



RAVEN RECYCLING

Our Commitment is the Environment

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RECYCLING DONATIONS

Donations of refundable bottles to Raven Recycling help keep the Society running.

Raven Recycling is a non-profit society, so any surplus funds from one year are ploughed back into keeping the Society running.

These funds include any donations. The neat thing about donations to a bottle depot is that cash doesn't have to be donated, beverage containers can be an appropriate substitute.

In the Yukon all ready-to-drink beverage containers are part of a deposit/refund system. The only exception is dairy and dairy substitutes such as soy and rice milk.

When these beverage containers are purchased, a recycling surcharge is added. Thus for ready-to-drink fruit juice cartons over a litre in size, an extra thirty-five cents is added to the price.

When the carton is taken to a Yukon recycling centre, twenty-five cents is redeemed.

The remaining ten cents funds government recycling initiatives across the Yukon.

This includes such popular programs such as the Recycling Club for Children.

If a person doesn't want to get their refund, but would rather it went to a worthy cause, consider donating the beverage container.

Beverage containers can be donated to the Raven Recycling Society as well as a long list of other worthy non-profit groups.

There are two ways to donate bottle refunds to Raven.

The first is to drop them off in the outdoor donation bin. This bin is located with all the other 24-hour accessible recycling bins in the Raven public parking lot.

The second is to hand them to the cashier inside Raven during operating hours. That's 9 am to 6 pm on Monday to Saturday and 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday.

When handing them to the cashier, ask that they be considered a donation to Raven.

Donated funds are used to subsidize the cost of recycling some money losing items.

About the only items Raven makes money recycling on is aluminium and white office paper.



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Everything else is a money drain. Tin cans, glossy paper and rechargeable batteries all cost Raven money to recycle.

This cost is in the form of labour expenses in collecting, sorting and baling the materials. Raven also incurs costs in storing these items and then trucking them Outside to processors.

The price Raven receives from these processors can be next to nothing, whereas it can cost over \$150 per tonne in labour, storage and shipping costs.

So why does Raven accept money losing items for recycling?

Because Raven cares.

No, really, it truly is because Raven cares.

It's part of the Raven Recycling Society mandate to divert as much as possible from Yukon landfills.

As long as the overall Raven financial picture is not negative, Raven diverts as many items as possible from the waste stream.

Surplus funds from the money makers and from donations are pumped into subsidizing the money losers.

The greater the surplus funds, the more items Raven can consider recycling.

Raven can also consider improving customer service. More money means more employees.

This means speedier service when bringing in bottles and cans for refunds.

Raven also accepts donations for a variety of charities, non-profits, sport teams and youth groups.

To donate to these groups, refundable bottles and cans must be handed to a cashier. There is no outside bin for them.

The cashier must be told which group the bottles are being donated to prior to ringing it through the till.

For more information on which groups have donation accounts with Raven, or to register a group with Raven for donations, contact us at 667-7269.

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