



RAVEN RECYCLING

Our Commitment is the Environment

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SUMMER HAPPENINGS

With the summer event season well underway, now is the time to consider making your event Green.

No, this is not a political party endorsement, although they would probably be in favour of it. Rather it is a reference on how to minimize waste generation at a festival or event.

It means looking at items that will be used and discarded, from paper to food.

Careful examination will show the best environmental options or alternatives from point-of-purchase to disposal.

The Raven Recycling Society has an easy-to-use workbook for planning a green event. Called Green Gatherings, it's available free of charge to event organizers. Contact Raven at 667-7269 or education@ravenrecycling.org or stop by the depot for a copy.

Part of any green festival or event held in the greater Whitehorse metropolitan area could include the Rovin' Raven recycling trailer.

This trailer contains numerous wheelie bins along with appropriate signs to identify the items collected. These signs include such notable items as Aluminium Cans, Compost and Hard Plastics.

Locate these bins at strategic locations, and an event won't generate as much garbage.

Rather, it will generate useful items such as refundable beverage bottles and bags of compostable material.

A \$250 refundable deposit is required when using the Rovin' Raven.

Bring it and its contents back clean and sound and the full deposit is refunded.

Best of all, each group gets to keep the refund for all the beverage bottles they will have collected at their event.

All ready-to-drink beverage containers, apart from dairy and dairy substitutes such as soy, sold in the Yukon are part of the deposit refund system.

If they are handed in at a Yukon recycling centre, the refund will be issued. Visit www.ravenrecycling.org and follow the "What Can I Get Money For" links to learn more.



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If the Rovin' Raven is being used for a festival, bags of collected beverage containers can be stored inside. These can then be handed over to the Raven staff when the trailer is returned.

Raven staff will sort and count the bags of refundable beverage containers for the group, and issue a cheque.

The summer event can be Green, and in doing so it can even raise a bit of money for the organization.

The Raven Recycling Society has completed its free draw. This spring contest was open to anyone who popped by Raven and filled out one of the entry forms.

The winner of the lazy boy recliner, worth over \$800, from Home Centre Plus, was Rex Fitzgerald.

The staff at Raven think he is really going to enjoy it. When he heard he had won he commented: "I don't need a lazy boy, I'm already a lazy boy."

Congratulations to Bob Holmes who won the garden improvement package including a gift certificate for \$100 from Adorna Flowers and Landscaping and a small pickup truck load of compost from Raven.

Amber Blanchard, Sherrie Walker and Rita Mooney each won grab bags of goodies.

Depending on the bag they received combinations of locally produced or organically made items.

These included organic hot chocolate mix, coffee beans and travel mugs from the Midnight Sun Coffee Roasters and fleece mitts from Sportees.

Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks also to all those entrants who, by visiting Raven, are recycling valuable commodities rather than adding them to the waste stream.

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