

THETIS ISLAND SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLE NEWS

SITE hours: 9 till Noon Wednesdays and Saturdays

Greetings to all Islanders! We hope you are in good health and practicing health safety precautions during the pandemic.

The first thing to acknowledge is that we are operating as a <u>Household Garbage only</u> facility at the time of writing. Any updates will be completed via e-spokes.

This change was made, to avoid difficulties in ensuring your personal safety through social distancing. Also, the very act of sorting through recycle bins requires multiple touches and sometimes damp or wet items which could be contaminated, and a danger to volunteers. We are mindful of our original mandate of providing local recycling convenience, but felt there was no safe way to deliver this service without impact on many volunteers, site employees and our community members.

There is no "start up" date in sight, and you may be stock piling recycle items. In this regard, here is some information for you!

Please do not resort to placing your recycle items in the Household Garbage containers at the Solid Waste Yard. We pay for the bin contents to be hauled, and we do not want to incur more hauler trips as it would dilute the efficiencies we have gained together.

Let's look for other solutions!

Let's <u>coordinate</u> with neighbours or friends to amalgamate recycle for trips to one of the CVRD sites on Vancouver Island. (info below) Of course these sites are available for Islanders to utilize all year round.

CVRD RECYCLE DEPOTS

There are three CVRD sites within our marketplace:

NOTE: Sites are being controlled for social distancing, so please be patient as you may need to wait.

Avoid Saturdays and Sundays as busy!

- 1) Bing's Creek 3900 Drinkwater Road, Duncan (on Highway 18 towards Cowichan Lake)
 - Hours 8 to 5 Daily
- 2) Peerless Road 10830 Westdowne Road, Saltair
 - Hours 9 to 5: ONLY on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
- 3) Meade Creek 8855 Youbou Road, Lake Cowichan
 - Hours 9 to 5: ONLY on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday

FREE STORES ARE CLOSED AT ALL CVRD SITES!

Let's hold our free store items until the Thrift Store in Chemainus or other donation locations are open to receive: now that you have all been cleaning and downsizing in isolation activities....there could be too much for our little Free Store, when we resume.

Never leave garbage or recycle materials at the site when closed: that is illegal dumping and we will find you!