

# HORNBY ISLAND RECYCLING DEPOT HISTORY

The HI Recycling Depot began more than 40 years ago, in 1978, thru the combined efforts of many Hornby Island volunteers. Prior to that, islanders did what most country people did – burned what they could, buried what they could not.

But as the population on Hornby grew and we became more aware of environmental issues such as soil and air pollution, a new plan had to emerge. Glass and tin cans were collected and sold off island to be recycled. Next plastic, then cardboard, were added to the items being recycled. Volunteers constructed a “Free Store”, where residents could bring usable items to share.

Incinerating our garbage ceased in 1991. Over the next 5 years, the old land fill was capped with clay and a lovely garden was established on top.

The Knowledge Network made and aired a video, “Hornby Recycles”, in 1998. In 2001, our tiny island's Recycling Depot received the Recycling BC Award of Excellence. In 2002, Hornby youth were sponsored to attend the UN Children's Conference on the Environment. In 2012, we received a Leader in Sustainability award from Call 2 Recycle.

A new Recycling Building was built in 2011. We then created a revised site plan, with the help of community meetings, in 2013 and completed the building of a new and bigger Free Store in 2015. Minimizing our “absolute garbage” and finding ways to reuse and recycle has been in our blood for decades!"

More details are on our website

[www.hirra.ca/recycle](http://www.hirra.ca/recycle)



## Here is What Is Not Recyclable & Must Go Into The Dumpster

*Tipping Fees Apply.*

Saran wrap, disposable diapers, tissues, bags or other items composed of layers/mixes of paper & plastic, as well as broken furniture.

Please consult the 2025 Fee Schedule

*If you are unsure, please ask!*

*We are happy to help.*

## PRE-CYCLING

Make choices when you shop.

Consider the environmental effects of a product, and its packaging, before purchasing.

Some pre-cycling suggestions:

- Buy things that can be reused or repaired.
- Avoid disposables such as razors, lighters, diapers, pens, plastic food ware, paper plates and batteries.
- Choose the least packaged item or buy in bulk.
- Tell your store manager about any excessive packaging.
- Use your own reusable grocery bag or box.

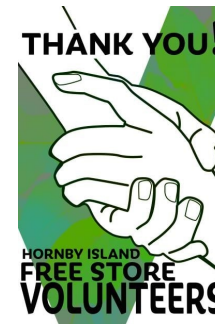
**PLEASE HELP REDUCE WASTE  
GOING TO THE LANDFILL**

## FREE STORE

We accept donations of clothing, toys, books and household goods that are clean and in good condition. No dirty or broken items, please.

Our Volunteers make it happen! All sorting of donations and stocking of the Free Store shelves is done by volunteers. They appreciate not having to sort out dirty or broken items.

Our Free Store always needs volunteers. Check in with the Depot office for more information.



*You'll pay for your garbage.  
Recycling and Reuse are FREE.*

So, it makes “dollars and sense” to sort and recycle!  
By recycling and reducing your garbage, you will be helping to:

- Reduce the need for landfills
- Save natural resources
- Reduce pollution created by refining raw materials
- Conserve the energy required to produce products
- Set a good example



## **FREE STORE & WASTE DIVERSION**

3600 Central Road

250-335-0550

[www.recycling.hirra.ca](http://www.recycling.hirra.ca)

Email: [recycling@hirra.ca](mailto:recycling@hirra.ca)

### **DEPOT HOURS**

**9:00am—1:00pm**

### **FREE STORE HOURS**

**10:00AM—12 NOON**

**SUMMER Thursday—Sunday**

**WINTER Friday—Sunday**

**Closed all Statutory Holidays**

Operated by HIRRA under contract with the CVRD

*The HIWMC respectfully acknowledges the land on which it operates is on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land*

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### PLASTICS

**Empty & Clean** plastic bags, containers and lids (hard and soft), leave lid & labels on

Refundables– pop, juice, alcohol, water, leave lid & labels on

Expanded polystyrene packaging (Styrofoam) (white & colored)

Garden hoses, piping and useable garden pots

(Drop off behind painted water tank)

### **CANDLE WAX & EMPTY CANDLE WAX CONTAINERS**

*Collected in the recycling building*



### PAPER / CARDBOARD

#### **Paper**

Newsprint, flyers, paper bags, office paper, feedbags, & magazines.

#### **Cardboard**

Corrugated cardboard, boxboard, cereal boxes & pizza boxes, etc.

Please flatten boxes.

### GLASS

**All empty & clean** glass jars, bottles and containers (no broken glass)

Refundables– pop, beer, wine & liquor (Must have labels intact)

### METAL PACKAGING

**All empty and clean** tin and aluminum cans, aluminum foil

Refundables– pop and beer (Must NOT be flattened)

### SCRAP METAL

*Tipping Fees apply on some items*

Large Appliances - Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Fridges

Small Household Appliances

Lawn mowers, Chainsaws, etc

(Must be drained of all fuels)

Metal cookware, Electrical cables, scrap metal, fencing wire

### ELECTRONICS

Microwave Ovens, Toasters,

Coffee Makers, Blenders,

Computers, Monitors, TV's, Stereos,

DVD Players,

Inkjet Cartridges

### CIGARETTES & BUTTS

Collected in butt barrel outside the recycling building

### WOOD

Treated & Untreated Lumber, Branches

### OIL/PAINT/BATTERIES LIGHT BULBS & PROPANE TANKS PAINT CANS , FLUORESCENT Lights and Non-PCB ballasts



*At Product Care Building*  
*On Fridays Only*

### COMPOST

Lawn clippings, leaves and sawdust

Food scraps – NO meat, fish, fat or bones

NO Weeds, Seeds or Invasive Plants,

such as Holly or Broom

NO plastic or other garbage

### DRY-WALL

**Please call ahead to ensure that we can accept your drywall.**

New Provincial regulations, regarding waste Drywall, require a “Waste Disposal Application”

This form can be downloaded at <http://hirra.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Dry-Wall-Waste-Disposal-Application-March-2017.pdf>

Fill out the form and present to the Depot staff **prior** to dropping off any Drywall .

### **2025 TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE**

#### Household Garbage

Small Bag Kitchen Catcher Style Bag.....\$3.00

16 1/2" x 20" (42x51cm)

Medium Bag Regular Garbage Bag.....\$5.00

26" x 36" (66 x91cm)

Large Bag Large .....\$7.00

31" x 42" (x 107 cm)

Large Appliances.....\$ 5.00

Fridges/Freezers .....\$20.00

Mattress/Box Spring.....\$20.00

Couches.....\$ 10.00

Regular Pick-Up Truck load .....\$125.00 & up

Small Pick-Up Truck Load .....\$80.00 up

Trailers as assessed.....starting at \$150.00

Tires on rims .....\$5.00

Wood/Branches.....as assessed

Asphalt Shingles/Concrete/etc twice regular price

Furniture.....as assessed

Prices subject to change

### FURNITURE & MATTRESES

Charges apply for mattresses

and some furniture.

Please ask before dropping them off