

qathet WASTE WISE GUIDE

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING INFORMATION



qathet
REGIONAL DISTRICT



WASTE WISE GUIDE

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RECYCLING DEPOTS

Hours of Operation:
qathet.ca/recycling

Mainland:

Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072

Sunshine Disposal 604-485-0167

(Paper and cardboard bin rentals. Free drop off for used oil, anti-freeze, and food & yard waste)

Black Point Beside Black Point Store

Lund Beside the old Lund Firehall

Tla'amin Beside the Salish Centre

Town Centre Behind Rona off Joyce

Texada Island:

Gillies Bay Behind the Community Hall

Van Anda Across from Gas Station

Lasqueti Island:

Behind the Free Store

*Thanks for doing
your MOST to
make LESS waste!*

GET AUTOMATIC REMINDERS



*Never miss a collection
day or service alert!*



The **FREE** qathet Waste Wise App is available to both iPhone and Android users. Simply search "qathet Waste Wise" in your app store!

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Battery hoarding happens.

Break the battery hoarding habit.



For more information:
www.call2recycle.ca

call2recycle

Electric bike, scooter,
skate and hoverboard
recycling now available!



The **Medications Return Program** is the safe & easy way to dispose of unused or expired medications before they are thrown in the garbage or poured down the drain.

All prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and natural health products (including pills and liquids), can be dropped off at participating pharmacies.

Check your medicine cabinet for unused or expired medicines, and bring them to your local pharmacy for environmentally responsible disposal.



Recycle Your Outdoor Power Equipment:

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada (OPEIC) currently accepts outdoor power equipment ranging in size from hand-held brush cutters and chain saws to pressure washers and lawn mowers. Go to opeic.ca for details.

Local OPEIC Depots:

Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072

Blackpoint Auto Salvage 604-487-1299



Don't throw it out

Take-it back to your nearest pharmacy, or visit healthsteward.ca for more information.



**MEDICATIONS
RETURN
PROGRAM**

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle with the Waste Wizard, a local recycling search tool with answers to your recycling questions.

Be Waste Wise.



Access the
**WASTE
WIZARD**

today by downloading the qathet Waste Wise app or search items directly by visiting **powellriver.ca**

Recycling Resources

You have options!

Wondering where to recycle cell phones, used batteries, small appliances, outdoor power equipment, or furniture?

Check out the **WASTE WISE Recycling Directory** on pages 9-10 of this guide, the **Waste Wizard** or **BC Recycles** for the recycling search tool that works for you.



Return any of these containers to a **Return-It** facility to receive your **10¢ deposit back!**

Milk and plant-based milk containers are also accepted in your curbside recycling or at the recycling depots.



Never miss a collection day or service notification.

A handy, free information tool for both depot and curbside recycling.

Download the **qathet Waste Wise app** and personalize it with your address and notification preference so you never miss a curbside collection day again!



Depot-only users will be updated with scheduled holiday closures and waste diversion events.

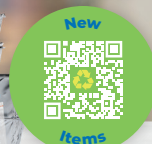
Be Waste Wise!



Now you can recycle even more items in BC

☒ Plastic Cups ☒ Food Containers ☒ Foil Trays

See what other materials are on the menu. [RecycleBC.ca](https://www.bcrecycling.ca)



WASTE WISE CURBSIDE RECYCLING

RECYCLE AT THE CURB

by placing the following materials into your curbside bin
(also accepted at recycling depots)

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Containers



Check out our local recycling search tool- **WASTE WIZARD!**
Download the **gathet Waste Wise app** or visit **powellriver.ca**

Questions about Curbside? **powellriver.ca**

Or contact the Operational Services Secretary,
email **opssecretary@powellriver.ca**
or call **604-485-8657**

Recycle Curbside: PAPER

Containers - see page 5

Accepted Materials:

- ✓ Corrugated cardboard and boxboard boxes
- ✓ Newspapers, inserts, catalogues, flyers, magazines, phone books
- ✓ Household paper, greeting cards, paper gift wrap, bags, & boxes
- ✓ Paper decorations and party hats
- ✓ Molded boxboard (e.g. egg cartons, beverage carry-out trays)
- ✓ Paper bags with single or multiple paper layers (e.g. pet food bags), lunch bags
- ✓ Shredded paper -see sidenote ↗

DO NOT Include:

- ✗ Plastic-lined paper bags
- ✗ Envelopes with plastic windows
- ✗ Hardcover or paperback books
- ✗ Non-paper gift wrap (e.g. foil, ribbons or bows)
- ✗ Musical greeting cards with batteries
- ✗ Padded envelopes
- ✗ Boxes with wax coatings (e.g. produce shipping boxes)
- ✗ Foil lined bags (e.g. for cookies and some pet food)
- ✗ Paper towel, napkins or tissues (these are compostable)

Please Remember To:

- Empty boxes of leftover food and plastic/paper liners
- Flatten all boxes
- Flatten large corrugated boxes, and tie in bundles
no larger than **8" thick**
(20 cm) x **30" wide**
(78 cm) x **30" tall** (78 cm).
Staples & tape accepted.
- ↗ Place **shredded paper** in a firmly-tied **clear** plastic bag (no opaque, coloured or black bags).



Recycle Curbside: CONTAINERS

Milk and plant-based milk containers are accepted in curbside recycling, at depots or Return-It facilities.

RECYCLE AT THE CURB
by placing the Accepted Materials into your bin

Accepted Materials:

- ✓ Paper and plastic drink cups and lids
- ✓ Gable-top cartons
- ✓ Frozen dessert cartons
- ✓ Aseptic boxes or cartons (e.g. tetra-packs)
- ✓ Metal and spiral wound paper cans and lids
- ✓ Plastic food storage containers
- ✓ Aluminum foil wrap and foil trays, pie plates, & take out containers
- ✓ Plastic bottles, jugs & jars (e.g. for cleaning products)
- ✓ Disposable plastic hangers
- ✓ Plastic clamshells (e.g. for baked goods, fruit), trays, tops, tubs and lids
- ✓ Plastic utensils and straws
- ✓ Plastic garden plant pots & seedling trays
- ✓ Plastic pails less than 25L (e.g. for laundry detergent, ice cream -NO Hazardous Waste)
- ✓ Empty aerosol cans (e.g. for hair spray) and caps



DO NOT Include:

- ✗ Foil-lined cardboard lids from take-out containers
- ✗ Pots, pans, baking trays
- ✗ Foil wrap with paper, liquid absorbing pads
- ✗ Soft plastics, bags, overwrap (accepted in Flexible Plastics collection at depots only)
- ✗ Blister packs (e.g. sleeves for gum or pills)
- ✗ Paint cans ✗ Propane tanks/cylinders
➡ See Recycling Directory on page 9
- ✗ Packaging labelled biodegradable OR compostable
- ✗ Bottles or pails for motor oil, vehicle lubricant or wax products
- ✗ Pails larger than 25L
- ✗ Aerosol cans with contents remaining, or that contained hazardous materials (e.g. paint, wax, polish, oil, solvent, insulating foam, pesticides)

Please Remember To:

- Empty and rinse containers
- Place only **CLEAN** items in recycling bin
- Recycle caps and lids (place loose into bin)
- Take beverage containers, including juice/drink boxes, milk/milk substitutes to Return-It depots for refund

See pages 6-7
for additional materials that are accepted at Depot Recycling

TAKE TO RECYCLING DEPOT

- ✔ **Foam** ✔ **Glass**
- ✔ **Flexible Plastics**
- ✔ **Paper & Containers** *(also accepted in your curbside recycling bin)*

Also accepted at Recycling Depots: *(excluding Augusta)*

- Plastic writing tools (pens, markers, etc.)
- Household batteries
- Natural cork




Town Centre Depot also accepts:

- Small Appliances
- Light bulbs & Fixtures
- Cell Phones
- eMobility Batteries
- **Kitchen Food Scraps** - See page 8

Take to Depot: **FOAM**

Visit qathet.ca for depot hours of operation

Accepted Materials:	DO NOT Include:	Please Remember To:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Foam containers & trays ✔ Foam cushion packaging used to protect electronics, small appliances, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Squishy cushion packaging (accepted in the Flexible Plastics collection) ✘ Blue or pink foam board insulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove labels, tape, paper, and cardboard ➤ Separate colour & white foam

Take to Depot: **GLASS**



Did you know? Curbside materials are also accepted at Recycling Depots

Accepted Materials:	DO NOT Include:	Please Remember To:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Clear or coloured non-deposit glass bottles and jars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Drinking glasses or dishes or cookware ✘ Whole or broken window glass or mirrors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Empty and rinse containers & remove lids for recycling ➤ Take deposit beverage containers to Return-It Depot for refund 

Take to Depot: FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

 Curbside materials are also accepted at Recycling Depots

Accepted Materials:

- ✓ Plastic bags used for groceries, bread, produce, dry bulk foods, frozen vegetables, dry cleaning, newspapers and flyers
- ✓ Outer plastic bags and wraps for diapers, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, tissues and soft drink can flats
- ✓ Heavy plastic bags for water softener and sidewalk salts, and garden products
- ✓ Overwrap from mattresses, furniture, electronic equipment
- ✓ Vacuum sealed, stand-up and zipper-lock bags
- ✓ Flexible, sealed food packaging
- ✓ Crinkly and foil bags, wrappers (e.g. chip bags, granola bars)
- ✓ Squishy cushion packaging (e.g. packing foam and peanuts)
- ✓ Reusable plastic shopping bags
- ✓ Woven and net plastic bags
- ✓ Clear and coloured recycling bags
- ✓ Plastic drop sheets and coveralls (without paint)



DO NOT Include:

- ✗ Packaging labelled biodegradable or compostable
- ✗ Lumber or construction wrap
- ✗ Garbage bags
- ✗ Plastic squeeze tubes
- ✗ Plastic-lined paper
- ✗ Plastic strapping or 6-pack rings
- ✗ PVC/vinyl

Please remember to:

- Empty bags of paper receipts and clean off any food residue
- Cut off or remove metal grommets, rope drawstrings or any non-plastic items from plastic bags
- Keep plastic bags loose and separate - do not pack into a single bag

Take hazardous waste to the appropriate disposal site.

Reminder: Kindred Rebuild accepts useable leftover paint – see back page.



Not sure where to recycle something?

Call the **BC Recycling Hotline at 1-800-667-4321**,
download **qathet Waste Wise** app to access the **WASTE WIZARD** or consult the **Recyclopedia at bcrecycles.ca**

COMPOSTING

FOOD SCRAPS RECOVERY IN 3 EASY STEPS:



1 Select or establish a container for easiest food collection that suits your needs.



2 Line your kitchen container, curbside or self-haul tote to help soak up liquids.



3 Bring your collection to a self-haul recycling depot.

SELF-HAUL RECYCLING DEPOT LOCATIONS:

→ **FREE** drop off during hours of operation:
Town Centre Depot Mon-Sat 8am-5:30pm
Tla'amin Depot Tues-Sat 9am-5pm

→ Loads over 50L/20lbs must be taken directly to Sunshine Disposal **Wed, Fri & Sat 10am-4pm ONLY** at 4484 Franklin Ave. (604-485-0167) **NOTE: Max. load 2 yards!**



COMMUNITY ORGANICS
RECOVERY EXCHANGE

KEEP OUT:

Pet waste, plastic, metal, etc.

NO Compostable or Biodegradable Plastic Products

NO Waxed Cardboard

NO Produce Stickers

NO Plastic, Styrofoam or Coated To-Go Wear (e.g. Coffee Cups)

NO Glass, Metal, Wire or Rubber

NO Pet Waste, Cat Litter or Seashells

NO Diapers, Baby Wipes or Dryer Lint

NO Wood Ash

NO Invasive Species (e.g. Ivy, Japanese Knotweed, Broom, Blackberry, etc.)

NO Grass Sod



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Learn more at letstalktrash.ca

WHAT GOES IN?

Food scraps, yard waste & food-soiled paper.



Meat & Bones

Fish & Shellfish

Grains & Pasta

Plate Scrapings

Dairy Products

Eggs & Eggshells

Fruit & Veggies

Food-soiled Paper
& Cardboard

Paper Coffee
Filters, Coffee
Grounds & Paper
Tea Bags

Wooden Utensils,
Skewers &
Toothpicks

Yard Waste (*No Invasive Species, any branches/limbs larger than 1" in diameter, or Grass Sod*)



Alarms - Smoke, Carbon Monoxide

- productcare.org
Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072

Antifreeze • usedoilrecycling.com

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072
- Tipping fees apply
Sunshine Disposal & Recycling
604-485-0167 - FREE

Appliances - small • electrorecycle.ca

- Sunset Coast Bottle Depot**
604-489-0011
Town Centre Recycling Depot

Appliances - large

- Tipping fees may apply
Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072
Texada Transfer Station - FREE

Batteries - automotive

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072
Canadian Tire 604-485-4649

Batteries - sport mobility

- ebike, scooter, skateboard & hoverboard batteries only at **Town Centre Depot**
Direct pick-up service by request: [call2recycle.ca/emobility-residential-pick-up request/](http://call2recycle.ca/emobility-residential-pick-up-request/)

Batteries - household

- call2recycle.ca
Canadian Tire 604-485-4649
RONA 604-485-2791
Select Rural Recycling Depots
Staples 604-485-3560
Sunset Coast Bottle Depot
604-489-0011

Bike Tires & Tubes

- Suncoast Cycles** 604-487-1111

Bikes - used

- Bike Lund** • bikelund@dotank.org
MCC Thrift Store 604-485-3962

Books • Donate to thrift stores or community book cupboards

- Bottle Depots** • return-it.ca
Sunset Coast Bottle Depot 604-489-0011
Local Liquor Stores Limits apply

Building Materials

- Kindred Rebuild** 604-414-5451

Cell Phones • call2recycle.ca

- Tom Harris Cellular** 604-485-3998
Town Centre Recycling Depot
Sunset Coast Bottle Depot 604-489-0011

Clothing, Household, Appliances & Furniture

- Willow Rose Thrift Shop** 604-220-8837
Blue Sky Consignment 604-223-1459
Madrona Boutique 604-414-8174
Salvation Army 604-485-2413
Health-Care Auxiliary Economy Shop 604-485-0110
MCC Thrift Store 604-485-3962
Craigslist • craigslist.ca
Powell River Facebook groups:
PR Things for Free, PR/qathet Shop n' Swap, PR Auctions, PR Buy/Sell/Swap, PR Moms Shop n' Swap,
Free Store (Lasqueti)

Drywall - Tipping fees apply

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072

Electronics • return-it.ca/electronics

- Sunset Coast Bottle Depot**
604-489-0011

Fishing line

- Westview Wharf, South & North Harbours, Town Centre Recycling Depot**
Lund Wharf and Lasqueti Wharf

Food Scraps (compostable)

- Town Centre Depot** See page 10
Tla'amin Recycling Depot See page 10
Sunshine Disposal See page 10
(Wed, Fri & Sat 10am-4pm)

Fuel • productcare.org

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072
Gasoline will be accepted only in an ULC-approved gas can or jerry can. The gasoline container cannot be returned at drop off. Rebates may apply.

Hazardous Waste • productcare.org

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072
BC Recycling Hotline
1-800-667-4321 • bcrecycles.ca

Light Bulbs & Tubes

- **residential** • lightrecycle.ca
Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072
(Also accepts light fixtures)
Canadian Tire 604-485-4649
RONA 604-485-2791
Town Centre Recycling Depot

Marine Debris

- Ocean Plastic Depot** See page 11

Oil - automotive

- usedoilrecycling.com
Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072
- Tipping fees apply
Sunshine Disposal & Recycling
604-485-0167 - FREE. There is an attendant for Oil drop off on Wed, Fri & Sat 10am-4pm.

Paint • productcare.org

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072
(Paint Plus)
RONA 604-485-2791 *(Paint)*

Pesticides & Flammable Liquids

- productcare.org
Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072

Pharmaceuticals • Local Pharmacy

- healthsteward.ca

Power Tools • opeic.ca

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072
Black Point Auto Salvage 604-487-1299

Scrap Metal

- Augusta Recyclers** 604-485-4072
Black Point Auto Salvage 604-487-1299
Hi-Ball Auto Recycling 604-414-5727
Wilde Road Sand & Gravel 604-483-9666
Texada Transfer Station
6529 Shelter Point Road

RECYCLING -Continued

Syringes • healthsteward.ca
• Pharmacy where they were purchased

Thermostats • hrai.ca
Pro Flame Contracting
604-223-0056
Tempco 604-485-5352

Tires • Tipping fees apply
• tirestewardshipbc.ca

Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072
Big-O Tires 604-485-7927
Canadian Tire 604-485-4649
Kal Tire 604-485-2711
Texada Transfer Station
6529 Shelter Point Road
(passenger tires, off rims only)

Toilet Paper Rolls & Wax
(paraffin, soy, beeswax)
One Light Fire Starter
5831 Ash Ave Unit 208
(Collection bins at main entrance)
Town Centre Recycling Depot

Toner & Ink Cartridges
Staples 604-485-3560

Wood & Yard Waste
Augusta Recyclers 604-485-4072
- Tipping fees apply
Sunshine Disposal
- FREE Disposal of yard waste only
Wilde Road Sand & Gravel
604-483-9666 • FREE Disposal

LOCAL FOOD & FARM DIRECTORY

Powell River Farmers Market:

Exhibition Grounds
• 4365 McLeod Road

May - September

Saturdays 10:30am - 12:30pm

Year Round

Sundays 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Powell River Uptown Farmers Market:

Community Resource
Centre • 4752 Joyce Avenue

October - April

Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm

May - September

Wednesday 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Texada Farmers Market:

Gillies Bay Ballpark

June - September

Sundays 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Savary Island Farmers Market:

Refer to Community Message
Board for updates

Powell River Farms:

Andtbaka 604-483-9890

Barn Dance 604-483-3102

Blueberry Commons
blueberrycommons.ca

Coast Berry 604-487-9788

Creekside 604-485-7737

Hatch-a-Bird 604-483-9546

Hodgins 604-485-7025

Myrtle Point 604-487-0501

Paradise Valley Produce
paradisevalleyproduce.ca

Terra Nostra Farm
terranostrafarm.com

Windfall Farm windfallfarm.ca

Texada Farms:

Welcome Harvest 604-486-7137

Woodhead 604-486-7529

Woodlot Mushrooms 604-483-1680

RECYCLING DEPOTS

RESIDENTIAL ONLY

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qathet.ca/recycling

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Lasqueti Island:

Behind the Free Store

Powell River's free recycling facility for
commercial, business and institutional
recycling is the **Town Centre Depot**.
Volume limits apply.

Questions?

Call us at **604-485-2260** or
email info@letstalktrash.ca

Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?

If you would like to use the depot, contact Let's Talk Trash to sign up. A depot orientation is required.

Call us at
604-485-2260 ext. 308,
 email info@letstalktrash.ca,
 or visit letstalktrash.ca

Let's Talk Trash



The OCEAN PLASTIC DEPOT targets materials from cleanup efforts and legacy equipment from the marine sector, diverting it from landfill for reuse and recycling.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT



- ✗ Coloured Styrofoam
- ✗ Containers or Bottles with liquid
- ✗ Dirty Styrofoam
- ✗ Metal, Glass or Fiberglass
- ✗ PCV/ABS Tubing
- ✗ Candy/Snack Wrappers
- ✗ Lighters, Tennis Balls



DO NOT LEAVE LOOSE ITEMS!
 All items must be placed in a provided storage bag unless it is too big to fit into a bag.



No Standing Water.
 Please empty all water from all items if possible before placing them in a storage bag.



Do not leave your item in the wrong category or on the ground. Help us keep things organized!

If you do not see an item included in any category then unfortunately we may not yet be able to recycle that item. Check with the regional district to see what options are in place.

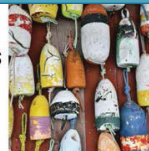
WE DO ACCEPT

*OYSTER BASKETS & CRAB POTS

- Perfect condition, reusable oyster baskets



*FOAM FLOATS



*OYSTER BASKETS & CRAB POTS

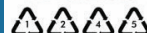
- Damaged/broken oyster baskets



*HARD PLASTIC BUOYS



*HARD PLASTIC FRAGMENTS



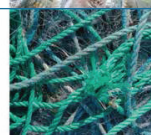
*BEVERAGE BOTTLES



*NETTING



*ROPE



*BARRELS

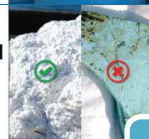


*TIRES WITH STYROFOAM



*STYROFOAM

✓ White Styrofoam
 ✗ No coloured foam



INVASIVE SPECIES

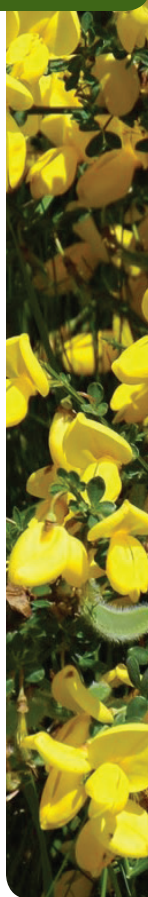
Invasive Species cause environmental, economic and social impacts in our region. These non-native species can alter habitats and disrupt essential ecosystem functions by displacing native vegetation and competing for water, nutrients, and space. Invasive plants such as knotweed can increase maintenance costs to public parks and private property and devalue real estate. Invasive plant species contribute to the loss of traditional food and medicinal plants, damage infrastructure and can reduce land and water recreational opportunities.

The qathet Regional District has an **Invasive Plant Management Strategy** and has developed an Invasive Species Disposal Plan for the region.

Resident participation in fighting the spread of invasive species is a critical part of the plan. The Regional District holds yearly invasive species drop off events. Please visit qathet.ca for info on the next event.

To learn more about how to best manage individual species visit **Invasives Species Council of BC, Coastal Invasive Species Committee**, or **PlantWise**.

To report an invasive species infestation, use a **BC Government reporting app**, the **BC Report a Weed app**, or call the Coastal Invasive Species Committee weed hotline at **1-844-871-5117**.



ILLEGAL DUMPING

ILLEGAL DUMPING can cause pollution, affect wildlife habitat and interfere with outdoor recreation and enjoyment. Dumping waste such as garbage, hazardous waste and even green waste is illegal. **Many items that are illegally dumped actually fit into FREE recycling** (like the *Extended Producer Responsibility* or *EPR* programs). **Items such as bulky appliances (stoves, washing machines, etc.), small and large electronics, paint, hazardous materials, propane tanks and many metal items all can be disposed of for FREE.** Please view the **WASTE WISE Recycling Directory** on pages 9-10 for a comprehensive list of Accepted Materials.

Please contact info@LetsTalkTrash.ca to learn more about:

Illegal Dumping Voucher program - assistance with illegal dumping cleanups.

Trash Bash - Annual Spring event where the community comes together to clean up illegal dumpsites and keep our outdoor spaces beautiful.



If you spot illegally dumped trash, please make a report through **R.A.P.P.** Call **1-877-952-7277** or **#7277** on the TELUS Mobility Network, or visit: forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp

If you have a smart phone, consider installing the free **TrashOut** phone app to help us track local dump spots. trashout.ngo

To review the qathet Regional District's Illegal Dumping Strategy, go to: qathet.ca

ZERO WASTE EVENTS

EVENTS BIG OR SMALL CAN BE ZERO WASTE!

The qathet Regional District has resources that can help.

Borrow the...

- **Zero Waste Sorting Stations** (for compost, refundables, and recycling).
- **Community Dish Supply** (real plates, bowls, mugs, glasses, and utensils)

How? Inquire at info@LetsTalkTrash.ca.

Best single-use dishware:

- Unlined paper cups, plates, bowls (unbleached is best)
- Compressed paper cup lids
- Paper straws
- Wooden or bamboo cutlery
- Unbleached paper napkins



Recyclable (if clean):

- Cups, bowls, and plates (plastic, plastic-lined paper, paper, and foam)
- Straws (single use plastic only)
- Disposable utensils (plastic)

Avoid:

- Compostable or biodegradable plastics. *These are not allowed in our composting or recycling programs.*
- Lids and straws, if not needed.



Additional resources for Event Planning:

- Zero Waste Food Vendor Guide
- Zero Waste Guide for Event Coordinators

Resources available at
LetsTalkTrash.ca

FOOD WASTE PREVENTION



63% of the food we waste could have been eaten.

The average Canadian household wastes 140kg of food every year.

Avoid edible food waste at home by:

- Dedicating a shelf or bin in the fridge for items to 'Eat First'
- Learning where and how to store food in the fridge - check out LoveFoodHateWaste.ca for the ultimate storage guide to keep food fresh longer!
- Joining the Skookum Food Provisioner's Coop fruit gleaning program. To learn more, contact gleaners@skookumfood.ca

Wildlife should never be fed!

Pick fruit early and manage attractants (compost, etc) to help keep people and animals safe. Resources and information available at WildSafeBC.ca

TOO MUCH FRUIT?

Contact your local Gleaners!

Free fruit picking community service - 1/3 of the pick goes to the homeowner, 1/3 to the picker, and 1/3 is donated to a local organization.



Want to be a picker?
Email us at gleaners@skookumfood.ca

FOOD WASTE HIERARCHY



Follow the food hierarchy!

FEED PEOPLE FIRST.

- Freeze leftovers
- Preserve fruit and vegetables
- Donate

FEED FARM ANIMALS.

- Donate to a farm
- Feed chickens

FEED THE SOIL - COMPOST!

- Learn more about local composting on [page 8](#)
- Compost at home

Resources available at LetsTalkTrash.ca



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CLOSED 12pm – 1pm daily

Visit us online at **qathet.ca**



Operational Services 604-485-8657

For more information about
City of Powell River services visit our
website at **powellriver.ca**

UPCYCLE - REPURPOSE - REINVENT...

kindred rebuild

7030 Alberni Street #6

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Shopping: Tues – Sat 9am– 4pm

Donations: Tues – Sat 10am -3pm

What can you donate? > Lumber, tools, furniture, appliances,
fishing gear, toilets, windows, counters, cabinets, home decor,
paint and more > **Items must be in good condition**

Questions about what's accepted?

Don't hesitate to call ahead: **604-414-5451**

– GIVE STUFF A SECOND CHANCE!

Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?

Contracted by the qathet Regional District to
deliver its Waste Reduction Education Program

Email: **info@letstalktrash.ca**

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