

# 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 Sunday or Monday, we will be closed on the previous Saturday.

## CONTACT INFO

Phone 536-7104

Email [recycling@watsonlake.ca](mailto:recycling@watsonlake.ca)

Online <http://www.watsonlake.ca/>  
Town Government – Municipal Services – Recycling Information  
(at the very bottom of the page)

We are on Facebook (Watson Lake Recycling Depot)

## **REFUNDABLE CONTAINERS: (changes made August 2017)**

In Yukon, all ready-to-drink beverage containers carry a deposit and refund (does NOT include meal replacement drinks.)

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

*Small containers are larger than 30 mls and smaller than 750 mls.*

*Large containers are 750 mls and larger.*

Aluminum cans – pop, beer, juice All sizes	5¢
Beer Bottle	5¢
Small milk (any type of container) (milk, cream, milk substitutes)	5¢
Large milk (any type of container) (milk, cream, milk substitutes)	5¢
Small glass bottles	5¢
Large glass bottles	25¢
Small Plastic Bottles	5¢
Large Plastic Bottles	25¢
Small Tetra Packs and Cartons	5¢
Large Tetra Packs and Cartons	25¢
Small Tin Juice Cans	5¢
Large Tin Juice Cans	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)

**MOST HOUSEHOLD PLASTICS** All hard or rigid plastics go together in one bag, (WE CANNOT ACCEPT MOTOR OIL CONTAINERS. At this time they are classified as Residual Waste and go in your household garbage' or save them for HHWDD)

**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 soft 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 CONE TOP CONTAINERS AND TETRA PACKS** (includes 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.

**BRITA WATER FILTERS:** There is a pail for them, just inside the Depot door.

***WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:***

***CARDBOARD COFFEE CUPS***

***PIZZA BOXES UNLESS THEY HAVE NO FOOD MATERIAL AND NO GREASE STAINS***

***DISPOSABLE ALUMINUM COOKWARE UNLESS THEY ARE FREE OF FOOD DEBRIS***

## 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 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, and empty oil jugs. 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.

## 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:

The Share Shed was set up to provide a place to get rid of some items (except for clothes) that you no longer need, but are still in usable condition. It is not a place to dump garbage, papers, magazines, cardboard or e-waste (electronic waste). **All items must be checked in at the Depot before going into the share shed.** 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:

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>

# Landfill:

The Watson Lake Landfill is a Regional Landfill with a service area “west to Swift River, south and east to the B. C. border and north to Frances Lake Campground. There is also a provisional agreement in place for accepting waste from Lower Post.

Over the past few years there have been major changes in regulations and attitudes regarding solid waste. Regulatory changes have immensely increased the costs at the landfill. No longer can we dispose of a day’s worth of waste at the cost of a bit of diesel and a match. In addition, we now have to worry about important and expensive details such as methane production and leachate.

To offset some of these costs involved in a modern landfill, the Town of Waston Lake charges each household \$20 a month for Waste Management. This amount is billed yearly with your property tax invoice. This includes curbside pick up of a maximum of two bags of household garbage per week. Stickers are available at the Town Office or the Landfill for extra bags. Cost is \$2 per sticker. Curbside pickup is only available for residences.

(still working on this section but am including it anyways)