

## **Zero Waste project**

### **Reduce Reuse Recycle - Other Recyclables**

Almost everything you use in your home can be recycled. Some things go in our curbside bins and a lot of other items go into the bins at the Recycling Depot.

In last week's article it was outlined systems to organize waste in the home. It does take a little bit of organization and energy, but it is worth it to limit waste. Setting goals is important and a good first is to reduce garbage to one little bag per week. Starting with recycling as much as possible and attempting to limit purchases to things that could be kept out of the landfill is a great first step.

A whole bunch of other waste can be diverted from garbage cans and the landfill. Most household items should not be disposed of in the garbage.

Single use household batteries can be recycled at the Source, Rona and Home Hardware. DJs Paper Place can take name brand larger print cartridges for recycling, but not the smaller ink jet ones. Staples and London Drugs further away can take these cartridges for those going to the city.

Used household items that cannot be recycled such as ceramics, dishes, clothing, if they are still usable can be donated to your local thrift store. There is also a reuse-it shed at the local Landfill.

The Bottle Depot (across from Jita's Cafe) will accept small electronics. The Source store will accept all used cell phones. Small appliances are recycled through the Golden & District landfill.

Furniture, mattresses and large appliances can be taken to landfill and they recycle these items. There are two companies in town that will take and recycle your vehicles.

All the tire companies as well as Kicking Horse Ford will take used tires (up to 4 per day) free of charge unless they are on rims. Unfortunately, bicycle tires are not recyclable in Golden yet. Used oil and oil filters can be taken to Columbia Diesel, Castle Fuels or the landfill.

Leftover paint can go to Rona and aerosol cans can go to the recycling depot.

Many other items can be recycled and if you don't know where to take something, you can call the recycling hotline at 1-800-667-4321. Typically hold times are less than 5 minutes.

Please feel free to email [Golden@wildsight.ca](mailto:Golden@wildsight.ca) to give feedback on this article and share your ideas and questions regarding Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.