work and enter the Celebrate Earth Day Poetry Contest! There are 3 categories: Elementary, Secondary and 19+. First, Second and Third place winners will be awarded in each category. Not sure what to write about? Sustainability, local farming, recycling, energy efficiency, electric vehicles or any of our local Environmental associations just a few ideas.

**Poetry needs to be submitted by April 10 at midnight. Late entries will not be accepted.**

Entries are to be submitted to: [joe.robinsonsmith@live.ca](mailto:joe.robinsonsmith@live.ca)

[/CelebrateEarthDayinMapleRidge](https://www.facebook.com/CelebrateEarthDayinMapleRidge)

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# Earthday

**Saturday April 20th at the ACT & Memorial Peace Park**  
Come out and enjoy fun family activities with arts, entertainment and interactive booths.

**FREECYCLE**  
Gently Used Clothing, Toys & Books

You can help our **FREECYCLE** event by donating any gently used **Clothing, Toys and Books**

All items donated will be given away FREE on Earthday in the **GREG MOORE YOUTH CENTRE** - look for the Freecycle signs. "Come find something NEW for you!"

**DONATION DROP OFF**  
Friday April 19, 4-7pm in front of the ACT

Or Drop-off at your school look for the **Blue BOX**  
Thank You!

**BLUE BOX**  
Reduce, Reuse & Recycle



## Spring Cleaning for your Yard!

The annual **Spring Chipping Program** will begin in April, with a **Tuesday, April 2** set-out deadline for properties **WEST** of 224<sup>th</sup> Street and a **Monday, April 15** set-out deadline for properties **EAST** of 224<sup>th</sup> Street. No pre-registration necessary, simply place branches at curbside by set-out deadlines for pickup & chipping. See our website for details regarding set-out.



## Upcoming Events



### Ridge Meadows Recycling Society Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 6:00pm at the ACT Arts Centre & Theatre Lobby  
Special screening of "The Clean Bin Project" at 6:00pm, then join us for a short business meeting at 6:45pm and refreshments and a special presentation by Jen & Grant, stars of "The Clean Bin Project" and the upcoming "Just Eat It" at 7pm.

### Historical Society Heritage Tea

Saturday, April 6, 1-4pm at the Ridge Meadows Senior's Activity Centre, 12150 224 Street, Maple Ridge  
Meet living history in our community! The event features display panels from the MR Museum & Archives, Heritage Canada themes, and the current 50-year reunion grad class.

### Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday, April 6, 2-4pm at the Maple Ridge Library, 130-22470 Dewdney Trunk Road,  
The coming of the cherry blossoms heralds the beginning of spring in Japan. The library joins the MR Japanese Language School to celebrate with traditional Japanese food, drink and crafts.



### Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge

Saturday, April 20, 10am - 2pm at the ACT Arts Centre & Theatre & Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge  
"The EARTH without ART is just EH" Don't miss the flash mobs, eco-crafts, interactive activities, family Freecycle, Eco-art films, poetry contest, musical acts, the first Haney Farmer's Market of the year, and much more!

### Goodbye, Chums AND Grand Re-Opening of the Bell-Irving Fish Hatchery

Sunday, April 21, 11am-3pm at the Bell-Irving Hatchery, 11450 - 56th Street, Maple Ridge  
Don't miss the annual chum fry release and celebrate the brand new Bell-Irving Hatchery!

### Cheers to the Planet - Eat, Drink, and Be Eco

Saturday, April 27, 6 - 9pm at Meadowridge School  
Join the CEED Centre's annual eco-gala fundraiser to celebrate the best in local, organic, and sustainable wines, brews and spirits paired with outstanding cuisine from renowned local chefs.



### Mission Statement

"Ridge Meadows Recycling Society is a community-based, non-profit organization that advocates zero waste, operates responsible waste reduction services and provides environmental education. We employ people with developmental disabilities to work on site, thereby assisting their integration into the community."

### Goals

"To empower the residents of Maple Ridge to become interdependent stewards of the environment."

"To operate an organization that offers as full a range of integrated, environmentally sound waste reduction services as possible."



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