Love a bargain or hate to see gently used items go to waste? You'll want to put Reuse Rendezvous—Nanaimo's annual weekend curbside swap meet—on your calendar.

household items at

Householders, don't miss this chance to free-cycle unwanted goods by putting them at the curb in front of your home on April 3rd and 4th.

FREE-CYCLERS

- Mark your items with "FREE" tags. Make your own tags or pick up them up at City Hall, Public Works, Beban and Bowen Park, the Aquatic Centre and the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange.
- Ensure only items for Reuse Rendezvous are put out.
- Remove items not taken by the evening of April 4th.
 Garbage collection service will not pick them up.
- You are responsible for disposal of leftover items.

Bargain hunters will then join in the fun by roaming the city looking for marked free items they can pick up and put to good

Used bikes, home, office and garden furniture, tools, clothing, sporting goods and toys are just some of the treasures that you could find on Nanaimo's curbsides during Reuse Rendezvous!

FREE-SEEKERS

- · Have fun.
- Watch for children.
- · Respect public and private property.
- Take only items that you can use
- Slow down. Remember to obey traffic signs, speed limits and to park carefully.

YEAR ROUND OPTIONS FOR DISPOSING OF REUSABLE AND RECYCLABLE HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Big Brothers Big Sisters accepts gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, stuffed animals and many other soft items. Located at #3 - 2350 Labieux Rd. below the Coastal Community Credit Union Office on the corner of Bowen Rd and Labieux Rd. Call 250-756-2447.

Canadian Diabetes Association accepts small appliances, clothing, furniture, housewares, sporting goods and toys. Pick-up service only. Call 250-758-4223.

Good Neighbours accepts donations of household items, furniture and appliances in useable condition. They also offer a free pick-up service. Located at 540 Milton St. and open Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., closed Sunday. Call 250-755-1433.

Nanaimo Recycling Exchange at 2477

Kenworth Road accepts clothing, books, magazines, toys, small electronics, and household goods for their community market. It also takes more than 40 items for recycling, including yard waste and tires.

Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Sunday. For more information call 250-758-7777.

Salvation Army accepts furniture, shoes, clothing (all ages), small appliances, books, housewares, toys and sporting goods in working and reusable condition. No bed mattresses. For a free pick-up service or more info call 250-754-9342 or

drop off at their Thrift Store locations – 867 Bruce Ave. and 205A-6750 Island Hwy N. – between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Second Hand Sandy's accepts donations of household items and furniture and appliances in usable condition. They also offer a free pickup service. Call 250-753-7797.

RCBC Recycling Hotline— Don't have Internet access and have questions about how to recycle oversized and other unwanted items? Call the Recycling Council of BC Hotline toll-free at 1-800-667-4321.

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OPPORTUNITY COMING TO REDUCE OUR HOUSEHOLD WASTELINE

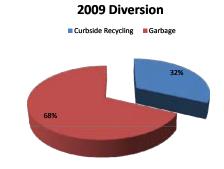
More than 24,800 households are now served by the City's Garbage & Curbside Recycling program. In 2009, 11,200 tonnes of household waste was collected.

By participating in their curbside program, Nanaimo households recycled 3,600 tonnes of paper, plastic and metal cans. That means we diverted 32% of our total waste generated from the landfill, making us leaders in the region. That still left 7,600 tonnes or the equivalent of 1,300 garbage truckloads of waste requiring landfill disposal.

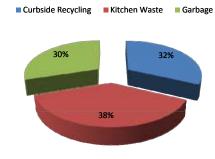
Taking the next step

The City and regional kitchen waste pilot project showed a huge potential impact exists through collecting kitchen waste. By putting kitchen waste in their green bins, participating homes increased their diversion rate to almost 70%.

Once the curbside kitchen waste collection program is phased-in city-wide, it's anticipated 3,000 tonnes of kitchen waste annually would go to an industrial composting facility at Duke Point instead of the landfill. This is a sustainable way to manage our waste. Landfills have a limited life while a composting facility can continue to process our food and other organic waste indefinitely and produce value-added products.



Projected Diversion with Kitchen Waste Collection



PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS SET TO EXPAND

For most households, returning empty beverage containers to retailers and bottle depots for the refundable deposit is as routine as taking their blue and yellow recycling bags to the curb. In 2008, more than one billion containers were recycled through BC's industry-led Beverage Container Stewardship Plan.

Product Stewardship Programs include not only beverage containers but seven other products found in most people's homes. Computer equipment and TVs, lead acid batteries, tires, paints, solvents and flammables, pesticides, motor oil and prescription medications are all the under the Province's extended producer responsibility initiatives.

The Nanaimo Recycling Exchange accepts all Product Stewardship Program materials except medications. For information on other locations, check the on-line Recycling Directory at www.rdn.bc.ca.

Making producers and consumers responsible for managing the "life cycle" of products through end-of-life Stewardship Programs has many benefits. They assume the costs of recycling and safe disposal of wastes instead of the taxpayer and local government.

Requiring producers to recycle left-over or used products encourages producers to make products easier to recycle, less harmful to the environment, and less likely to end up in the landfill.

New materials to be introduced

Several new products are scheduled to be phased in under Product Stewardship plans over the next two years. These include:

Household Batteries - Many retailers already accept used rechargeable batteries. A full launch of return-to-retailer for all rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries is expected to be announced in 2010.

Fluorescent Lamps - Compact fluorescent lights and tubes are expected to be added to Product Stewardship Programs in 2010.

Electronics - In Nanaimo used TVs and computer equipment are accepted at the NRE and the Nanaimo and Mostar Return-It Bottle Depots.

In 2010, the Electronics Stewardship Program is anticipated to expand to include home stereo systems, portable listening devices, digital cameras, video recording equipment, telephones, and cellphones.

Future phases of used electrical product recycling will include small and large appliances, toys, leisure and sports equipment and electrical tools.

Consumer Packaging - After organic waste, consumer product packaging is the largest part of the residential waste stream. A Canadawide Strategy for Sustainable Packaging is now underway to reduce packaging waste and develop recovery systems for used packaging materials.

In 2007, Phase 1 of BC'S Electronics Stewardship Program was launched for used TVs and computer equipment.

YOU KNOW THE BLUE AND YELLOW BAG — GET READY FOR THE GREEN BIN

Plans to launch curbside collection of kitchen waste and other household organics this fall are moving ahead.

Staff from Nanaimo Public Works, the Regional District of Nanaimo, District of Lantzville, City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum are working together to ensure the necessary infrastructure, equipment and communications are ready.

In February, the Regional Board approved an agreement with the ICC Group to provide a composting facility capable of receiving and processing kitchen waste collected. ICC must ensure its Duke Point facility has the required receiving, storage and processing capacity and an odour management system.

Nanaimo Public Works has issued a tender for the first of four split-packer trucks it will use to collect food waste and regular garbage in the same vehicle. The City plans to phase in curbside kitchen waste as new collection vehicles are delivered and tested. The first phase is anticipated to begin in October.

Kitchen waste and compostable paper makes up almost 50% of household garbage. By participating in the coming curbside kitchen waste program, Nanaimo households will save landfill space, control costs and help reduce leachate and greenhouse gases caused by organic waste decomposing in the landfill.

If you already compost, curbside kitchen waste collection will complement your efforts because the program accepts meat, fish, and bones and many other items unsuited for backyard composting. The illustration on the right shows more than 20 types of organic materials you can put in your green bin.

A full public information program is now being prepared. Households will receive lots of advance information and an instruction package with their green bin and kitchen catcher. To learn more about what to expect visit www.rdnfoodwaste.ca



- · Food leftovers
- · Meat, fish, giblets, bones
- · Fruit and vegetable scraps
- · Dairy products
- Egg shells
- · Bread, cereal, grains
- Pasta, pizza
- Baked goods, candies
- Soiled paper towels, tissues
- · Soiled paper food packaging
- · Used paper cups, plates
- · Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
- Ice cream and milk & cream cartons
- Baking ingredients, herbs, spices
- Houseplants, cut and dried flowers
- Nuts and shells

NANAIMO NON-PROFITS SET TO START TWICE-ANNUAL LITTER PICK-UP



For the eighth year in a row, organizations involved in Partners in a Cleaner Community will be hitting the streets to make Nanaimo a cleaner, more inviting place to live.

In 2009, more than 600 volunteers collected 600 bags of litter, broken glass, tires and other debris during the spring and fall clean-up campaign.

The City of Nanaimo provides garbage bags, gloves, safety signs, vests and collection and disposal of all debris collected. Each non-profit group will receive \$50.00 per kilometre upon completion of their assigned route.

Ten community organizations have been approved to date for the 2010 Partners in a Cleaner Community Program. These volunteers will be picking up litter this spring and fall, so please exercise caution if you are driving in their vicinity.

This year participating groups will include:

Church of the Nazarene Edgewood Foundation Chase River Pathfinders Morrell Sanctuary Society Claytree Society 3rd Nanaimo Pathfinders Island Crisis Care Nanaimo Lions Club

Nanaimo Area Land Trust—Tuesday Hikers Nanaimo Association for Community Living

A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE - Multi-Family Recycling gets a boost

Many of Nanaimo's apartments, condominiums and townhouses will need to prepare for expanded recycling service as a result of new material disposal bans at the Regional Landfill.

This spring the Regional District of Nanaimo will ban the following from landfill disposal:

- Metal food and beverage containers (nonrefundable)
- Mixed paper boxboard, computer paper envelopes flyers, newspaper, junk mail, paper egg cartons, paper bags, and white and coloured ledger paper
- Rigid plastic containers numbered 1-7, such as milk jugs, margarine, yogurt containers etc.

Private sector haulers provide garbage and recycling service for Nanaimo's 10,000 strata and multi-family housing units. On-site recycling is largely limited to cardboard and newspaper and new bins will be required to collect metal food and beverage containers, mixed paper, and rigid plastic containers.

RDN Solid Waste Services staff have been meeting with private waste haulers to ensure they are

aware of the need to provide expanded recycling service for multi-family units.

Meetings with strata councils, property owners and building owners are also planned to discuss the new recycling regulations. Educational materials, including a recycling guide and posters will be provided to help prepare for the changes.

"Strata and multi-family homes represent more than 25% of the region's housing," says George Holme, Chair of the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

"If we are to achieve our waste diversion goal, it's important that residents of apartments, condominiums and townhouses have access to recycling opportunities similar to those provided to single homes throughout the region."

> The NRE will soon be home to a new 17,000 square foot

receiving and processing

storage facility. Executive

Director Mike Schellinck is

excited about the changes



BIG IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY AT THE NANAIMO RECYCLING EXCHANGE

The Nanaimo Recycling Exchange (NRE) will soon be receiving and processing recyclables in a new user friendly and environmentally sound building at its 2477 Kenworth Road

More than 5,000 people per month use the NRE as a one-stopdrop for all their recycling needs. This April, construction will begin on a new 17,000 square foot building with 14 loading bay doors.

"We now accept more than 40 different types of recyclable



materials," says NRE **Executive Director Mike** Schellinck. "Our new facility will make it easier for people to drop off their materials and for us to sort and process them. At the same time we're changing traffic flow, which will improve efficiency and safety."

The Business Development Bank of Canada has provided financing for the new prefabricated steel

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building and its installation. The NRE is registering the building with LEED Canada Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green **Building Rating** System and is seeking the Gold certification for site sustainability and

energy and water efficiency. The new building and site will feature solar panels and stormwater recovery and treatment.

to come.

In addition to most household recyclables, paint, solvents, computer equipment and batteries, the NRE now accepts concrete, bricks, porcelain sinks and toilets and appliances. It's open Monday to Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call 250-758-7777 or visit www.recycling.bc.ca

Please be patient during construction. The new and improved facility will outweigh any temporary delays.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Nanaimo Recycling Exchange 250-758-7777 Regional Landfill, Cedar Road 250-722-2044 BC Recycling Hotline 1-800-667-4321

Garbage Collection 250-758-5222

Curbside Recycling 250-758-5360

The Waste Line 250-758-5222





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