



RAVEN REPORT

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Remarkable Reuse Report

Reuse is the second R in the mantra, but it takes a bit more work and knowhow than the others. It's pretty amazing what some people can achieve with reusing things. Bruce, a placer miner in Dawson, needed a gold wash plant but a new one would be hugely expensive. Nothing daunted he built his own using reused materials. Some lumber 8x8's he had laying around and some old D6 Cat dozer shoes went into it together with a decommissioned 1000 gallon propane cylinder with the ends cut off. It just goes to show what you can do with reused stuff.

Do you have anything interesting made of reused, repurposed or recycled materials? Let us know at info@ravenrecycling.org and we'll put you in the newsletter.

Sunday Opening

 *Roll out those lazy, hazy,
crazy days of summer
Those days of soda
and pretzels and beer*

Yes, summer is here once more and as usual Raven is open on Sundays for the season. The bottle depot only is open from 10 till 4. Metals is still open Tuesdays to Saturdays only, 9.30 to 3.30.

Free Coffee!

As part of Zero Waste Yukon's Kick The Trash program some stores are giving out coupons for one free coffee. Buy a reusable cup at Bean North, Coast Mountain Sports, Java Connection, The Chocolate Claim or the Yukon College Bookstore before 31st July 2014 and get your coupon for a free coffee. You get a mug, a free coffee and you reduce garbage. It's win, win, win!

DID YOU KNOW?

We call them wax cartons but they don't have wax in them. The cartons are mainly made of paper with thin layers of plastic. Tetrapaks also have a very thin layer of aluminium, about 4% of the total carton. When the cartons come to Raven they are baled and shipped out to a paper mill. Once at the mill they are tipped into what is effectively a large blender and mixed with water. The blender mixes the cartons into a pulp and the plastic and aluminium separates out from the paper. The paper is then recycled into a variety of products. Some mills turn cartons into tissues, others make it into other paper products. The plastic and aluminium are often not recovered, even though they are recyclable. The mills aren't set up for that kind of recycling. Of course, the best way to get your milk containers recycled is to use the plastic ones but sometimes they're not available in the size you need. If you're looking for soup then tins are a better choice than tetrapaks as far as recycling is concerned. The tin cans and labels can be completely recycled.

We don't have to save the world. The world is big enough to look after itself. What we have to be concerned about is whether or not the world we live in will be capable of sustaining us in it. - Douglas Adams, 2001



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