



## Materials Accepted

Scroll down for a list of materials accepted at CVRD Recycling Centres. Be sure to read the Notes section for important information on material quantities and restrictions. For hundreds of recycling options check out the new [Cowichan Recyclopeda](http://www.zerowastecowichan.ca) at [www.zerowastecowichan.ca](http://www.zerowastecowichan.ca) or for further information, telephone the CVRD Recycling Hotline 250-746-2540 or toll free 1-800-665-3955. Prices subject to change without notice.

**Notice to Commercial Recycling Customers:** please advise the recycling attendant if you have commercial recyclables (i.e. non-residential materials). Our depot layouts have changed and commercial recycling must be separated from residential recyclables.

MATERIAL	FEE	NOTES
Asbestos Contaminated Materials	NOT ACCEPTED	Currently not accepted at CVRD Recycling Centres. Asbestos containing materials that is properly double-bagged in 6mm polyethylene bags, tied, and labeled is accepted at Coast Environmental Ltd.'s Boal Road location. Victoria and Nanaimo landfill will accept this material by appointment only. <a href="#">Click here</a> for further information.
Aerosol Containers	Free	
Aggregate Materials	\$5 minimum drop-off fee or \$15/tonne	Accepted at Bings Creek and Peerless Road Recycling Centre ONLY. Bricks, concrete, asphalt, mirror glass, non-laminated window glass, container glass, porcelain, ceramics, rocks, gravel, and HardiPlank.
Aluminum Foil & Plates	Free	Must be clean
Antifreeze & Containers	Free	Maximum 4L per day
Appliances - Small	Free	Recycle your small electrical appliances at CVRD Recycling Drop-off Depots
Appliances with CFC's	1st unit Free each additional unit \$15	Fridges, freezers, air conditioning units, etc.
Appliances - Large	Free	Stoves, dishwashers, bbq's - see also 'scrap metal'
Asphalt Roofing	\$120 per tonne	Accepted at Bings Creek & Peerless Road Recycling Centre only.
Batteries	Free	Disposable, rechargeable and vehicle batteries
Bicycle Tires	Free	Must be off rims; no tubular
Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms	Free	Used or expired. Also accepting combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Maximum 40 units.
Cardboard	Free	No waxed; waxed cardboard can be included in organics instead
Cell phones, chargers & batteries	Free	
CFC Appliances	1st 1 Free Additional units \$15 each also see 'Appliances'	Fridges, freezers, air conditioning units, etc.
Clothing	Free	

Construction/Demolition Waste	Currently NOT ACCEPTED	Unfortunately, it's hard to know if you're working with asbestos because it is often mixed with other materials. However, if you work in a building built before 1990, it's likely that at least some parts of the building will contain asbestos. If you are unsure, contact a qualified professional who can perform testing. <b>DO NOT TRY TO REMOVE THE SUSPECT MATERIAL YOURSELF.</b> Check the following links for more information. <a href="#">Managing Construction/Demolition Waste</a> <a href="#">Asbestos: Facts for homeowners</a>
Drywall	\$200 per tonne	Accepted at Bings Creek and Peerless Road Recycling Centre only. New, clean cut-offs or broken pieces only. Used drywall from demolitions or renovations is accepted if accompanied by a certificate verifying the material to be asbestos free. Visit the <a href="#">Cowichan Recyclopedia</a> for further information.
Flammable Liquids	Free	Maximum 10L or 660g aerosol & must be in original container with flame symbol or "keep away from open spark or flame"
Electrical Products	Free	 <p>Many items have been added as of July 1, 2012. More than 300 accepted items include sewing machines, kitchen countertop appliances, scales, clocks, personal care, arts/crafts, garment care, exercise machines and handheld power tools, and much more.</p>
Fluorescent Ballasts	FREE	Old broken lighting products such as flashlights, chandeliers, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, LED, incandescent/halogen, miniature, neon, light fixtures & ballasts, decorative light strings, large outdoor fixtures. No limit or charge on lights or ballasts. Free pick-up service for whole lamps (minimum of one pallet). <a href="http://www.lightrecycle.ca">www.lightrecycle.ca</a>
Fluorescent Tubes & Compact Lights (CFL's)	FREE	See 'Lights' below for more information
Food Waste	See 'Organics'	
Garbage	\$140 per tonne	\$280 per tonne <b>PENALTY FINE</b> for garbage containing recyclables!
Gasoline	Free	Maximum 25L; must be in approved "ULC" container
Glass Jars	Free	
Insulation	See 'Garbage'	Fiberglass insulation must be contained in a double bag system. Vermiculite insulation is <b>NOT ACCEPTED</b> for disposal. See 'Asbestos Contaminated Material'
Lights	Free	 <p>This program has expanded to include residential quantities of old or broken lighting products such as incandescent, Halogen, fluorescents,</p>

		LED's, decorative light strings, lamps, ballasts, fixtures, flashlights, chandeliers and more. Visit <a href="http://www.lightrecycle.ca">www.lightrecycle.ca</a> for more information.
Magazines	Free	
Mattresses	\$5 minimum (up to 25 kg)	Mattress materials are separated and reused. A \$10 surcharge applies to every highly contaminated mattress.
Metal	Free	Includes stoves, washing machines and dryers
Motor Oil	Free - also see 'Oil'	Maximum 20L per day
Needles / Syringes	Free	Must be contained in labelled, hard plastic container with secure lid
Newspaper	Free	
Oil, Oil Filters & Containers	Free	Maximum 20L per day; engine, hydraulic, transmission and gear oil. Vegetable oil accepted for free by Cowichan Energy Alternatives at Bings Creek only. See Recycling Attendant.
Organics (Residential)	Free up to 23L (5 gal. Pail); quantities thereafter up to 25kgs (55 lbs) \$3	Accepted at Bings Creek and Peerless Road Recycling Centre only. Includes all food waste, waxed cardboard; No pet waste, carcasses or butchering waste
Organics (Commercial)	\$85 per tonne	All food waste & waxed cardboard accepted; No pet waste, carcasses or butchering waste
Paint	Free	Paint cans maximum 23L full or empty; aerosols maximum 660g full or empty
Paper	Free	Includes glossy paper and boxboard
Pesticides	Free	Solids or aerosols; must be domestic and show pest control product # and skull and crossbones symbol
Plastic Containers	Free	Plastic containers including plastic jars and bottles used for food or household cleaning products, plastic clamshells (e.g. for baked goods), plastic plant pots and microwaveable bowls and cups. <a href="#">Complete list of accepted materials</a>
Plastic Bags /Film Plastic /Plastic Overwrap	Free	Styrofoam accepted separately. See 'Styrofoam' for details. Clear or opaque retail bags for groceries and dry cleaning; clear or opaque bags for bread, newspapers and flyers; pre-washed salad bags; clear bags for produce and dry bulk foods; frozen vegetable bags; outer wrap for bulk paper products and soft drink and can flats; water softener, salt and garden product bags; diaper and feminine hygiene product outer bags; overwrap on mattresses, furniture and electronic equipment. Crinkly cellophane wrap is not accepted. <a href="#">Complete list of accepted materials</a>
Propane Tanks & Canisters	Free	Styrofoam accepted separately. See 'Styrofoam' for details. Disposable and refillable canisters accepted
Scrap Lumber & Wood	\$95 per tonne	No pressure treated wood, landscape ties, creosote, lead based paint or non-wood products. Stumps accepted.

Scrap Metal	Free	All types accepted
Smoke Alarms	Free	Used or expired. Also accepting combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Maximum 40 units.
Solvents	Free	Maximum 10L or 660g aerosol; must be in original container with flame symbol or "keep away from open spark or flame"
Stumps	See 'Scrap Lumber & Wood'	
Styrofoam	Free	Clean plastic foam containers, trays for food and cushion packaging used to protect electronics, small appliances, etc. No pink or blue insulation or foam peanuts accepted.
Thermostats	Free	Mercury and electric accepted
Tin Cans	Free	Must be clean with labels removed
Tires (Car & Light Truck)	First 4 units free; \$2 each thereafter	Maximum size 17.5" on or off rim; For bicycle see 'Bicycle Tires'
Vegetable Oil	Free - see also 'Oil'	Vegetable oil accepted for free by Cowichan Energy Alternatives at Bings Creek only. See Recycling Attendant.
Wood Waste	See 'Scrap Lumber'	
Yard & Garden Material	Free	Branches less than 3" in diameter, no rock, sod or dirt. For stumps see 'Scrap Lumber & Wood'

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