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### **Changes are coming to the Quadra Island Recycling Depot**

The Comox Strathcona waste management (CSWM) service would like to inform residents that the region's recycling depots will be changing to make it easier for people to recycle.

The changes will apply to the recycling depot located on Quadra Island. This depot, along with other depots located in Campbell River, will transition to "single-stream" recycling similar to the municipal curbside recycling program.

"We are making it easy to recycle," said Jesse Lee, CSWM's manager of operations. "Residents will not have to sort their recyclables into separate collection bins, simply place all recyclables into one of the bins. Emterra our contractor will take care of the sorting at their recycling facility."

This past week, the Quadra depot was changed out to the new format that includes replacing the bins and updating signage. Residents will also notice changes for glass recycling. The glass bin previously in place will soon be removed and residents are encouraged to return their refundable bottles for refund, and to recycle their other glass in Campbell River at the Island Return-It Depot (1580 Willow Street, Campbell River) or at the Campbell River waste management centre (6200 Argonaut Road, Campbell River). These recycling depots are part of a provincial program that accepts glass for recycling. The glass bins previously provided at the Quadra depot were not part of the provincial MMBC glass recycling program which led to landfilling these materials in the Campbell River landfill for the past several years.

Glass recycling in British Columbia is very challenging and few options exist outside of the approved depots described above. Taking glass to the Campbell River recycling depots will help keep this recyclable product out of our regional landfills.

For more information on recycling depot service, visit [www.cswm.ca/depots](http://www.cswm.ca/depots).

The Comox Strathcona waste management (CSWM) service is a function of the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) and is responsible for two regional waste management centres that serve the Comox Valley and Campbell River, as well as a range of transfer stations and smaller waste-handling and recycling facilities for the electoral areas of the CVRD and the Strathcona Regional District. The CSWM service manages over 100,000 tonnes of waste and recycled material and oversees a number of diversion and education programs.

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