



Ridge Meadows Recycling Waste Reduction Challenge

Message to Parents



In honour of Waste Reduction Week 2014, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society is issuing a **Waste Reduction Challenge** to all Guide & Scout groups in Maple Ridge.

By fulfilling all the requirements set out for their section, your child will receive their own, specially-designed "Waste Reduction Challenge" badge!

Part of the requirements include some home-work (see back of sheet). Please ensure your child has completed these requirements and let your group leader know when they are done. They may also need to complete a worksheet which will be handed out during a visit to their group by Dan Mikolay, our Environmental Educator. Please show the completed workshop to a leader so they can check it off.

Another handout, which includes an "A to Z" list of items accepted at the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot and an updated flyer on the recycling program in Maple Ridge, is yours to keep as personal reference.

Thank you and happy recycling!

At Home" Requirements – Sparks, Brownies, & Beaver Scouts:

- a) Learn when your family's recycling pickup day is. The day before your recycling day, properly sort your family's recycling into the different coloured bags and blue box using the sort flyer as a guide.
On recycling day, with your parents' help, set out the full recycling bags **before 7:00am**
- b) Make something useful out of something that would otherwise be thrown away. Get creative! Bring it to your next meeting and share your creation with the rest of the group.
- c) Save up empty toilet paper rolls to bring to your next meeting. These will be used to build an original creation!

At Home" Requirements – Guides & Cub Scouts:

- a) Learn when your family's recycling pickup day is. The day before your recycling day, properly sort your family's recycling into the different coloured bags and blue box using the sort flyer as a guide.
On your recycling day, set out the full recycling bags **before 7:00am. Do this for a minimum of three weeks.**
- b) Reduce your water usage by turning off the tap water when you're brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or washing dishes.
- c) Reduce your energy usage by turning out lights when you're not using them or not in the room and putting on a sweater or slippers instead of turning up the heat.
Gather items to create a litterless lunchkit. Use your lunchkit for at least a week to bring a garbage-free lunch to school. Prepare to show your group the items in your litterless lunch kit and talk about what some of the challenges were in keeping your lunch litter-free.
- d) Collect old or unused toys, books, & clothes and donate them to a local thrift or second-hand store.