

# Thetis Island Recycle and Household Waste Disposal

A Thetis Island community system operated by TIRRA

OPEN

Wed and Sat 9am-12pm

Hours subject to change. The Community will be informed of changes to this schedule

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- ✓ ALL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS MUST BE CLEAN and EMPTY.
- ✓ No food residue or cross contamination (ie: aluminum foil stuck to plastic or big paper labels stuck to plastic film).
- ✓ A refundable item is a beverage container you have paid a deposit on. It does not include milk or milk-alternative containers. Refundables are collected by the Parent's Association in the roadside container outside the locked waste facility.
- ✓ If you have a large volume of recycling please bring it in well before closing time
- ✓ Take lids off ALL bottles **except motor oil and antifreeze containers** and place in appropriate bin.
- ✓ **Garbage(non-recyclables or non-compostables)fees are charged per bag or container on site. Sample containers are on site to help gauge your size/fee:**  
\$1 small (ie under the sink type) \$2 Medium \$3 Med/Lg \$4 Large \$5 Xlarge

## PAPER

 Clean, Dry, sorted into:

- ✓ **Cardboard** ~ includes corrugated, boxboard (brown inside) and paper egg cartons, **no waxed cardboard**
- ✓ **Mixed Paper** ~envelopes (plastic window okay), lined paper, magazines, directories, paper board that is white inside, paper bags (food bags must have liner removed)
- ✓ **Newsprint**
- ✓ **Bond paper**~ white office paper, **bagged** shredded white office paper
  - ✗ Pet food bags or feed bags
  - ✗ Kleenex, paper towel, or napkins

## METAL

 Clean, dry, lids removed, sorted into:

- ✓ **Household Tin**                      **Household Aluminum**
- ✓ **Scrap ferrous metal**              **Scrap non-ferrous metal**

## GLASS

– clean, non-refundable bottles and jars

**Tetra Pac milk containers** or milk alternatives

**Waxed Paper milk containers** or milk alternatives

**Tetra soup** and food containers

## PLASTICS

 Clean, lids removed, sorted into (look for numbered triangle on item):

- ✓ Clear #1, PETE
- ✓ Plastic #2, HDPE
- ✓ All other mixed numbered plastic
- ✓ Clean and **DRY** Plastic film and bags
- ✓ Large box packing Styrofoam
- ✓ Food Styrofoam (meat trays and egg cartons)

## OTHER

 (in small doses)

- ✓ Computers, household electronics, printer ink and toner cartridges
- ✓ Batteries of all types
- ✓ Propane bottles
- ✓ Tires
- ✓ light bulbs (all types), light fixtures, and lamps
- ✓ antifreeze and antifreeze containers
- ✓ old Motor Oil, empty motor oil containers (lids on) and oil filters
- ✓ Paint and metal paint cans
- ✓ Smoke and CO alarms
- ✓ Pesticides (contained)
- ✓ Electronic toys (games, R/C, Plush, Ride on)
- ✓ Small household appliances
- ✓ Power tools (corded and battery)
- ✓ Outdoor power equipment (electric or gas)
- ✓ Used cooking oil

## BOOKS

Any type of bound paper "book" now is sorted under one category. Please bring them in solid, dry, un-infested cardboard boxes.

## NOT RECYCLABLE



- ✗ Personal hygiene items (ie: toothbrushes, hairbrushes, razor blades, Q-tips)
- ✗ Plastic wrap (cellophane)
- ✗ Waxed cardboard
- ✗ Pet or livestock feed bags
- ✗ Plastic paint cans
- ✗ Plastic pipe or tubes
- ✗ Kleenex, paper towel, and napkins

## RESOURCE LINKS

### Product Care

<http://www.productcare.org>

### Used Book Recycling program

[www.discoverbooks.com](http://www.discoverbooks.com)

### Encorp (beverage, milk, electronics)

<http://www.return-it.ca>

### The Digester composter

<http://www.compost.bc.ca/learn/factsheets/3digester.pdf>

Composts meat, fat, and bones!

### THE STORY OF STUFF

Please take the time to watch Annie Leonard's short and entertaining film about, well, all the stuff. A DVD copy of the film, as well as an accompanying book, is also available at the Thetis Island library.

<http://www.storyofstuff.org/movies-all/story-of-stuff/>

### TIPS

- ✔ Store your items somewhere clean and dry.
- ✔ Free store items must be clean and functional.
- ✔ Composting significantly reduces household waste.
- ✔ Check out Pin-trest to find neat ideas for creative repurposing!
- ✔ Share your repurposing/waste reduction ideas!

**ReFUNDables** help support youth activities on Thetis!

- ✔ beer, juice, and pop cans
- ✔ retail glass alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage containers, **lids removed.**
- ✔ most plastic beverage containers, **lids removed.**
- ✔ Juice tetra and gable box (ie Tropicana) beverage containers, **lids removed.**
- ✔ boxed wine (must include bag)
  - ✗ u-brew bottles or cans
  - ✗ Milk or milk alternative containers
  - ✗ Soup or broth Tetra paks

**Bring these items to the 24/7 container at all times!**

**This program is managed by the Thetis Island Parents Association (TIPA)**

## It's All About RE-duction!

Any way you break it down, the most effective leverage point to control the operational costs of our local waste management system, as well as limit our environmental impact, is to become more aware of our consumer habits and make better choices that result in less of both garbage and recycling.

So whether your concerns are financial or environmental (or both) **waste reduction** is the only sustainable approach that will address either/both aspects. The TIRRA Solid Waste Management Committee and site staff are continually exploring ways to control the operational costs of this system and make it more user-friendly. The broader community (that's you!) has an important role in this system as well. Learning about and putting effort towards recycling responsibly and reducing the amount of waste that moves through our system is essential. As individuals it can feel like we are trapped in waste generating culture that leaves us little choice. A collective voice is much more effective at sending the message to industry and government that we demand change. And our collective behaviours and responses (for example if we all commit to leaving excessive packaging at the store) will definitely make waves: **RE-spectfully RE-fuse!**

We want our community waste management system to be creative, fun, and inclusive. Thanks so much for your active participation.

Burning questions, suggestions, ideas  
contact Stephanie 250-246-5269 [stephanie.cottell@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.cottell@gmail.com)

## Free Store Guidelines

The following items are not acceptable for the free store because they:

1. Consistently are not taken by others and are not otherwise recyclable in our system,
2. May be unsafe to distribute to the community; or
3. Will not be kept in good condition in our outdoor facility.

CD's and/or cases

DVD's and/or cases

Floppy disks

VHS tapes

Cassette tapes

Clothing \*

Bedding/towels \*

Fabric items \*

Upholstered furniture

Food/beverage items of any kind

Broken, cracked, or chipped dishware (broken ceramics can be put in the bucket by the mural shed)

Old, deteriorated gasoline cans

Personal items such as shampoo (please empty and clean to recycle), soap, make-up, and nail polish.

\*PLEASE TAKE TO THE CHEMAINUS THRIFT STORE.

Please leave acceptable items in clean, working condition, and respect the direction of staff and volunteers if they advise you in any way regarding the free store.

Thanks for your co-operation!