



RAVEN REPORT

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Holiday Greetings

from all of us at Raven Recycling

Reuse, Recycle and Rethink Holiday Decorations

For the past couple of years the December Raven Report has talked about ideas for recycling items into tree ornaments, wrapping paper and so on. This year, for a change, we have a display in the depot created by our Canada World Youth volunteers. If you're looking for inspiration, then drop by the depot before Christmas and see what they came up with.

CFL Bulb Recycling News

The federal government announced last month that there will be no mandatory recycling of compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. Instead there will be a voluntary code of practice for companies that sell the bulbs, we don't know what it will look like as it won't be released until next year. What we do know is that it will be up to stores to decide whether to accept the bulbs for recycling. On a positive note, the new rules do limit the amount of mercury that is used in new bulbs.

Mercury of course is the main concern with these light bulbs and Raven Report has covered the details in the past (March 2014). The old Swan-Edison design of incandescent bulbs caused no problems in the landfills as they had no toxic materials. The CFLs are not a problem until they break, then the mercury escapes. If a bulb breaks on you at home then you won't keel over as there isn't enough mercury in one bulb, but add up all the bulbs in a landfill that can and likely will be broken, and that is a lot of mercury.

What to do? For now, just keep calm and carry on saving the bulbs for household hazardous waste days. We'll have to wait and see if any stores here start recycling them and Raven is still interested in buying the equipment to safely recycle them when finances allow it.



Recycling Christmas Hours

For your information, here are Raven's hours over the holiday period.

- Scrap Metal and the bottle depot
- 24th Dec - Closing early
- 25th & 26th Dec - CLOSED
- 27th & 29-30th Dec - Regular hours
- 31st Dec - Closing early
- 1st Jan 2015 - CLOSED
- 2nd Jan - Regular hours

The Administration office will close at noon Christmas Eve and reopen at 8AM 5th January 2015.

The landfill operates regular hours except for Christmas Day and New Years Day when it is closed.



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