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### **Changes to Recycling Depots Starting May 19**

The Comox Strathcona waste management (CSWM) service is informing residents of upcoming changes to recycling depots throughout the region as the Multi-Material BC's packaging and printed paper product stewardship plan comes into effect May 19, 2014.

When the program comes into effect some recycling depots will expand to accept new materials. This includes the depots at the Comox Valley and Campbell River waste management centres, on Cortes, Hornby and Denman Islands, and in Sayward, Tahsis and Gold River. These depots will be considered MMBC-approved depots and will accept plastic foam packaging (i.e. Styrofoam), glass, and plastic bags/film wrap.

The CSWM recycling depots located at the Courtenay Country Market, behind the Canex store in Comox and in Campbell River at the Sportsplex and Strathcona Gardens recreation complex will be considered non-MMBC approved depots and will not take any new items. However, residents can continue to drop-off cardboard, hard plastics and metal containers. For the time being, this also applies to the recycling depots located in Zeballos, on Quadra Island and at the old fire hall in Oyster River.

There are also privately-run operations that have also been approved to be depot collectors under MMBC's new plan. These businesses include the Encorp Return-It Centre in Courtenay, and the Sun Coast Eco Depot on Maple Street in Campbell River. The Island Return-It Centre on Willow Street in Campbell River, is not an official MMBC-approved depot, however it will be accepting items on the extended material list, including paper, cardboard, aluminum, plastic, Styrofoam, and glass.

“Residents who have access to a curbside recycling program are encouraged to use that convenient service for the majority of their recyclables,” said Koreen Gurak, CVRD's manager of communications. “The MMBC depots offer a service for those who don't have access to a curbside program or for residents wanting to recycle materials such as glass and plastic foam packaging.”

For more information on depots and the recyclable materials that will be accepted, visit [www.cswm.ca/depots](http://www.cswm.ca/depots) . Residents can also learn more about the changes to recycling in BC by visiting [www.recyclinginbc.ca](http://www.recyclinginbc.ca) .

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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