



Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

Recycling Report

NOVEMBER, 2014

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REMEMBER

The way things used to be



Do you remember the old Cottonwood Landfill? It operated from the mid-1960s to 1989 and was located on Cottonwood Road between 116 & 114A Avenues. In fact, it's still there, buried, and will be for a **very** long time. During its operation, as you can see in the photo to the left, people would drive to the edge and chuck stuff over.

While there are advances in landfill technology & handling regulations put in place, landfills of today haven't changed all that much. They are still band-aid solutions for decisions to throw things "away."

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Buried under tonnes of garbage, items like paper and food scraps are deprived of the oxygen, sunlight, and organisms that would normally work to quickly break them down. Instead, buried in the landfill, they convert to methane, a greenhouse gas.

The current bans on recyclable materials and hazardous waste in our landfills began with ordinary citizens taking the time to think and learn about where their waste was going and taking action to change things.

Founders of the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society took this idea further and worked to create a recycling drop-off depot and curbside recycling pick-up program to make it easier for local residents to divert recyclable materials from the garbage.

We can honour the immense time & effort these early volunteers put into improving the world by continuing the effort to divert things away from "away."

See Metro Vancouver's list of items banned from the landfill on page 3...



2014 Holiday Recycling Schedule



Residents with **THURSDAY** recycling pickup:

Thursday, December 25
pickup moved to
Saturday, December 27

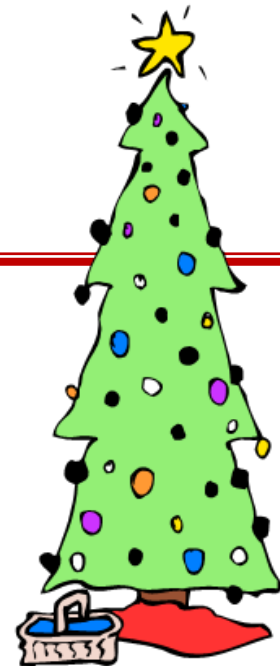
Regular Thursday pickup resumes January 8

There will be **NO BLUE BOX PICKUP** and the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot will be **CLOSED** on:

Thursday, December 25,
Friday, December 26, and
Thursday, January 1 (2015)

Tips for Low-Waste Holiday Shopping:

1. Before heading out, pack reusable shopping bags or used plastic bags so you won't need any new ones.
2. Try to buy items with less packaging and avoid single-use items.
3. Instead of gift-wrap, use reusable gift bags or get creative - tea towels, socks, or children's artwork as wrapping makes gifts extra special!
4. Create Memories, Not Garbage!



Waste Reduction Week Presentation to Council

Thank you everyone who helped
PACK the Council Chambers
for our Waste Reduction Week
Challenge Presentation!



Photos by Amber Light Photography



Metro Vancouver's List of Items Banned or Prohibited from the Landfill

Banned Materials

- Corrugated Cardboard*
- Recyclable Paper*
- Green Waste (yard trimmings) (starting Jan, 2015: food scraps)
- Containers made of glass*, metal*, or Banned Recycled Plastic*

Prohibited Materials (selected)

- Antifreeze* & Antifreeze containers*
- Asbestos
- Automobile bodies & parts*
- Batteries*
- Electronics* and electrical products*
- Flourescent lights*
- Lead acid batteries*
- Mattresses



- Oil containers*, oil filters*, paint products*, solvents* and flammable liquids*
- Metal household or commercial appliances*
- Pesticide products*
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane tanks*
- Thermostats*
- Tires

**Accepted at the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot, 10092 - 236th Street, Albion*

Need a Tree?

The 1st Haney Scouts are selling Christmas trees starting November 29 at the Caps Cycle parking lot at the corner of 216th & Lougheed Highway. Thank you for supporting our Waste Reduction Challenge Participants!



Save the Dates! Upcoming events in 2015...

Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge!

Next year's Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge will be on **Saturday, April 18, 2015.**

Join us from 10am - 2pm at the Bandstand and Memorial Peace Park as we explore the theme "**Water, Water Everywhere**" and celebrate local waterways and the groups that work to protect them!



Come celebrate with us

Earthday

World Water Day - March 22

Movie Screening - "**Watermark**" at ACT - **April 27**

Ridge Meadows Recycling Society's Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015** at 6:30pm at the Well at Chances Gaming Centre.
See you there!

*Happy Holidays from
Ridge Meadows Recycling!*



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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