

Hornby Island

Recycling Depot History

- 1978 Recycling begins. Glass and tin cans first commodities to be collected.
- 1978 First Free Store shelter constructed. HIRRA is a founding member of Recycling Council of B.C.
- 1988 Composting Began
- 1989 Plastic recycling begins on Hornby Island.
- 1990 Cardboard collection & bailing begins.
- 1991 Incineration discontinued; garbage transported to Pidgeon Lake landfill.
- 1992 Hornby's landfill capped with clay and gravel.
- 1995 Compost barrel system constructed.
- 1997 Garden established on former landfill.
- 1998 Video "Hornby Recycles" aired on Knowledge Network.
- 2001 Hornby Island Recycling recipient of RCBC's inaugural Award for Excellence.
- 2002 Hornby youth is sponsored by the Recycling Committee to attend the United Nations Children's Conference on the Environment in Victoria, B.C.
- 2004 Two additional dumpster bays built to collect wood and scrap metal.
- 2011 New recycling building opened.
- 2012 Hornby Island Recycling Recipient of Call 2 Recycle's "Leaders in Sustainability" Award.
- 2015 New Free Store building opened
- 2016 Solar Panel installed on New Free Store
- 2016 Product Care + building opened
- 2017 Teamed up with Canadian Diabetes Foundation to collect excess Free Store items

FREE STORE

Clothing, toys & books that are in good condition can be deposited at the Free Store. Appliances, furniture, bikes & kitchenware that are suitable for reuse can also be registered in the Free Store inventory.

Volunteers manage the flow of all the wonderful things at the Free Store.

If you have any time to spare – even as little as a half hour – you can help make the Free Store happen. It really is the best way of exchanging commodities that we've seen anywhere!

Tipping Fees are charged for waste going into the dumpster, auto, household appliances, discarded furniture & mattresses.

Please consult the Fee Schedule at the depot.

You'll pay for your garbage.

Recycling and Reuse are FREE.

So it makes dollars and sense to sort and recycle, and by preparing your recyclables and reducing your garbage, you will be helping to:

- preserve the planet
- save natural resources
- reduce pollution created when raw materials are refined
- conserve the energy required to make products from raw materials
- set a good example

**HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL
OF REDUCING WASTE
GOING TO THE LANDFILL**

RECYCLING Here's How

Assume almost everything is reusable or recyclable if clean & dry

Here is What Goes Into The Dumpster

Tipping Fees Apply.

Saran wrap, "crinkly" soft plastic (ie. chip bags, cello wrappers), disposable diapers, & tissues, some pet food bags that are layered with paper & plastic.

We can't possibly name it all.
If you are unsure, please ask!

We're here to help.

Precycling

You can make choices when you shop. Consider the environmental effects of a product and its packaging before you purchase it.

Here are some pre-cycling suggestions:

- Buy things that can be reused rather than thrown away.
- Avoid disposables such as razors, lighters, diapers, pens, plastic food ware, paper plates and batteries.

Each of these have a re-usable alternative

- Choose the least packaged item or buy in bulk.
- Tell your store manager when you see excessive packaging.
- Bring your own grocery bag or box.



FREE STORE & WASTE DIVERSION

**3600 Central Road
250-335-0550**

www.hirra.ca/recycle/



HOURS

9:00am—1:00pm

SUMMER

Thursday—Sunday

WINTER

Friday—Sunday



PLASTICS

All clean plastic containers & lids (1-7)

Clean, dry soft plastic bags
(grocery, bread, produce, etc.)

Rinsed & clean milk jugs

Packaging including meat trays

Refundable Plastics are also accepted, bottles
of all sizes, please leave labels on, pop, juice,
water, cider & liquor

Garden hoses, ABS, & PVC piping, plant
pots and trays are now recyclable and are
placed in the Garden section .



PAPER / CARDBOARD

Paper

Newsprint, flyers, paper bags, office paper,
magazines & glossy paper.

Cardboard

Corrugated, flat boxboard, feedbags, cereal &
pizza boxes, etc.

Please cut large boxes down to approx.
24"x24" before dropping off at the depot.
(i.e. appliance & furniture boxes)



GLASS

All empty & clean glass jars, bottles
& containers.

Refundables: pop, beer, wine & liquor.

Refundable bottles require their labels to be
intact to be returned.

Place lids of plastic, metal and cork in their
designated buckets.

We only accept light bulbs, fluorescent,
incandescent, halogen, xmas bulbs,
and automotive bulbs on Fridays.

COMPOST

Lawn clippings, leaves and sawdust.

Food scraps but no meat, fish, fat or bones.



OIL/PAINT/BATTERIES & LIGHTBULBS

Fridays Only.



METAL PACKAGING

Clean tin & aluminum cans, aluminum foil.

Refundables: pop, beer

Empty & dry paint cans, appliances, scrap
metal, electrical cables, metal cookware, fencing
wire, lawn mowers, chainsaws and other small
engines. Tools must be drained of all fuels and
oils prior to drop off.

*Tipping fees apply to some items.

If you're unsure, please ask!

SCRAP METAL

Bikes (no charge)

Stoves, Large Appliances
(small Charge)

ELECTRONICS

Microwave ovens, toasters, non PCB ballasts,
inkjet cartridges, coffee makers, blenders,
computers, monitors, accessories & cables,
TV's, stereos, VCR's & DVD players. We only
accept non PCB fluorescent light fixtures and
ballasts on Fridays.

Dry-Wall

All builders, contractors and home-
owners should be aware that there are
new provincial regulations regarding
waste drywall and the Regional Dis-
trict now requires a "Waste Disposal Ap-
plication" for any drywall brought to the
Recycling Depot.

Forms can be picked up at the office or
downloaded at:

[http://hirra.ca/wp-content/
uploads/2011/02/Dry-Wall-Waste-
Disposal-Application-March-2017.pdf](http://hirra.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Dry-Wall-Waste-Disposal-Application-March-2017.pdf)

(charges apply)

WOOD

(Charges apply)

Treated & Untreated Lumber, Branches



FURNITURE

Small charges apply for dropping of
furniture and mattresses