

The Recycling Centre accepts “Packaging and Paper Products” according to provincial regulations, sorted into the Recycle BC Program’s categories listed below. To help keep lineups short, please sort your recyclables prior to arrival!

Printed Paper Products

Dry newspapers, flyers, home/office paper, envelopes, magazines, catalogues, phone books, paper gift wrap, greeting cards, shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag).

NO wet paper. **NO** paper towels. **NO** paper napkins.

NO Kleenex or hygienic tissues. **NO** ribbons, bows, or musical cards. **NO** tea bag sleeves (not recyclable, just put in garbage). **Please** place all paper bags, snack or cereal boxes with cardboard (not with paper).

For hard and soft-cover books, please ask attendant.

Cardboard/Paper Packaging

Dry corrugated boxes, boxboard, food packaging boxes, paper bags (any colour), egg cartons, paper feed bags.

Please empty, remove plastic liners, & flatten. **NO** waxed cardboard. **NO** foil-lined or plastic-lined bags/cardboard.

Cartons/Tetrapaks/Lined Cups

Non-refundable gable-top cartons (ie: creamers), non-refundable ‘tetrapaks’ (ie: soup broth), ice cream cartons, foil-lined paper coffee packaging, soup or coffee cups.

Please rinse & flatten. Caps can be left on, or can be put in the hard/molded plastics bin. **Dairy and plant-based milk containers are now refundable**, so please donate them or get your refund from the Bottle Depot.

Glass Bottles & Jars

Non-refundable glass bottles and jars only.

Please rinse. Recycle caps in metal or hard/molded plastic bins. Labels are okay. Kombucha bottles are refundable.

Metal Food/Skincare Containers

Steel, tin & aluminum cans, aluminum foil (not lined with paper), empty non-flammable aerosol cans, foil pie plates.

Please rinse. For metals that contained paint, pesticides, toxic, corrosive or flammable materials, ask attendant.

Styrofoam Packaging

Meat trays, molded styrofoam packaging for appliances, white egg cartons, white foam coffee or soup cups, etc.

Please wash well, remove absorbent pad and stretch wrap. Remove all tape & cardboard. **NO** pink/blue insulation. **NO** styrofoam or compostable peanuts. **NO** squishy foam.

Flexible Plastic Packaging

Clean soft plastic bags for groceries, produce, bread, bulk foods, etc. Plastic overwrap for products like toilet paper, paper towels, flats of drinks, or mattresses. Clean stretch, cling, or saran wrap, ziploc sandwich or freezer bags, chip bags, plastic box liners, bubble wrap, meat/cheese packaging, mesh/net packaging, candy wrappers, and squishy foam. **For 6-pack rings, please ask attendant.**

NO wet or dirty plastic bags & cling wrap. **NO** black garbage bags. **NO** biodegradable or compostable plastic. **NO** blister packs for medications. **NO** plastic-lined paper or paper-lined plastic (ie: “Que Pasa” tortilla chip bags, many local coffee bags, and most tea bag sleeves are not recyclable).

Hard/Molded Plastic Containers

Non-refundable disposable plastic packaging like bottles, jugs, jars, clamshells, tubs, drink cups, plant pots, straws, cutlery, spray bottles, pails less than 25 litres.

Please rinse. Plastic lids go in the same bin. Metal lids go in the metal bin. **NO** biodegradable or compostable plastics (garbage). **NO** plastic strapping or zip ties (garbage). **Milk jugs are now refundable**, so please donate or get your refund from the Bottle Depot. For plastic containers or items not mentioned above, please ask attendant.

Batteries

BEWARE

Please be careful when sorting!

Batteries can explode in balers & cause fires in Depots.
Please place batteries in the dedicated batteries bin.
For automotive, marine, or solar batteries, ask attendant.

OTHER RECYCLABLES

Motor Oil/Antifreeze/Oil Filters

We can now accept used oil, antifreeze & oil filters, as well as empty containers. **NO** dumping. Ask attendant for details.

Scrap Metal (Red Container) **BEWARE**

We can now accept any metal item that is made up of at least 50% metal, including large appliances. **NO** refrigerators, freezers, water coolers. **NO** compressed canisters (ie: oxygen tanks, fire extinguishers, propane, butane, or other gas/fuel). Compressed canisters can explode in metal crushers. Please see attendant for safe disposal of these hazardous items.

Household Hazardous Waste

Ask attendant for safe disposal instructions. We are accepting some hazardous materials such as: paint, butane, propane, camping fuel containers, flammable aerosols, acids, flammable liquids, toxic pesticides. Please do not dispose of dangerous items in the environment. Bring them to us or to the Cumberland Landfill on a Household Hazardous Waste disposal day.

Miscellaneous Recyclables

- Light bulbs, batteries, tires, & real cork items
- Thermostats, carbon monoxide alarms & smoke detectors.
- Fire extinguishers, propane & butane canisters
- Contact lens waste, fully intact eyeglasses, 6-pack rings
- Ink cartridges, pens, markers & mechanical pencils

Useful Links

- www.cswm.ca (Comox Strathcona Waste Mgmt.)
- www.recyclebc.ca (Recycle BC Program)
- www.rcbc.ca/recyclepedia/ (Recycling Council of BC)

PLEASE!

NO dumping or drop-offs after hours without prior permission

Bottle Depot - Refundables & more

Deposit refunds are paid on all ready-to-drink beverage containers purchased in BC, including: dairy and plant-based milk, egg nog, smoothies, iced coffee, juice, soft drinks, kombucha, water, beer, wine, and spirits.

Rinse and leave labels on. Sorting instructions and more information available at the Depot or at: www.return-it.ca/beverage/products/



Donate your deposit refund to the Recycling Centre or other Denman Island community groups. See the bins at the Recycling Centre for a full list.

The Bottle Depot also accepts:

- Plug-in appliances and electric tools
- Light fixtures and end-of-life electronics
- Automotive and bicycle tires of all sizes

Ask attendant for details or check out the links below:

<https://www.electrorecycle.ca/accepted-products/>

The Free Store

Accepted: Clean lightly-worn clothing, books, toys, and household items in good condition.

Please do not leave items outside. Speak to a volunteer if you have items to donate. There are also Denman Island Facebook bulletin boards to help find a home for larger items.

Not Accepted: Stained or ripped sheets, towels, and clothing can be disposed of with garbage. Do not drop off furniture, bicycles, or electronics and appliances that require repair. No infant car or bicycle seats due to insurance liability issues.

TVs, electronics, household appliances, and bicycles can be recycled at the Bottle Depot.

Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup is on THURSDAYS. Exact dates are on the schedule at:

- Denman Island Residents Association website: (<http://denmanresidents.com/waste-management-committee/>)
- Waste Management Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Denman-Recycling-and-Waste-Management-1974729269274700/>

Please Note: In the event of changes or cancellations, staff will post updates on the Waste Management Facebook page

Stick-on Tags for Garbage Bags

- \$2.50 per stick-on tag (cash only)
- Purchase stick-on tags at Recycling Centre or Denman Island General Store

Garbage Bags

- Max weight per bag is 40lbs
- Please protect bags from animals by using an animal-proof trash can

Garbage Pickup Contractor

Strathcona Recycling & Disposal
strathconarecycling@gmail.com
250-207-6500

The **DIRA Waste Management Committee** oversees activities related to recycling and waste collection, promotion of waste reduction through education and the three Rs (*reduce, reuse, recycle*).

The Committee manages the Recycling Centre and Bottle Depot, garbage pickup services, and the Free Store.

Visit the DIRA website for more info
<http://denmanresidents.com/waste-management-committee/>



Denman Island Waste Management Guide

2025 Hours of Operation

Recycling Centre

Wednesday & Thursday: 1:00-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:30am-5:00pm

Bottle Depot (Oct to May)

Wednesday & Thursday: 2:00-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:30am-5:00pm

Bottle Depot (June to Sept)

Wednesday & Thursday: 1:00-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:30am-5:00pm

Free Store

Thursday: 3:00-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-12:30pm

Location

Old School Centre

5901 Denman Road

Contact us

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