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ALBERNI VALLEY SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING NEWS

CHANGES TO TIPPING FEES

On May 8th, 2019 the new Tipping Fee Bylaw NO.1029 was adopted by the ACRD Board of Directors. Here are the changes:

COMMERCIAL CARDBOARD \$60/TONNE

All cardboard is banned from being disposed of in the landfill. **Residential Cardboard** will continue to be accepted at the landfill's Recycling Center and 3rd Ave Recycling Depot for free, **however commercial cardboard is not accepted**, in the Recycle BC programs, therefore, **effective June 15, 2019, the 3rd Ave. Recycling Depot will no longer accept commercial cardboard**. The ACRD will have bins to accept commercial cardboard for \$60/tonne at the Alberni Valley Landfill. Businesses can also inquire with local garbage haulers on having a cardboard collection service at their place of business.

FRIDGES AND FREEZERS ARE NOW FREE

Drop off of fridges and freezers at the landfill is now free. The provincial stewardship program that collects money from customers as an "eco-fee" at the time of sale will now be subsidizing the costs to remove freon and manage these products.

MATTRESSES ARE NOW BEING RECYCLED

A new mattress recycling facility has started up in Port Alberni (**Recycling Matters-3169 2nd Ave.**) and accepts all mattresses and box springs for \$15 each. To support this program, the landfill will be diverting and transporting all mattresses received to this facility. We will be charging \$20 per unit to cover the facility and transport fees.



NEW LANDFILL SOFTWARE COMING SOON

We have a new landfill software system coming this year that will help collect more data on the garbage being disposed of in the landfill. Expect to start getting asked where your garbage is coming from and what type of garbage it is. If you have an account set up with us, please provide your email address to receive electronic copies of your tickets:

Subject line: Landfill email
To: accounting@acrd.bc.ca

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Recycling Matters

The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) encourages you to understand the many ways you can reduce waste going to the landfill.

Reduce, reuse, recycle aren't just over-used words. These actions are increasingly critical to reduce waste and its carbon footprint. An expert team of educators is determining what information ACRD residents need in order to reduce waste going to the landfill. Here's what people are asking:



Q: Is recycling actually happening?

A: Yes! The Provincial Government has mandated that producers take responsibility for the end-of-life disposal of their items. If you participate in curb-side or depot recycling, you are already helping.

Q: Is recycling worth it, with all the diesel fuel required to transport and remanufacture new items?

A: Absolutely! It takes less energy to make new products from recycled materials than from virgin materials.

Q: Why isn't everything recycled?

A: Whether an item can be recycled depends on three main points:

- 1. Is there technology to separate the clean, uncontaminated material from the rest of the recycling and turn it into a new commodity (e.g. plastic pellets, paper sheets, metal reams)?**
- 2. Is there a market for the new commodity?**
- 3. Is the value of the recycled material higher than the cost of the recycling process?**

Q: How do we ensure our recycling is actually being recycled?

A: Understand the difference between true recycling and "wishful recycling", or "wishcycling". Read the curb-side recycling list and check with spotters at the depots. If you are including dirty, greasy, materials, unwashed containers, or anything that's not on the list, you are "Wishcycling".

Wishcycling converts your recycling from a valuable product to garbage. It can even contaminate a whole load of otherwise clean, useful recycling!

Recycle Right at Home

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), with partnership from eight regional districts, are rolling out the new Recycle Right at Home campaign. This will provide residents across all regional districts, information for how to reduce, reuse and recycle responsibly and effectively at home.

Five short videos have been developed that focus on different aspects of recycling to inform and hopefully inspire residents to 'Recycle Right'. The campaign presents easily adaptable ideas to work towards waste reduction. For more information go to:

www.acrd.bc.ca/recycle-right-at-home

WISHCYCLING

Putting non-recyclable materials into curb-side recycling, hoping it will be recycled.

