

# Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

## Recycling Report

MAY, 2014



### What's New in Maple Ridge Recycling



#### New Items Accepted Curbside:

plastics  
#3, 6, & 7,  
aerosol cans  
(MUST be empty,  
NO paint cans),  
aseptic  
(tetra-pak style)  
soup cartons,  
paper coffee cups



#### NOT Accepted:

multi-layered  
chip bags  
& dog food bags,  
broken cups or  
dishes,  
waxed  
cardboard,  
padded  
envelopes,  
plastic or foil  
gift wrap,  
paper towels,  
tissue paper



## Recycling Changes in Maple Ridge

On **Monday, May 19, 2014**, MMBC rolled out its new provincial-wide recycling program. When we spoke to residents at Earth Day and the Home Show, a lot of people had questions about how the new program will affect our recycling here in Maple Ridge. While there are many internal changes for us (facility re-design, funding and reporting), the changes for Maple Ridge residents are minimal. In fact, we will be able to take a few **new** items in the curbside bags (houses & townhouses), and recycling totes (apartment buildings).

The main things we are asking residents to do for the new program are:

**1. Place all plastic wrap and grocery bags into one bag and tie the top.** *This will keep soft plastic wrap, film & bags separate from the hard plastic (bottles, etc.) and make it easier to sort out.*



**2. Take lids off ALL glass bottles and jars.** *Plastic lids go in the pink bag or tote, metal lids go in the red bag or tote. Place glass loose in the blue box.*



**3. We are phasing out the green bag & tote.**

*All green bag/tote items (office paper, magazines, etc.) may now be placed in the blue bag/tote (newspaper & flyers).*

**4. As before, please FLATTEN all cardboard and wash & squash all containers to enable our drivers to fit more recycling in the trucks**



**5. Note that styrofoam, lightbulbs, books, paint (cans and aerosol), and other metal are ONLY accepted at the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot, NOT curbside.** *The Depot is located at 10092 - 236<sup>th</sup> Street, just off River Road in the Albion Industrial Area.*

See Page 3 for more info on Recycling Pickup Changes. Downloadable pdfs of the NEW Curbside & Apartment Recycling Flyers are now available on our website at [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org)

*Thank you for your support and thank you for recycling!*



**Kathi Halpin, Board Member, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society**

## Introducing Kathi Halpin!

*Kathi Halpin became a Board Member of Ridge Meadows Recycling Society at the beginning of April, 2014.*

*She has been a partner of EPR Maple Ridge Langley White Rock since 2009. Prior to joining EPR in 2000, Kathi was employed as a Manager, Corporate Accounting in industry. She received her CGA designation in 1992 and is experienced in corporate accounting as well as corporate and personal tax matters.*

*Kathi has lifelong roots in Maple Ridge and is active within the community. We are excited to have her on our Board of Directors!*

T.S. Eliot once wrote, “April is the cruellest month breeding lilacs out of the dead land” and whether you refuse to believe it or not, April has passed, May is here, and spring is now in full swing. With May comes the beginning of the new BC-wide recycling program by Multi Materials British Columbia (aka. MMBC).

The arrival of spring allows us to roll down the windows, turn off the heat, and enjoy the finer things in life like flowers and farmers markets. Haney’s very own Farmers Market, celebrating their 10th Anniversary this year, started on Mother’s Day, a joyful event for all.

Each year we ask what to get the women who mean so very much to us. Do we get them flowers, a card, or perhaps chocolates? It’s a challenge to give something original and interesting. This year something popped into my mind. Perhaps, I will solve the mystery of the magically reappearing beer can.

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My mother is an avid walker. She has walked the dike every single morning since I was in high school; and without fail, a beer can has appeared on her way back.

On the way there, the beer can is nowhere to be found; but as if there was some sort of magical force placing it there every single day or an extremely persistent jokester attempting to play an elaborate litter-related practical trick or statement, the can reappears each return trip. And each day she picks up this can and diligently brings it home.

It’s become quite a joke in my family; we even place bets on what type this can will be. Thus I appeal to all those Nancy Drew and Hardy Boy enthusiasts out there, please help me solve the mystery of the reappearing can and put this long-standing mystery to rest.

For more information on the MMBC program, visit our website at [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org)

**Have a great spring!**

# Maple Ridge Curbside Recycling 2014

SET OUT RECYCLING BAGS WHEN FULL BY 7:00AM ON RECYCLING DAY

NO PICK-UP ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.



*Note: Recycling Days do not change except Christmas (Dec.25).  
December 25 recycling will be picked up the following designated Saturday.*



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**YES**

**NEW**  **MULTI MATERIAL BC**

**NO**

 <p><b>Plastic</b> Plastic bottles, milk jugs, all plastic #1,2,4,&amp;5.  *Collect all plastic wrap &amp; bags in plastic bag with top tied.</p> 	<p><b>NEW</b></p>  <p>Plastics 3 6 7</p>	 <p><b>NO styrofoam*</b> (*Depot drop-off only) or chip bags (plastic &amp; foil layers)</p>
 <p><b>Glass Bottles &amp; Jars</b> GLASS ONLY, clean glass bottles &amp; jars loose in blue box.</p> 	<p><b>NEW</b> <b>*NO LIDS*</b> Please place metal lids in Orange Bag and plastic lids in Pink Bag</p>	 <p><b>NO light bulbs*</b>, dishes, mirrors, or ceramic</p>
 <p><b>Cans &amp; Cartons</b> Clean food &amp; drink cans, aluminum foil &amp; pans, metal lids, drink boxes, and milk cartons</p> 	<p>Aerosol Cans <b>NEW</b> <b>(MUST BE EMPTY),</b> Aseptic (Tetra-pak style) Soup Cartons, Spiral-wound Containers (eg. frozen juice, chips)</p> 	 <p><b>NO paint containers*</b> (including aerosol) or other metal*</p>
 <p><b>Cardboard</b> Corrugate, boxboard, brown paper, bags, &amp; envelopes <b>FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD</b></p> 	<p><b>NEW</b></p>  <p>Paper Coffee Cups</p>	 <p><b>NO waxed cardboard</b> or padded envelopes</p>
 <p><b>Newspaper, Office Papers, Catalogues &amp; Magazines</b>  Newspaper with all flyers, office paper, phone books, envelopes, glossy magazines &amp; catalogues</p> 	<p><b>NEW</b></p>  <p>Large Catalogues &amp; Phone Books</p>	 <p><b>NO soft or hardcover books*</b>   <b>NO plastic or foil gift wrap,</b> <b>NO paper towel, carbon,</b> <b>waxed or tissue paper,</b></p>

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All green bag items may now be placed in the blue bag.**

**\*Items accepted at Maple Ridge Recycling Depot - more info on other side**

# Joining us for the summer...

Thanks to the Summer Jobs Grant, we are able to hire two students to help us promote the changes to the recycling program by MMBC. **Ash Milton** started at the beginning of May and **Gina Seki** will be starting at the end of May. You may see one or both students this summer handing out flyers around town, at events, and even at the mall!

**Ash:** "Hi everyone! I first moved to the Whonnock area of Maple Ridge as a child and have spent the last 12 years here. Being outside the pick-up range, my family drives out to RMRS regularly with our recycling.

I'm currently pursuing a degree in UBC's fantastic Global Resource Systems program, focusing on the economics of food, natural resources, and energy. This summer, I've begun a 16-month break from classes to do a co-op program.

I'm glad to have found a position close to home and with as dedicated a team as we have here at RMRS. I'm hoping to learn more about waste and energy and I'm glad I can do so at an organization which works to make these systems more sustainable."



Come celebrate with us!

Saturday April 26, 2014

**Earth Day** Food for Thought

We had a great turn out for Earth Day, despite the downpour in the middle! These & more photos by **Amber Light Photography** can be found on the **Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge** page on Facebook.

