

Hornby Island Recycling Depot History

The HI Recycling Depot began more than 40 years ago, in 1978, thru the combined efforts of many Hornby Island volunteers. Prior to that, islanders did what most country people did – burned what they could, buried what they could not.

But as the population on Hornby grew and we became more aware of environmental issues such as soil and air pollution, a new plan had to emerge. Glass and tin cans were collected and sold off-island to be recycled. Next plastic, then cardboard, were added to the items being recycled. Volunteers constructed a “Free Store”, where residents could bring usable items to share.

Incinerating our garbage ceased in 1991. Over the next 5 years, the old land fill was capped with clay and a lovely garden was established on top.

The Knowledge Network made and aired a video, “Hornby Recycles”, in 1998. In 2001, our tiny island's Recycling Depot received the Recycling BC Award of Excellence. In 2002, Hornby youth were sponsored to attend the UN Children's Conference on the Environment. In 2012, we received a “Leader in Sustainably” award from Call 2 Recycle.

A new Recycling Building was built in 2011. We then created a revised site plan with the help of community meetings, in 2013, and completed the building of a new and bigger Free Store in 2015.

Minimizing our “absolute garbage” and finding ways to re-use and re-cycle has been in our blood for decades!”

More details are on our website

www.hirra.ca/recycle

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***You will pay for your garbage.
Recycling and Reuse are FREE***

So, it makes “dollars and sense” to sort and recycle. By participating in recycling and by reducing your garbage, you will be helping to:

- Preserve our planet, by reducing the use of natural resources.
- Reduce pollution created by manufacturing.
- Conserve energy required to manufacture products.
- Set a good example.

PRE-CYCLING

You can make choices when you shop, such as considering the environmental effects of a product's production, and its packaging, before you purchase.

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.
- Choose the least packaged item or buy in bulk.
- Tell store managers about excessive packaging and request change.

**PLEASE HELP REDUCE WASTE
GOING TO THE LANDFILL**

ANY “NOT RECYCLABLE” ITEMS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE DUMPSTER

Items such as saran wrap, disposable diapers, dirty paper, dirty cardboard, items composed of mixes of paper & plastic, dirty, broken items, and unsalvageable furniture, are not recyclable.

If you are unsure, please ask!

We are happy to help.

Tipping Fees Apply. Please consult the Fee Schedule at the Depot.

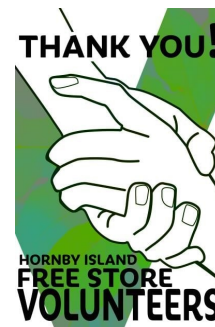
FREE STORE

We accept donations of clothing, toys, books and household goods that are **clean and in good condition.**

All sorting of donations and stocking of the Free Store Shelves is done by volunteers. Please help them out by **not dropping off broken or dirty items.**

Our Volunteers make it happen!

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the office.



**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

Closed all Statutory Holidays

**Please Observe Posted Covid-19
Safety protocols**



PLASTICS

All empty & clean hard and soft plastics:

- Bags, containers, lids
- “Refundables”– pop, juice, alcohol, (Must have labels intact)
- Garden hoses, piping and useable garden pots (Drop off behind painted water tank)
- Expanded polystyrene packaging – white & colored



PAPER / CARDBOARD

- Newsprint, flyers, paper bags, office paper, boxboard, feedbags, cereal boxes & magazines.
- Corrugated cardboard, & pizza boxes, etc. Please flatten boxes down, if possible

CANDLE WAX

- Candles
- Empty Wax Containers



GLASS

All empty & clean glass:

- Jars, bottles and containers, (Including broken glass)
- “Refundables”– pop, beer, liquor & wine, (Must have labels intact).

TIN CANS

All empty and clean:

- Tin cans and aluminum foil
- “Refundables”– pop and beer (Must NOT be flattened)



SCRAP METAL

(Tipping fees apply on some items)

- Large Appliances - Stoves, Fridges
- Lawn movers, Chainsaws, etc (Must be drained of all fuels)
- Metal cookware, Electrical cables, scrap metal, fencing wire

On Fridays Only

At *PRODUCT CARE Building*

We can accept:

- OIL/GAS (In certified container)
- PAINT (In original container)
- BATTERIES
- LIGHT BULBS
- FLUORESCENT Light Bulbs
- PROPANE TANKS



ELECTRONICS & ELECTRIC

APPLIANCES

Microwave Ovens, Toasters, Coffee Makers, Blenders, Computers, Monitors, TV’s, Stereos, VCR’s, DVD Players, Inkjet Cartridges, etc.

COMPOST

- Lawn clippings, leaves and sawdust, food scraps (NO meat, fish fat or bones)
- NO Weeds, Seeds or Invasive Plants, such as Holly or Broom

DRY-WALL

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN ACCEPT YOUR DRYWALL

Provincial regulations, regarding waste Drywall, require a “Waste Disposal Application” to be filled out and presented to the Depot staff before any Drywall is dropped off.

A “Waste Disposal Application” form can be downloaded at <http://hirra.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Dry-Wall-Waste-Disposal-Application-March-2017.pdf>

TIRES

- Tires without rims- free
- Tires with rims—Tipping fees apply

WOOD

Treated & Untreated Lumber, Branches

Tipping fees apply



FURNITURE

Tipping fees apply for mattresses and some furniture. Please ask before dropping them.