



Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

When is recycling and garbage picked up?

- Recycling and garbage are picked up in alternating weeks (recycling one week, garbage the next, etc.). The day of pickup at any one location is always the same regardless of whether it is a recycling or garbage week. Please consult the schedule on the District's website to determine the day of pick up at your residence.

Am I limited to the one recycling container that has been provided to me for recycling?

- No. Additional recycling containers may be used (there is no limit), as long as they are *the same type of container as the one provided*. However, the 2 container garbage limit does remain in effect.

What do I do with recycling items that cannot be picked up at curbside?

- Materials such as glass, polystyrene foam, electronics, and plastic film/bags make up the bulk of the recyclables that cannot be picked up curbside. Please be environmentally responsible and dispose of these items at a local recycling depot: Fox's Disposal (250-949-6306), Port Hardy Return-It Centre (250-949-7700) or at the 7-Mile Landfill & Recycling Centre (250-949-1681).

Why can I recycle telephone books and catalogs but not paperback or hardcover books?

- The adhesives used to bind a paperback or hardcover book are different from a telephone book or catalog which makes them not recyclable unless the spines and associated adhesive is completely removed.

What questionable items must go in the garbage?

- There are some materials that are not currently recyclable which must go directly into your garbage. These include shredded paper, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, cling wrap, chip and snack bags, zip-lock bags, cellophane wrapping, foil gift wrap, ribbons, and bows.

What do I need to do with my recycling materials before they go into the recycling container?

- All containers/materials should be rinsed or cleared of food and other contaminants prior to pick up. Cardboard boxes and any large plastic containers should be crushed down. Pizza boxes are included as long as they are not so badly contaminated that the cardboard has become soft.

What will happen if I put recyclables in the garbage or non-recyclable items in the recycling?

- The District's contractor, Fox's Disposal Ltd., has the right to deny pick up of any contaminated containers.
- Fox's Disposal Ltd. will place an informative sticker on a denied container to help educate regarding contaminated or non-recyclable materials.

Can I recycle my plastic or metal oil/kerosene/paint containers?

- No. Any container that is contaminated with any of these substances is not recyclable.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.porthardy.ca/your-municipal-hall/garbage-recycling>

<http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/>

<http://multimaterialbc.ca/>

or call Operational Services at 250-949-7779

Email: pw@porthardy.ca