

Recycle BC has new colour-coded recycling categories. This means recycling will be easier because we are merging paper, boxboard & cardboard (yellow). We are also merging cartons/tetrapaks, with hard plastics and household metal (blue). Ask us for a roll of colour-coded stickers to put on your bins, so you can easily sort your recyclables at home!

Paper Products/Paper Packaging

Dry newspapers, flyers, home/office paper, envelopes, magazines, catalogues, phone books, paper gift wrap, greeting cards, paper bags, paper feed bags, etc.

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

NO Kleenex or hygienic tissues. **NO** ribbons, bows, or musical cards. **NO** tea bag sleeves (put in garbage).

Place shredded paper in a clear plastic bag.

For soft or hardcover books, please ask attendant.

Cardboard Boxes/Egg Cartons

Dry corrugated cardboard boxes, boxboard, food packaging boxes, egg cartons, etc.

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

Soft/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.

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).

For 6-pack rings, please ask attendant.

Glass Bottles & Jars

Non-refundable glass bottles and jars only. **Please rinse!**

Recycle lids separately (with metal/hard plastics). Labels can stay on. For broken household glass, 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.

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. Dairy and plant-based milk containers are now refundable, so please donate them or get your refund from the Bottle Depot.

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 and metal lids go in the same 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.**

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.

PLEASE!

NO dumping or drop-offs after hours without prior permission

OTHER RECYCLING PROGRAMS

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 (Outdoor Bin)

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 hazardous items.**

Batteries

BEWARE

Batteries can explode in balers or compactors and can cause fires in Recycling Centres. Please place batteries in the dedicated battery bin on the shelf. For automotive, marine, solar, or electric bicycle batteries, ask attendant.

Household Hazardous Waste

Ask attendant for safe disposal instructions. We accept some hazardous materials such as: butane, propane, & mixed camping fuel canisters, paint, 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, plastic lighters & vegetable oil
- Thermostats, carbon monoxide alarms & smoke detectors.
- Fire extinguishers, automotive & bicycle tires of all sizes
- Fully intact eyeglasses & sunglasses, 6-pack rings, corks
- 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)

Bottle Depot - Refundables & more

Deposit refunds are paid on all ready-to-drink beverage containers purchased in BC, including: dairy & plant-based milk, egg nog, smoothies, (some) meal replacements, kombucha, juice, iced coffee, soft drinks, water, beer, wine & 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 community groups. See the bins at the Recycling Centre for all the options.

The Bottle Depot also accepts:

- Plug-in appliances and electric tools
- Light fixtures and end-of-life electronics

Ask attendant for details or check out:

recyclemyelectronics.ca/bc/what-can-i-recycle

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 the Recycling Centre or the 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
- For garbage-related questions/issues email the Bottle Depot & Recycling Centre at:

DenmanRecyclingCentre@gmail.com
DenmanBottleDepot@gmail.com

The **DIRA Waste Management Committee** oversees the Bottle Depot, the Recycling Centre, the Free Store, and garbage collection. It seeks to promote waste reduction through education and the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

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



Denman Island Waste Management Guide

2026 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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