

## Northern Bear Awareness

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Fruit trees, especially apple trees, are serious black bear attractants. If the fruit remains ripe on the tree or falls to the ground and starts to rot, it will attract bears into Prince George. By September, 2000, only 11 bears had been destroyed in the Prince George area. However, because of the fall fruit-tree season and improperly stored garbage, another 17 bears were destroyed. The destruction of these 17 bears could be easily prevented by proper fruit tree management. The Northern Bear Awareness Team would like to remind you to clean up your fruit trees this fall to help in the efforts to bear-proof the Prince George community.

The Spruce City Wildlife Association developed the Northern Bear Awareness Program, under the direction of the Omineca Bear-Human Conflict Committee to address issues relating to bear-human conflict by promoting conservation and responsible management.

### SOME TIPS

1. Harvest fruit when ripe and clean up fallen fruit.
2. Replace fruit trees with non-fruit bearing trees.
3. Consider placing a portable electric fence around fruit trees.
4. Favor non-fruit bearing trees when landscaping.
5. Consider using products that retard fruit formation.



### GOALS

1. bear proof the community by minimizing unnatural attractants;
2. prevent bear-human conflict
3. minimize the impact of urbanization on bears;
4. increase public awareness through preventative education;
5. foster understanding, appreciation and tolerance of bears;
6. conduct research to study bear habitat and behaviors in a community environment;
7. promote community involvement.

The Omineca Bear-Human Conflict Committee is represented by the Spruce City Wildlife Association, the

Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Conservation Officer Services, the City of Prince George, and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

### MORE TIPS

**GARBAGE:** Put garbage out the same day as pick up Store garbage in secure buildings or bear proof containers - Make sure your garbage container has a tight fitting lid

**BACKYARD ATTRACTANTS:** Keep barbecues clean, as residue build-up can be quite attractive to bears - Do not leave pet food outside - Harvest garden fruits and vegetables as soon as ripe - Bird feeders attract bears - Install bird feeders that are inaccessible to bears - If you compost, follow rules of good composting

### Why Should You Care?

1. Fewer bears will be needlessly destroyed.
2. Neighborhoods will be a safer place for your family.
3. Achieve a greater understanding and appreciation of bears, their habitat and behaviors.

Remember that the energy you put into bear proofing your yard will reduce the amount of time a bear spends in your neighborhood. Bears conditioned to garbage or unnatural foods are destroyed. Your efforts will help reduce bear-human conflicts in Prince George and area, and strengthen your sense of community.

If bear conflict should occur call the Conservation Officer Services at: **(250) 565-6140**

### OTHER CONTACTS

Compost Hotline at 561-7327 or visit [www.reaps.org](http://www.reaps.org)

Regional District Recycling Hotline at (250) 960-4486 or visit [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca)





## SATELLITE DROP DEPOT LOCATIONS

You can find drop-depot sites in Prince George, Mackenzie, McBride, Dunster and Valemount. Both urban and rural residents can take recyclables to the depot of their choice.

Recycling operations are contracted to Norampac Paper Inc. Norampac's Material Recovery Facility is at 1015 Great Street in the BC Rail Industrial Site and receives metal cans, paper products and milk jugs. For private delivery of large amounts of source separated recyclables and current paper market values, contact Norampac at 563-0233.

Prince George satellite drop-depot locations for the collection of all paper fibre and metal food and beverage containers are:

1. Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill (Foothills Blvd. and Austin Rd.)
2. Hart Shopping Plaza (West Austin Road)
3. Nechako Bottle Depot (1922-1st Avenue)
4. City of Prince George Transfer Station (Quinn St. and 18th Ave)
5. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (3590 Dufferin Ave)
6. Cummings Road Transfer Station (East end of Cummings Road)
7. Bon Voyage Plaza (Highway 16 West)
8. Shelley Transfer Station
9. Kinsman Community Complex (777 Kinsman Pl., near 5th & Ospika)
10. Connaught Youth Centre (Victoria and 17th Avenue)

### NEWSPAPER COMPARTMENT

This includes any inserts that accompany a newspaper. Place newspapers loose into the bin. Do not bundle or bag newspaper.

## REDUCING SOLID WASTE IN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER FORT GEORGE

### MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS COMPARTMENT

This includes nearly all types of paper, including:

- Boxboard (ie. Cereal boxes, shoe boxes)
- Cardboard
- Catalogues
- Paper Bags
- Envelopes
- (w/windows are okay)
- Paperback Books
- Telephone Books
- Cardboard Egg Cartons
- Computer Paper
- Magazines
- Office Paper
- Glossy Paper / Flyers
- Writing Paper
- Tissue & Paper Towel Rolls

### PLEASE FLATTEN ALL BOXES BEFORE PLACING THEM INTO THE BIN

Paper that has a plastic coating, wax coating or foil coating, and paper that has food or oil stains will contaminate the other recyclable materials and should not be placed in the bin. This includes:

- Drink Boxes (ie juice boxes) as they have plastic and foil liners,
- Milk cartons have a wax coating,
- Pizza boxes with cheese stuck to the bottom (but you can recycle the clean cardboard from a pizza box).

### METAL FOOD CAN COMPARTMENT

This includes tin, steel and aluminum food cans. Metal products like paint cans and aerosol cans cannot be recycled through this system.

## PLASTIC MILK JUGS

Two locations are provided for recycling opportunities for 4 litre milk jugs as a community service. The two locations are:

1. Norampac's facility in the BCR Industrial Site at 1015 Great St. The milk jug bin is at the front of the building. Bins for the collection of paper products and tin, steel and aluminum cans are also provided.
2. Nechako Bottle Depot at 1922 First Ave. The milk jug bin is at the west end of the building next to the Regional District recycling bin.

Both request that you remove the lids and neck rings and rinse and flatten jugs before bringing them to the bins. Both bins are accessible 7 days per week.

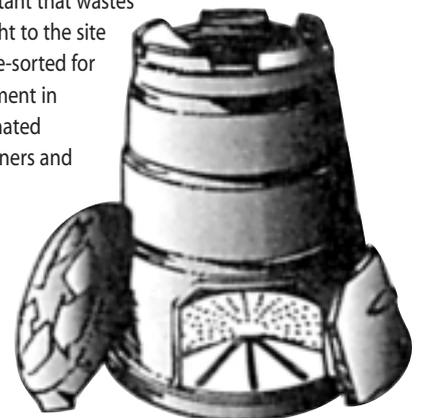
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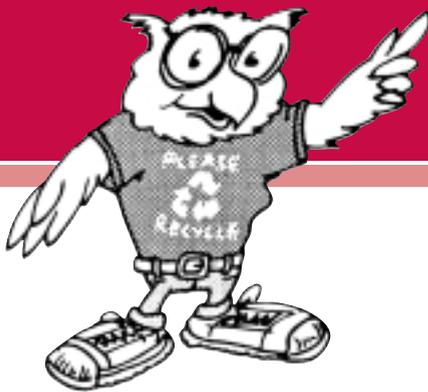
- Take home items that are not accepted including: plastic bags, plastic containers, glass and any garbage.
- Do not leave materials outside the recycling bins.

Ensure that all recyclable materials taken to a drop-depot site are placed in the appropriate bin. Leaving materials outside the bin creates an unsightly mess and a poor image of our community which may encourage the landowner to no longer allow the recycle bins on their property. If in doubt about what & where to recycle, call the RECYCLING HOTLINE at 960-4486.

## FOOTHILLS BOULEVARD REGIONAL LANDFILL

The Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill is the largest landfill in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The facility, at Foothills Blvd. and West Austin Road, has been upgraded to help environmental monitoring and to increase efficiency and safety for those using the landfill. Site attendants are on duty during operating hours to provide assistance and to direct users to the appropriate areas of the landfill. A transfer station accepts residential refuse, compostable materials and recyclable materials. A Swap Shed operates for the exchange of used items. Other on-site recycling options include scrap metal, large appliances, small tires and yard & garden waste for composting. To maximize use of these facilities, it is important that wastes brought to the site are pre-sorted for placement in designated containers and areas.





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## HOURS OF OPERATION FOOTHILLS LANDFILL SITE

### WINTER HOURS

November 1 to March 31

Monday to Friday .....7:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday .....7:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday .....10:00am to 4:00pm

### SUMMER HOURS

April 1 to October 31

Monday to Friday .....7:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday .....7:00am to 7:00pm

Sunday .....10:00am to 7:00pm

### HOLIDAY HOURS

10:30am to 6:00pm

- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- BC Day
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Boxing Day
- Remembrance Day

### CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY

For more information on the Foothills Landfill operation phone **962-8972**.

For more information on Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Solid Waste Management Programs and Facilities please call the Environmental Services Department at **960-4486** or toll free at **1-800-667-1959**.



## REDUCING SOLID WASTE IN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER FORT GEORGE

### YARD & GARDEN TRIMMINGS DROP OFF

Yard & garden trimmings suitable for composting, such as grass clippings, leaves, plants, flowers and small branches can be dropped off at the Quinn St. Transfer Station (Quinn & 18th Ave.) and the Foothills landfill site, FREE of charge. The material will be composted at the Foothills landfill site.

### BULK COMPOST FOR SALE

Bulk compost is for sale at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill. This compost has been processed at the Centralized Composting Facility at the landfill using local yard and garden clippings delivered to the landfill transfer station by residents and businesses.

### PRICES

Minimum Charge:	\$5.25 – U-Load
Full Size	
Pick-up Truck:	\$21.00 – U-Load
	\$26.00 – We-Load
Small/Import	
Pick-up Truck:	\$10.50 – U-Load
	\$13.00 – We Load
Other size Loads:	\$10.50/m3 – U-Load
	\$13.00/m3 – We-Load

**(GST is applicable to all the above prices)**

### SUGGESTED USES FOR BULK COMPOST

- add to new or existing garden beds
- top dress lawns
- mulch around trees and shrubs
- mix with existing soil prior to planting a new lawn with seeds or sod.

Bring a shovel for U-Load compost and dig-in! While supplies last.

For more information and for We-Load times, please call 962-8972.

For more information on using finished compost, call the REAPS Composting Hotline at **561-7327**.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

The Consumer Product Stewardship Program (CPSP) has established a collection depot for some household hazardous waste products. These products include household paints, solvents, flammable liquids, pesticides and gasoline.

The local agent for the CPSP is the Nechako Bottle Depot at 1922 First Avenue. For more information on the materials accepted, call the CPSP toll-free at **1-800-505-0139** or contact the Nechako Bottle Depot at **562-3871**.



### KEEP THESE NUMBERS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE WHEN RECYCLING

REGIONAL DISTRICT RECYCLING AND SOLID  
WASTE HOTLINE IN PRINCE GEORGE  
**960-4486 • TOLL FREE 1-800-667-1959**

FOOTHILLS BOULEVARD REGIONAL LANDFILL  
**962-8972**

REAPS COMPOSTING HOTLINE  
**561-7327**

BC RECYCLING HOTLINE  
**1-800-667-4321**

CONSUMER PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP  
PROGRAM (HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL)  
**1-800-505-0139**



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