Landfill Tour and Waste Reduction Presentation

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Comox Strathcona Waste Management Service Area





CSWM Regional Service

Created after the split of the CSRD, by Letters Patent dated February 1, 2008. Two regional services, solid waste & hospital.

Governance

- Unique in BC –Board of 23 directors, establishes governance policies
- Solid waste management plan (SWMP) (updating)

SWMP Guiding Principles

- 70% waste diversion goal
- Resource recovery
- Focus education on zero waste hierarchy
- Strive towards zero pollution
- User pay & market-based incentives
- Ongoing public consultation

Municipal Responsibility:

Collection, recycling and disposal of household waste

Provincial Responsibility:

Establish waste reduction policies and programs

Federal Responsibility:

Funding provided for major infrastructure, improve how Canada manages resources, improve waste reduction policies and practices



Comox Valley Waste Management Centre

3699 Bevan Road, Cumberland, BC VOR 1S0 Open seven days a week, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm Closed on all statutory holidays





Video: Quick Landfill Tour



Comox Valley Waste Management Centre



Goal: 70% diversion from being landfilled 2022-2025 – Solid Waste Management Plan Update





Landfill update





Recycling







What is Product Stewardship?

- ✓ Shift from government managed to industry and consumer managed & paid recycling programs
- ✓ Performance reporting is key accountability and transparency
- ✓ Producer developed plans and programs
- ✓ Communities get funding for recycling programs based on what they collect

















Overview of Recycling

CURBSIDE COLLECTION	Glass Food Packaging
Cartons and Paper Cups	Foam Packaging
Plastic Containers Including plant pots	Other Flexible Plastic Packaging
Aluminum & Steel Containers Including aerosol	Plastic Bags & Over wrap
Paper & Paper Packaging	EPR Items & Beverage Containers



Area A, B & C residents







Town of Comox,
City of Courtenay,
Village of Cumberland,
Royston



Courtenay Return-it

Depot

493 Puntledge Road

Comox Valley Waste Management Center Bevan Road, Cumberland



REFUNDABLES



Leave caps on

Beverage containers only

NOT ACCEPTED

- Coffee cream or other coffee additives
- Buttermilk
- Drinkable yogurt
- Infant formula

- Dietary or meal supplement
- Any dairy concentrates
- Modified milk-derived products (e.g. kefir)



ELECTRONICS



Display Devices





Home Audio/Video Systems



Desktop Computers



Desktop Printers/Mulit-**Function Devices**



Video Gaming Systems and Accessories



Musical Instruments



Medical and Monitoring Equipment



RETURN TO DEPOT



PRODUCT CARE RECYLING



Paint



Houshold Hazerdous Waste



Lights



Smoke and CO Alarms

RETURN TO DEPOT





- Alarm recycle (smoke & CO alarms)
- Small appliances (toasters, blenders, curling irons)
- **Batteries**
- Beverage containers (refund containers)
- Cell phones
- Outdoor power equipment
- **Electronics**

- Major appliances (fridges, stoves, air conditioners)
- ✓ Medications
- ✓ Packaging & **Printed Paper** (PPP)
- ✓ Paint and HHW
- **Thermostats**
- Tires (car, truck, bicycle tires & tubes)
- ✓ Used motor oil & antifreeze



Organics Collection

Currently collecting organics in Comox and Cumberland Adding Courtenay and Campbell River early 2023





Organics Facility





Think Zero Waste

Use this hierarchy to make decisions on what you purchase and consume to lower your environmental impact and work toward zero waste.

Rethink

Rethink everything you consume. What is it made out of? Do you need it? Why are you buying or consuming it? How does it affect nature? What happens when you don't need it?

Refuse

Say no to all single use items that are used once and thrown away. Refuse straws at restaurants, convenience food, balloons and plastic bags.

Reduce

Reduce what you buy. Purchase items with reduced product packaging. Reduce the amount of stuff in your home in general. Decluttering can be very therapeutic.

Reuse

Use reusable containers to refill bulk food, reusable bags for groceries and refillable mugs for coffee. Only buy items that will last a long time.

Re-gift

Keep items in good condition, and give them to others instead of purchasing gifts. If your friends and family don't need your items, sell them online or at a garage sale.

Repair

Fix or upgrade your objects rather than throwing them away (or recycling them). Find repair shops or save items for free repair cafes. Ask a friend/neighbor to help, or post online.

Rent

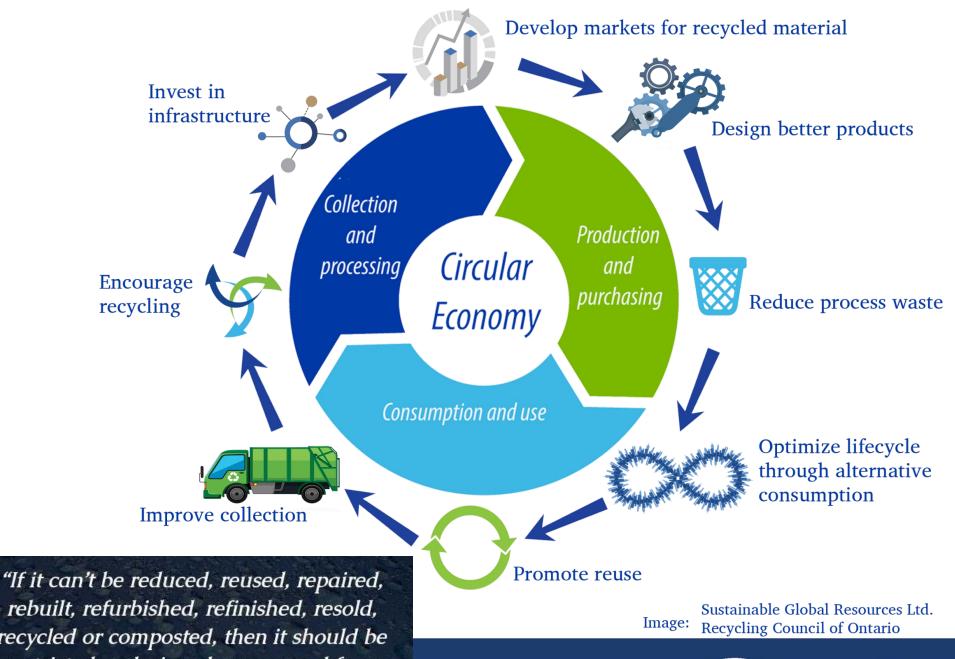
Rent items you only need for short projects, or borrow from your neighbors and friends. Utilize local tool and toy libraries in your community.

Recycle

It takes a lot of energy to collect, transport and recycle material into new objects, but it is still better than landfilling items. Participate in all local recycling programs.







rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled or composted, then it should be restricted, redesigned or removed from production."

Pete Seeger

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REPAIR CAFE



Saturday October 15, 2022 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Lake Trail Community School

A free event for community members to connect and repair items with skilled volunteer fixers.



Bring clothing/textiles, gardening equipment/tools, small appliances, electronics, camping/fishing gear, bikes, toys and wooden items.

Visit LTCES.ca for more details to attend or volunteer



Thank you!

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Questions?



