



Watson Lake Landfill & Recycling Depot Information

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday – Saturday

Landfill 10:00 – 5:00

Recycling Depot 10:00 – 5:30

We close for all Statutory Holidays. If a stat falls on a Monday, we will be closed on the previous Saturday.

CONTACT INFO

Phone 536-7104

Email recycling@watsonlake.ca

Online <http://www.watsonlake.ca/>

Town Government – Municipal Services – Recycling
Information (at the very bottom of the page)

We are on Face book (Watson Lake Recycling Depot)

REFUNDABLE CONTAINERS:

In Yukon, all ready-to-drink beverage containers carry a deposit and refund, except for milk, milk products, milk substitutes (rice milk, soy milk), and meal replacement drinks.

The value of the refund depends on the container type and size.

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| Aluminum cans – pop, beer, juice All sizes | 5¢ |
| Small plastic bottles 1 litre or smaller | 5¢ |
| Large plastic bottles 1.1 litre or larger | 25¢ |
| Beer Bottles | 10¢ |
| Small liquor 200 – 499 mls | 10¢ |
| Large Liquor 500 mls or larger | 25¢ |
| Small Glass Bottles 1 litre or smaller | 5¢ |
| Large Glass Bottles 1.1 litre or larger | 25¢ |
| Small Tetra Packs and Cartons Less than 1 litre | 5¢ |
| Large Tetra Packs and Cartons 1.1 litre or larger | 25¢ |
| Small Tin Juice Cans 1 litre or smaller | 5¢ |
| Large Tin Juice Cans 1.1 litre or larger | 25¢ |

Small & Large items of each type can be bagged together.. Just keep a count of how many large and how many small, as different sizes pay a different amount.

Containers must be empty – we do not accept containers with liquid or frozen liquid in them.

WE ARE ONLY AUTHORIZED TO PAY A REFUND ON CONTAINERS
WHICH WERE PURCHASED IN YUKON

NON-REFUNDABLE ITEMS:

WE ALSO TAKE, BUT DO NOT PAY A REFUND ON

FOOD TIN CANS (please rinse)

MILK JUGS (cloudy #2 plastic. All non-refundable plastics are sorted into 1 bag)

MOST HOUSEHOLD PLASTICS (WE CANNOT ACCEPT MOTOR OIL CONTAINERS).
At this time they are classified as Residual Waste and go in your household garbage)

SOFT PLASTICS (Clean, used plastic wrap, grocery and produce bags etc. They cannot be put into the sorting bag loose. Please stuff them inside one of the bags, tie it and then put in the plastics bag.)

PLASTIC LIDS (They cannot be put into the sorting bag loose. Please put them in a plastic container or plastic bag and seal it or tie it so the lids won't fall out.)

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD , BOX BOARD (ie: cereal and cracker type boxes, please remove any liner bags) **AND BROWN PAPER BAGS**. These items can now go in one bag together. Please flatten and lay flat in the appropriate bag. If you have large amounts or large pieces, please contact us for proper drop-off,

WAXED CARDBOARD MILK CONTAINERS AND TETRA PACKS (includes MILK SUBSTITUTES, SOYA BEVERAGES, RICE MILK, SOUPS AND SOUP CONCENTRATES in this type of container)

ALL PAPERS – we suggest keeping a small box for paper only. We do not need to have paper sorted into categories. Shredded paper is to be brought to the Depot either in a closed box or a plastic bag.

INKJET, BUBBLEJET AND TONER CARTRIDGES

ALL HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES & OLD CELL PHONES We are now a collection point for Call2Recycle. Call2Recycle recycles all rechargeable and single use household batteries. They also accept old cell phones. Please bring these items into the Depot and we will show you where they go.

STYROFOAM - ANY SIZE SHAPE OR COLOUR. Please place loose in the collection bag. Please break up larger pieces to fit the bag better and ensure that items are pushed down into the bag, not just resting on the top where the wind might blow them away.

WE HAVE FULL FACILITIES FOR RECYCLING NON-REFUNDABLES INSIDE THE DEPOT WHERE IT IS WARM AND IT NEVER RAINS!!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY (HHWDD):

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are the waste products that are found in our kitchens, bathrooms, yards, basements and garages – formerly useful, but hazardous products, used in and around the house. These items should not go into the dump, but often do. The Watson Lake Recycling Depot, in conjunction with Community Services, YG, will be holding our annual Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on the second Saturday in September.. Some examples of HHW are aerosol cans, single use propane cylinders, used oil, acetone, oil-based paint, insect repellent, weed killer and unfinished containers of laundry and stain removers- toilet cleaners- wax strippers- drain cleaners- oven cleaners,. This is a very short list of some common examples. If you have any of these items that you would normally throw in the dump, please bring them to the depot for proper disposal on the collection day.

Household Hazardous Waste is not allowed in the landfill as it is included in By Law 14-04 on Schedule F, Banned Landfill Waste.

We are unable to accept these items except on this special collection day.

For more information, call the depot at 536-7104 and leave a message. We will gladly find out for you if a particular item should be disposed of thru HHWDD. We keep a list of people to remind about HHWDD. If you want on the list, contact us. We will be doing reminder calls the week before HHWDD for anyone on this list.

This collection is for households only. Any businesses wishing to dispose of hazardous wastes can make special arrangements – please leave a message at the depot and we will pass the message on.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTS:

Fluorescent lights contain mercury vapour, and should be disposed of in a safe manner. We have a bulb crusher at the Depot for dealing with both the tubes and the compact fluorescents. Fluorescents are to be brought directly into the Depot...there is no outside drop-off for them.

Only fluorescent bulbs should be brought to the depot. Incandescent (traditional) bulbs and LED bulbs should be disposed of with your regular garbage.

SHARE SHED: (located inside the Depot)

The Share Shed was set up to provide a place to get rid of some items (except for clothes) that you longer need, but are still in usable condition. It not a place to dump garbage, papers, magazines, cardboard or e-waste (electronic waste). **All**

items must be checked WITH Depot staff before going in the Share Shed area.
We do not accept appliances and electrical items.

Clothes go to the Thrift Shop. We are not set up to handle clothes. We do not accept children's car seats or booster seats, baby gates or Cribs, Cradles and Bassinets as we're unable to be sure they meet current regulatory requirements.

If you feel that the appliance or other item you want to get rid of is still in good enough working condition for passing on to someone else, you will have to make arrangements yourself. Some suggestions are Facebook, Kijiji, Trader Time or a sign downtown.

E-Waste:

A quick re-cap of the situation...

Until Spring 2014, we were able to have our e-waste shipped to the recyclers at no charge to us for transportation or disposal. Because of this, we freely accepted both electronic and electrical waste. When we started trying to ship a load in the fall of 2014, we were told the situation had changed and we were now responsible for handling and shipping our own e-waste and all associated disposal costs.

Although we have not yet worked out final disposal, we are going to start accepting electronic waste and charging the applicable disposal rates as authorized under Waste Management Bylaw 14-04, Schedule A, Solid Waste Fees. The charges related to E-Waste are:

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| Waste | E-Waste - Audio - Small | \$5.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Audio - Large | \$10.00 each |
| Waste | Waste E-Waste - Computer - Small | \$10.00 each |
| Waste | Waste E-Waste - Computer - Large | \$15.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Monitors - Small Flat | \$15.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Monitors - Large Flat | \$30.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Monitors - Small CRT | \$20.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Monitors - Large CRT | \$40.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Handheld | \$1.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Copy Equipment - Small | \$10.00 each |
| Waste | E-Waste - Copy Equipment - Large | \$40.00 each |

Electronic Waste is not allowed in the landfill as it is included in By Law 14-04 on Schedule F, Banned Landfill Waste. We will be stockpiling these items until we are ready ship.

Electrical Waste (ie, kettles, blow driers, vacuum cleaners may be disposed of in the metals pile. (regular disposal costs apply.)

THERMOSTATS:

While searching online for some information, I came across an article on the proper disposal of thermostats. Apparently older thermostats contain liquid mercury and need to be disposed of safely. According to the program “Switch the Stat”, older mechanical thermostats can have 1-4 mercury switches, each containing approximately 2.5 grams of mercury. Just one gram of mercury can contaminate an eight-hectare lake to the point where the fish in that lake are not edible for one full year. There is a program in place to learn more about this and to get a pre-paid mailing label to send mercury containing thermostats away for proper disposal. The link is here:

<http://switchthestat.ca/eng/register.php>