

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **There are Lots of Ways to Recycle in Nanaimo!**

*Explore the options available for recycling and reuse*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo has many different ways for residents to obtain information on local recycling opportunities.

The Nanaimo Recycles mobile app not only gives users notifications for their collection days, its "What Goes Where" function provides a list of places residents can take recyclables not accepted at the curb. On the City of Nanaimo's website, residents can find information on recycling depot locations under "Recycling Depots", yard waste locations under "Garbage and Yard Waste Drop Off" and the "Garbage Calendar" has information for locations for specific products/materials. Delivered to residents' homes earlier this month, the 2018-2019 Garbage Calendar includes information about the Nanaimo Recycles app as well as recycling depot locations. Additionally, the Regional District of Nanaimo ([rdn.bc.ca](http://rdn.bc.ca)) and Recycling Council of BC ([rcbc.bc.ca](http://rcbc.bc.ca)) websites host information on Provincial Product Stewardship depots and private sector recycling opportunities in Nanaimo.

For reuse of used household items, clothing and sporting goods, residents should contact local thrift stores or charities to find out what they accept.

To find more information on Nanaimo's solid waste program, visit the City website or call 250-758-5222.

*Strategic Link:* Decreasing our environmental impact by diverting recyclable and reusable material from disposal in the landfill

#### **Key Points**

- Along with the City's curbside collection program, there are a number of locations around Nanaimo to recycle and donate items for reuse.
- Diverting material from disposal in the landfill reduces the environmental impact and preserves valuable landfill space for the future.
- City staff will be at Canada Day celebrations and the VIEX to speak directly with the public regarding waste collection operations as well as advice on waste reduction strategies that residents can use.
- Recycling and reuse creates local, green jobs and supports the Nanaimo economy.

#### **Quotes**

"There are so many great recycling and reuse opportunities in Nanaimo. Information on where to take recyclable products and materials is at your fingertips with the Nanaimo Recycles app."

David Thompson  
Manager of Sanitation, Recycling and Public Works Administration  
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## Quick Facts

- Currently, Nanaimo residents send 347 kg per person to the landfill each year, representing a 68% diversion rate. The goal is 90% diversion, with 109 kg person sent to the landfill for disposal each year.
- Consumers pay for Provincial Stewardship agencies to handle certain materials and products at their end-of-life through eco-fees included in the cost of purchase of those items.

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