



Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

Recycling Report

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Let Us REMEMBER



Are you old enough to remember our first curbside recycling pickup program in the 1980s? Do you remember some of the issues at the time?

An application to dump effluent into the Pitt River was the issue that made two of our founding members join their local SPEC (The Society Promoting Environmental Conservation) group in the 1970s. Polluting our local waterways seems crazy to us now, but you can probably think of a few things that are “acceptable” now that will seem crazy to us in the future - using drinking water to flush toilets, fracking, burying our garbage, the lack of funding for green energy initiatives...

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Despite attempts to label them as “radicals,” people who become involved in environmental issues often do so because they care deeply about their families, our country, and the future.

One of the strengths of Ridge Meadows Recycling Society is the passion, commitment, and longevity of our volunteer board members. Many people who have served on our Board of Directors have been working with RMRS and thinking about local environmental issues for decades. Over time, they start to see the patterns that emerge, learn about solutions that have worked (or not worked) in other areas, and watch as issues such as incineration rise up again and again.

While November and Remembrance Day are set aside to remember those who fought for their country in the military, in a very real way environmentalists of today are also fighting for their country.

Victories in this arena are often small, but many. The inevitable strength environmentalists have on their side is the potential membership of the entire human race. “If you care about the air you breathe, the food you eat, and the water you drink, you are an environmentalist.” No one wants the world to become un-livable. Corporate leaders must realize their profits will evaporate if there are no resources left or people to use their products.

At times the uphill battle feels too steep, that the threshold for the majority of people to actually make the necessary changes in their lives will be when it is too late for us to recover. We need everyone. Now.

What skills, passion, or knowledge do you possess? Wield these proudly and join the fray. There don't have to be casualties in this battle. Make it fun. Bring a friend :)



Create Memories, Not Garbage...

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

The A to Z of things to bring to the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot!

The Recycling Depot is located at 10092 - 236th Street, just off River Road in the Albion Industrial Park. Open 8am-5pm seven days a week. Open late (till 7pm) Tuesdays & Wednesdays. 604-463-5545



At the Depot, we accept everything that gets collected curbside, PLUS:

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| 8-track tapes | food processors | nails |
| aerosol paint | freezers (\$5 fee) | oil containers |
| appliances (small&large) | furnaces | oil filters |
| baby monitors & receivers | game consoles & controllers | oil tanks |
| barbeques | gasoline | paint (oil & latex based) |
| batteries (all kinds) | grease (used, cooking) | paint cans (with labels) |
| blenders | halogen lights | paint thinners |
| bikes | hard drives | pesticides (domestic) |
| bread makers | hot water tanks | pocket & desk calculators |
| books | incandescent light bulbs | power tools |
| boxboard (cereal boxes) | jars | propane tanks |
| brass | keyboards | questionable liquids (oil, pesticides etc.) |
| camp fuel | | records |
| car parts | | refrigerators (\$5 fee - freon) |
| cassette tapes | | refundable drink bottles |
| CDs | | satellite dishes & receivers |
| cell phones | | scrap metal |
| chainsaws | | sewing machines |
| chandeliers | | sinks |
| Christmas lights | | smoke detectors |
| clothes hangers | | speakers |
| coffee makers | | stoves |
| computers | | Styrofoam (\$2 fee) *NEW! |
| cooking oil (used) *NEW! | | telephones |
| copper | | thermostats |
| dishwashers | | toilets (\$5 fee) |
| dryers | | TVs |
| DVDs | | USB drives |
| electric guitars | | used oil |
| electronics | | vacuums |
| electronic toys *NEW! | | Zippers |
| fencing (metal) | | |
| fire extinguishers | | |
| flammable liquids | | |
| floppy discs | | |
- lightbulbs (all types)
media storage devices
memory cards
metal cans
motor oil
- FREE DROP-OFF!!
unless cost listed
- NO: wood, mattresses, carpeting, or furniture :(



Ted got pottery lessons last Christmas. This year, he's making a gift for the whole team!



This holiday season, Kira is giving Paul two weeks of dog walking (and sitting) services.

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This holiday season Chen is adding circus lessons so Lily can explore her inner clown.

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Tips for 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!

Wanna Save the World? There's an app for that...



1. Recyclepedia:

“Developed by The Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC), in partnership with the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC), the free app is a quick and simple tool that helps users find over 1,000 drop-off locations and recycling options for over 70 materials or products across BC. The App... provides users a list of the 10 nearest locations to recycle your item, based on the phone's location, as well as a Google map with directions. Both Apps provide the option to call the RCBC Recycling Hotline for additional questions.”

2. weRecycle:

“weRecycle makes it easier for you to donate or recycle just about anything within the Metro Vancouver region. All you do is enter a material. weRecycle will use the current location to populate a map with locations that accept it. Users can check facility details to find out what else is accepted at that location, the type of services offered, hours of operation and contact information.”



3. iParks Navigator:

“Enables you to explore the finest parks and greenspace in and around Metro Vancouver, including a system of 23 regional parks...Download this app to help you get outdoors and explore some amazing parks and greenspace in Metro Vancouver.”

4. Tap Map:

“Quickly locate the closest public drinking fountains in Metro Vancouver... contains the locations of over 550 public drinking fountains in member municipalities spanning from West Vancouver to Langley...Download this free app to help you access Metro Vancouver's mountain fresh and pure tap water when you're on the go anywhere in the region.”



Have you seen this reindeer?

If you go down to the Recycling Depot this Holiday Season, keep your eyes open for Santa's missing reindeer! Here's a hint: if you check out the **bikes for sale** (\$5 for kids' bikes, \$10 for adults'), you should be able to spot him!



Check out the RMRS **Pinterest** page for more holiday craft ideas!



Congratulations, Patricia Russell, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society's 500th Member

When Patricia Russell sent in her online membership form, she became our **500th member**. To commemorate this special milestone, we gave her an RMRS reusable lunch bag and other swag (including a coupon for free Styrofoam drop-off at the Depot). Congratulations, Patricia, and THANK YOU to all our members for your ongoing support!

Upcoming Events

See you at the Parade!

RMRS staff, board members, Supported Work participants, volunteers, and their families are invited to take part with us in the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 7th to say "Thank you for your support!" and to celebrate RMRS's focus for 2014: "New Directions"



Save the (New) Date!

Next year's Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge has been changed to **Saturday, April 26, 2014** to avoid coinciding with the Easter holiday.

Join us from 10am - 2pm at Memorial Peace Park as we explore the theme "Food for Thought" and celebrate the Haney Farmers Market's 10th anniversary!



The Recycling Depot will be **CLOSED** and there will be **NO BLUE BOX PICKUP** on:
Wednesday, December 25,
Thursday, December 26, and
Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

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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