



# RAVEN REPORT

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## New Recycling Bins in Whitehorse

As you may have seen in the papers, Raven has some new recycling bins around town. They are indeed the ones we used to have at our drop-off but now they have a slightly different use. The bins now have an extra wall inside that gives them two sections, this allows us to collect paper and plastics in one bin. The bins are painted to help demonstrate the split and they have steps attached which make it easier to put recycling inside. They are aimed at places like apartment buildings and allow the people who live there to have onsite recycling. Raven will be picking up bins on a regular schedule for a fee. This is still a pilot project and we expect that we'll be ironing out a few problems to begin with. The split bins are another way that Raven is working towards increasing recycling and diverting materials from the landfill. If you live in an apartment building or similar and

are interested in having access to these types of bins then talk to the building manager and they can contact Raven for more details.

## RECYCLING CLUB NEWS

The recycling club is going full steam ahead. Just a reminder, if you want to know how many points you have then check on [www.yukonrecyclingclub.ca](http://www.yukonrecyclingclub.ca) and if you want certificates then contact Leaf Solutions.

## Raven About The Internet

If you haven't been on our website recently you've missed some changes. The address is the same but we have a brand new site there. Have a question? We have a FAQ section where you check if we've answered your question before. If we haven't then submit it and we'll get an answer for you. You can also find details on all the services we offer including the new multi-residential recycling pickup service.

## Another Country Charging for Plastic Bags

In international news, Scotland has become the latest country in the UK to charge for plastic bags in supermarkets. Customers will pay 5 pence per bag starting in October 2014. Northern Ireland introduced its charge a couple of months ago and Wales began charging in October 2011. In the first six months after Welsh shoppers had to pay there was a fall of around 90% in the number of bags given out. In both Wales and Scotland the supermarkets are encouraged to give the money to charity. The bird charity RSPB Cymru received £300,000 from one supermarket chain and an estimated £100,000 was given to Welsh environmental causes from another supermarket.

## Whitehorse Green Guide Given New Look

The Whitehorse Green Guide's new web site is up and running. It's at [www.whitehorsegreenguide.org](http://www.whitehorsegreenguide.org) and has an improved search function as well as information on green issues. If you're looking for eco-friendly products or services in the Yukon then the Green Guide can help.



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