

Waste Diversion Update

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with *RDNO What
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SPRING CLEANUP TIPS

Spring is here, and that means - SPRING CLEANING! Check out our tips to make your spring cleaning more green and be sure to use the [RDNO What Goes Where webpage](#) to find local reuse and recycling options.

Find Reuse Options First!

A great way to start spring cleanup is sorting out items that are in good, reusable condition. Household items, clothing, and accessories in good reusable condition are often accepted for donation at thrift stores! You can find thrifting options for various items by searching “reusable” on RCBC Recyclepedia on the What Goes Where Webpage. For additional options, search thrift or consignment stores online or in your local listings. Consignment stores or the online marketplace can also be great options for selling more valuable items!



Please keep in mind that secondhand stores must have the ability to sell what they accept, and will have limitations on what they can accept. It is a good idea to check in with these stores to confirm that they can accept what you have to avoid placing a burden of unwanted materials on their expenses, staff, and volunteers. Some have lists of what they accept and what they do not accept on their websites.

**Thrift stores are great options
for giving unused treasures a
new home!**

Free Recycling at Local Depots

Next, use RDNO *What Goes Where Guides* to find a recycling depot or participating retailer near you that accepts your recyclable items! BC Recycling Programs accept a wide range of products including soft/flexible plastic wrap, expanded polystyrene foam, batteries, lightbulbs, select electronics, tires, and paint. You can also search for specific products using the search tool on our [What Goes Where webpage](#).

Many electronic items
(batteries, light bulbs,
small devices) are
accepted for

FREE

at local recycling
depots and
participating retailers.



Household Hazardous Waste?

Did you find any unwanted household chemicals during your cleanup? The RDNO has a comprehensive program for household hazardous waste which is operated through Interior Freight & Bottle Depot. It is very important to handle and dispose of household chemicals responsibly to prevent them from harming animals, people and plants. Municipal sewage and septic systems do not filter or remove these products from our wastewater which can result in the possibility of hazardous substances entering our waterways. More information about the RDNO *Household Hazardous Waste Program* can be found at rdno.ca/hhw.

Is a Trip to a Diversion & Disposal Facility (DDF) Needed?

Spring is a busy time at RDNO Diversion & Disposal Facilities (DDFs), so if you need to make a trip, please consider planning ahead to get the most out of it! DDFs are not the place to go for common household recyclables (mentioned in the previous section). Rather these facilities accept certain materials that have limited or no recycling options elsewhere such as separated construction and demolition waste, metal items and yard waste (find out more on the next page).



Regional District of North Okanagan
**Construction & Demolition (C&D)
WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE**

**Diversion & Disposal Fees Encourage
Separation and Diversion**

Fees are designed to fund current operations, future capital expansion and final closure costs, while providing financial incentives to separate divertible materials, encouraging waste reduction & recycling.

GOAL:
"To divert construction, deconstruction and demolition waste, and to preserve landfill space for those items that truly belong there, by providing financial incentives that encourage waste reduction, diversion and recycling."



THE CHOICE IS YOURS
Separate, Sort & \$ave

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

There are **5 major categories** of materials that can be diverted separately from garbage at most RDNO DDFs (not including Silver Star Transfer Station):

1. **Separated Construction & Demolition Materials** are accepted at reduced fees! Key items to separate are asphalt shingles, asphalt and concrete, drywall, and wood. Check out the [C&D Waste Management Guide](#) to help you **Separate, Sort & Save!**
2. **Metal items** are accepted at reduced fees for recycling! Items should be greater than 75% metal by volume. Steel is actually the most recycled material on the planet and there is a substantial market for recycled metal which conserves resources.
3. **Major residential appliances** including refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washing machines and window/portable air conditioners are accepted for **FREE** through the MARR BC program. A full list of items accepted can be found at www.marrbc.ca.
4. **Propane Tanks** are accepted for **FREE** to encourage proper handling and recycling. This includes refillable propane tanks (up to 100lbs in size), as well as single-use (1lb) propane cylinders. We encourage you to consider refillable tanks as a much more sustainable and less costly option to recycle than the single-use cylinders. Find out about the **RDNO Propane Tank Adapter Hose Rebate** at www.rdno.ca/propane.
5. **Yard & Garden Waste** is accepted for **FREE**. This includes trimmings, and prunings (<20 cm in diameter and 2 metres long). Yard and garden waste means plant material only - no garbage, no wood (from construction or furniture), no metal, no plastic, no concrete, no rocks.

For information on DDF locations and hours visit www.rdno.ca/ddf.

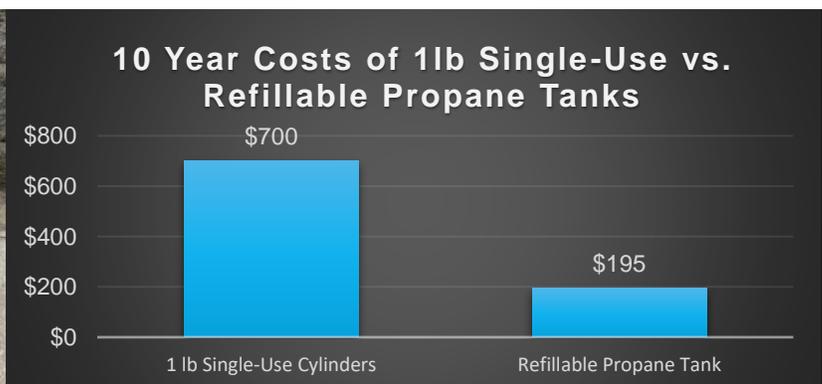
Save Time With Less Spring Cleaning in the Future

Going forward, LESS stuff means LESS time spent on future spring cleaning. Choosing the first “R” – **REDUCE** can save much time, money, and clutter. It is most effective way to prevent waste and conserve resources!

RETHINK WASTE REBATES

PROPANE ADAPTER HOSE REBATE

The **Propane Adapter Hose Rebate** helps residents avoid expensive and wasteful single-use cylinders by supporting the purchase (up to \$25) of an adapter hose! This hose connects refillable propane tanks



that come in various sizes (5,10, or 20lb) to table top barbeques and other portable propane appliances which are often just sold with connectors for 1lb single-use cylinders.

Single-use propane cylinders often have propane that is five times more expensive than refilling a tank. Also, these cylinders are explosion and fire hazards, even after they no longer light your appliance! **Handling and recycling them responsibly is very important.**

Recycling options for single-use cylinders are limited. Propane tanks and cylinders are accepted for **FREE** at RDNO Diversion & Disposal Facilities and through the Household Hazardous Waste Program operated at Interior Freight & Bottle Depot. However, it costs our region over \$11,000 each year to recycle these cylinders. Get started with refillable propane options and avoid single-use cylinders this summer. Find more information and the rebate forms at www.rdno.ca/propane.

COMPOSTER REBATE

The RDNO Composter Rebate is back. It covers 50% of the cost of a home composting system (up to a maximum rebate of \$60). Properly managed backyard composting is a most sustainable way to keep food and yard waste out of landfills. You also get the added benefit of having an ongoing supply of compost to provide valuable nutrients and increased water holding capacity to your garden soils. All this for free and sourced right in your back yard! Properly maintained compost does not have an offensive odor and will not likely be an attractant to animals.



There are many ways to compost ranging from the common black backyard compost bin, worm composting, tumbler composting, digestion and fermentation. To find various ways to compost that suit your household as well as the Composter Rebate Form checkout the RDNO Home Composting & Yard Care webpage at www.rdno.ca/composting.

MAKE EVERYDAY EARTH DAY!

SMALL STEPS EVERYDAY REALLY ADD UP!

When it comes to waste prevention, making every day its own Earth Day really makes a difference! Our daily decisions can really add up, and many days we are faced with decisions where we can:

- Make purchase decisions that avoid waste or create excessive waste.
- Choose reusable items over single-use items.
- Use up the food we buy, instead of throwing it out.
- Compost our food scraps rather than throwing them in the garbage.
- Repair items, instead of replacing them.
- Donate items in good reusable condition instead of throwing them out.
- Buy quality used items, instead of new items with all sorts of packaging and unnecessary features.
- Separate items for recycling to keep them out of garbage.

These are just a few of the choices we face almost every day...

As a region of over 90,000 residents the total of all our daily choices really add up. It really starts with each one of us making choices that can reduce waste every day. As a region we can make every day Earth Day and together make millions of choices that reduce waste every year!

90,000 RDNO RESIDENTS
TAKING JUST ONE SUSTAINABLE STEP
PER DAY
RESULTS IN
OVER 32,000,000
SUSTAINABLE STEPS PER YEAR!
MAKE EVERY DAY
EARTH DAY!

