

## **UPDATE FROM THE VERMILION RIVER REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMISSION - SPRING 2021**

We are presenting an update to what is acceptable and what is not acceptable waste at our transfer sites in the region. For your information, summer opening hours are being observed at the transfer sites as of May 1, 2021.

**YARD WASTE:** Leaves and grass must be taken out of the bags before being placed in the burn pit. Bags can be disposed of in regular household waste.

**RECYCLING:** All items that are to be recycled must be cleaned and rinsed. The transfer sites will accept corrugated cardboard that is flattened before it is placed in the bin. We accept boxboard, tin cans, plastics labelled as #1, #2, #4, and #5, as well as newspapers, magazines, books and other paper. Plastics labelled #3, #6 and #7 are not accepted. Do not recycle the following:

#3 (PVC) - Plastic Polyvinyl Chloride - plastic building materials, shower curtains, cooking oil bottles, clear food wrap.

#6 Plastic Polystyrene (PS) — disposable drinking cups, egg cartons, take-out food containers, CD/DVD cases, building insulation, etc.

#7 - Other (Items with BPA) — sport bottles and equipment, car parts, baby bottles, electrical wiring, etc.

**LARGE ITEMS:** Large items such as fiberglass tubs, showers, hot tubs, must be cut in pieces no bigger than 2 feet x 4 feet. Vinyl siding, plastic pipe and hoses must be cut into 4 ft. lengths.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING:** Televisions, computers, computer components (monitors, printers, scanners).

**USED PAINT:** Paint, varnish, stain, paint thinner and stripper, and aerosol paint cans are recyclable. Empty paint cans should be placed in the metal pile.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Approved transfer sites will continue to offer household hazardous waste recycling. There are hazardous waste bins on site to hold acceptable items. Small household-sized containers such as glue, cleaners, insecticides, rechargeable batteries, etc., are considered hazardous waste. Common household cleaners such as oven cleaner, bleach and soaps are not considered hazardous waste and can be put in the household waste bins. If the word "Contains no PCBs" appears on an item, it can also be put in household waste. Fluorescent ballasts, fluorescent tubes, halogen lights or curly bulb lights are to be placed in household waste bins. If there are containers which have solidified, they can be placed in the household waste bins. Small propane tanks that power lights or stoves can be disposed in the metal pile if they are empty. Larger propane bottles (#20) are collected in cages or pallets and are not to be placed in the metal pile.

**USED OIL:** All sites have a location on site for disposal of used oil, and empty oil jugs or pails and oil filters are to be disposed of in the used oil compound.

**MIXED WASTE:** If you wish to dispose of wood or metal upholstered chairs, the cushions must be removed whenever possible. Sofas, mattresses and other upholstered furniture can be disposed in the furniture compound.

**TIRES:** All types of tires are acceptable, but the rims must be removed before they are placed in the tire compound.

**CONCRETE AND SOD:** These will not be accepted.