

THUNDER BAY RECYCLING DIRECTORY
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General Information

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

If you have good used items of interest to other residents, you may want to try a listing on the local FreeCycle on-line recycling service. Visit www.freecycle.org and go to the Thunder Bay site. Or, check our listings by category below. If you have information to add to our directory, please contact us at 624-2140.

APPLIANCES

Check Yellow pages for local listings of stores/companies who buy and or dispose of large used appliances working order.

Many appliance centres/retail outlets offer pick up and disposal of fridges/freezers for a fee. Rates vary, depending upon services provided (ie. drop off, pick-up and removal; freon removal & tagging only). Call for rates and provisions:

- **Appliance Plus** - 344-6080
- **Appliance World** - 623-0993
- **General Appliance** - 623-2312

Eclipse Recycling: offers complete pick-up and disposal of fridges and freezers for a fee. They prefer to pick up these items outside on the property. Additional cost for basement pickup. For rates and further information call 622-3164/website: www.eclipserecycling.net

Lakehead Scrap Metal: (on Mission Island) will pay for old appliances such as stoves, washers, dryers and fridges/freezers (must be PCB and freon free). Fridges/freezers are accepted only if "tagged", meaning the coolant or freon has been removed beforehand. They also accept old barbeques. Call for pick-up and information on limitations and requirements - 623-4559.

The metal lay down area of the **John Street Landfill** accepts old appliances for recycling of scrap metals. Only tagged (CFC-free) stoves, washers, fridges and freezers are accepted. A general fee of \$5.00 applies. Additional charges may apply depending upon weight. To have CCF's removed from your fridge/freezer first, contact a local appliance center who will tag your appliance for a fee prior to you dropping off your appliance at the "white goods" area of the landfill.

ASPHALT

Pioneer Construction Ltd. – 345-2338 will take old asphalt and recycle it for a charge of \$6.00 per metric ton.

AUTOMOBILES

Check local Yellow Pages under "Auto Wrecking" or "Scrap Metal" for companies who will accept/dispose of and offer payment depending upon weight. Call for information and provisions:

- **Bucks Auto Parts** - 623-5222
- **Dan's Emergency Road Service** - 767-3818

- **Lakehead Scap Metal** - 623-4559

The Canadian Diabetes Association Clothesline Program 623-0887 (1-800-505-5525 Northwestern Ontario) will accept your old vehicle (provided it is running), as part of their **Car Heaven Program**. For further information on donating an old Vehicle that still runs, call 623-0887 or 1-888-731-7311 or visit the program website at www.carheaven.ca

BALLASTS (see Fluorescent lights under Mercury Section)

BATTERIES

Alkaline batteries such as those used in flashlights, toys, remote controls and other items/ devices can be brought to the **Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHWD)** of the John Street Landfill.

Button Batteries: found in items such as watches, hearing aids, greeting cards and cameras etc., can be dropped off at the jewellery departments of **Walmart, Zellers** or at the watch repair department of **Sears**. **MGM Electric**, 724 MacDonnell Street accepts alkaline batteries, sizes (AA, AAA, C, D, 9, 6 & 12 volt types) from businesses and the general public. A drop off charge for the batteries is applicable. Call for further information 345-7767.

Car Batteries:

- **Auto Parts Plus** has a drop off site at their front door located at 1239 Amber Drive. Call 344-6800.
- **Lakehead Scrap Metal** – Mission Island
- **Lakehead Alternator and Starter Co. Ltd.** has a drop off at the rear of their building located at 565 Eleventh Avenue - 345-9601.
- **The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA)** hosts a “battery roundup” annually to provide an opportunity for residents to drop off their car batteries during the period of the event. Details are announced in the local media. They do not accept batteries at any other times.

Rechargeable/Cell Phone Batteries

- **G.P. McEachern Limited** – 623-4951
- **Teleco Supply Co. Ltd** – 345-2900
- **Thunder Bay Communications (TB Comm Wireless)** – 623-1211

BICYCLES

The following shops may consider trades if you purchase a new bicycle(call for provisions):

- **Cyclepath** – 623-3800
- **Fresh Air Experience** – 623-7221
- **Petrie’s Cycle and Sports** – 623-7221

- **Rollin' Thunder** – 344-2433

BOOKS

The **Thunder Bay Public Library** will accept donations of used books in good condition. Used books may also be donated to any number of **thrift stores**, such as the Salvation Army, Value Village and the Mod Shop.

The following retail book outlets buy, sell and trade used comics, magazines and books, depending upon their needs:

- **The Book Shelf** – 623-3811/345-1159
- **Hill City Comics and Cards** – 344-8774
- **Comix Plus/Music Exchange** – 345-5700

BUILDING MATERIALS

ReStore (the building materials outlet of **Habitat for Humanity**) at 660 Squier Street takes donations of new and used building materials that are reusable. These materials are then sold for 30-50% less than retail price. Proceeds go to fundraising in order to build affordable homes under their initiative within our community. ReStore accepts doors, windows, lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures/parts, lumber, flooring, moulding, kitchen cabinets, hinges, nails and screws and more. Call 346-4884 for more information.

CAMERAS

Cameras and video recorders in excellent working condition may be donated to local thrift stores.

Video Recorders/equipment may be taken to **Pack Pros Plus**, 520 Waterloo Street - 344-8799. A drop off fee is applicable.

Disposable Cameras, as well as 35mm film cartridges and canisters will be accepted for recycling by the Photo Department at **Wal-Mart** - 346-7640, who in turn ships them to Kodak.

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR

There are many used clothing stores (both children and adult) to be found listed in the Yellow Pages of the phone directory under "Second-Hand Stores" that will accept used clothing and footwear. There are also a number of stores that may take quality clothing re resale on consignment. Donations of clothing and household items will be accepted by **Shelter House** of Thunder Bay – 623-8182. The Canadian Diabetes Association Clothesline Program – 623-0887 (1-800-505-5525 Northwestern Ontario) will accept clothing, household items and furnishings. Call to arrange for pick up of large quantities.

Other organizations and thrift stores available for drop offs are:

- **Ontario March of Dimes – Mod Shop** – 622-5281
- **St. Vincent De Paul Society** – 622-6139

- **Salvation Army Thrift Stores** – 767-7768/343-0411
- **Twice As Nice** – 622-7575
- **The Clothing Assistance Mission** 474-3533
- **The Gingerbread House** (consignment or donation - children's clothing/toys) – 623-2292
- **You're Only Young Once** (consignment or donation children's wear/toys) – 622-0345
- **A Second Look** (consignment adult wear) – 346-6855

CLOTHES HANGERS

Local thrift stores will accept donations. Also contact local Drycleaners such as **Supreme Cleaners**, **Perth's** and **Mr. C Drycleaners & Launderers**.

COMPOSTING (See Recycling Section)

COMPUTERS (see also, Electronic Waste)

Computers in good working condition may be donated to thrift shops or sold to a number second-hand dealers. **Cash Converters** will buy, sell and trade used computers (must be Pentium II or better). Call for specific criteria - 344-7355.

Older, damaged and/or unusable computers /parts may be taken to **Pack Pros Plus**, 520 Waterloo Street. Call 344-7899 for information and applicable fees.

CREOSOTE

Creosote is a toxic substance. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has no official policy against using creosote ties for docks, however use for docks, vegetable gardens, or using creosote ties near children play area is not recommended.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Advanced Electronics – 355-3500 will take Televisions, VCRs, stereos, remote controls, microwaves and computers. **Barbies Bargains & Variety** - 623-2175 and **Cash Converters** – 344-7355 buy and sell electronic equipment that is in good condition and salesworthy. Donations of small working electronic equipment may be made to any of the thrift stores in the city (see Clothing section).

Pack Pros, 520 Waterloo Street – 344-8799 is in the business of “end of life” E-Waste Recycling Please call them directly for pricing information. Items include: **computers and peripherals** such as network hardware, tape drives/disk drives; CD writers, modems, circuit boards, monitors, CD & DVD ROMs, network hardware, mice and keyboards. They also recycle a wide variety of electronic **office equipment** such as fax machines, video recorders, printers, copiers, typewriters, mainframes, VCR's, workstations, cell phones, telephone, calculators, audio/video equipment, wireless devices, pages, plotters and misc. computer wiring or cables. Cell phones can be donated to the Canadian Diabetes Association's “Project Redial” which helps third world nations attain a much needed method of communication. Retired cell phones are reused through refurbishing or remanufacturing. Call 623-0887.

EYE GLASSES

Most optical outlets in Thunder Bay will accept donated used eyeglasses. They participate in a program which ships these glasses to third world countries, and they also provide them to local people in need. Outlets currently accepting used glasses are: **Dave Knight Optical; Fort Optical; Ham's Vision Centre; Sears Optical; and hoppers Optical**. The **CNIB** also accepts used eye glasses.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTS :(See Mercury Section)

FURNITURE & HOME ACCESSORIES

Stores that buy and sell used furniture and household items are listed in the Yellow Pages under "Furniture-Used ". Donated items are accepted by the local thrift stores. **The Canadian Diabetes Association Clothesline Program** does weekly furniture pickups throughout the City. Call 623-0887 to arrange for pick- up. They do not accept large appliances, waterbeds or sofa beds.

The following stores buy used furniture and appliances for resale:

- **Barbie's Bargains and Variety** – 623-2175
- **Big Ed's Furniture & Consignment House** – 344-3777
- **Furniture Recycle** – 622-1022
- **A Previous Experience** – 623-4281
- **It Fits U** – 622-7211

HEARING AIDS

Thunder Bay Audiology – 623-0322 accepts donated hearing aids, which they repair if needed, and send to third world countries.

Shanahan Centre – 345-4327 will accept donated hearing aids (not requiring repair) and distribute to those in need.

OILS

COOKING OIL

Cooking oil is not classified by John Street Landfill as hazardous waste, but it does pose problems for regular garbage collections because it can leak out of garbage trucks and cause road hazards. Therefore, cooking oil cannot be put out for garbage collection. Therefore, residents are encouraged to save up their oil in a container and take it out to the **John Street Landfill** for disposal.

Rothsay (204- 233-7347) a Winnipeg company that recycles the oil from various products (one being a protein product for animal feed) does collect large quantities of cooking oil from commercial use, such a restaurants.

MOTOR OIL

Motor oil is a toxic substance and should never be disposed of in a drain or in storm sewers. If you change vehicle oil yourself, the used oil should be put into a clean portable container and brought to the **Household Hazardous Waste Depot** of the John Street Landfill or dropped off to one of the following:

- **Canadian Tire** (Arthur Street location only) – 475-4231
(5 litres, \$1.50 charge, max. 25 litres a month)
- **Pye Brothers Fuels Ltd**, 1250 Rosslyn Road - 475-7667
(20 litres – 5 gallons per month)
- **Mr. Lube** (Arthur Street) – 475-8121
(4 litres person free of charge)

INDUSTRIAL OILS/CHEMICALS

Enviro West collects bulk waste oils and other chemicals from business and industries. For more information go to: www.envirowestinc.com

MERCURY (Items containing Mercury)

Fluorescent lights, switches and relays from stoves, washing machines, sump pumps, thermostats, thermometers, vacuum gauges, barometers and vehicle switches contain mercury, which is extremely harmful to the environment. The Special Waste Depot at John Street Landfill will take all of these items.

Fluorescent Lights

Businesses, commercial establishments and other organizations can dispose of Fluorescent light tubes through **MGM Electric Limited**, 524 MacDonnell St. – 345-7767. Balasts that are PCB free are also accepted. Call for details and pricing.

Homeowners only can recycle spent lights at EcoSuperior Environmental Programs 212 E. Miles St. (between May & Simpson) – 624-2140. Max of 10 lights/max. 4' length. (bundle with elastic bands – no tape or packaging accepted).

Thermostats

Heating contractors and building renovators should take old thermostats to companies who participate in a mercury-switch thermostat recycling program. These include:

- **Wolseley Mechanical Group**, 1149 Roland Street
- **Nesco**, 114 Miles Street East
- **Western Supplies**, 933 Tungsten Street
- **Ecco Heating Products**, 545 11th Ave

Vehicle Switches can be brought to **T & T Auto Supply**, 427 Kingston St – 475-4227

MOTORS

Roy's Small Engine Service – 625-9349 will trade equipment such as outboard motors lawn mowers, lawn tractors, and snow blowers depending on condition and age.

Lakehead Scrap Metal – 623-4559 will accept car, truck, & lawnmower motors.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

A complete list of stores/dealers may be found in the Yellow Pages under “Musical Instrument Dealers”.

- **Northshore Music** – 344-3662 is a large second-hand dealer who buys, sells, trades and consigns musical equipment. They also carry new accessories (pedals, strings, etc).
- **Colosimo's** – 344-4021 carries new and used merchandise.
- **Coran's Music Centre** – 623-9103 sells, trades & consigns musical equipment.

PAINT/PAINT CANS

Partially opened paints cans that are still fresh for use may be donated to the **ReStore** of Habitat for Humanity 660 Squier Street where it is sold. Cans of used paint may also be brought to the **Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHWD)** which is located just prior to the gates of the **John Street Landfill**. They also operate a paint exchange where usable, partially full cans can be obtained at no cost. The HHWD is open daily during regular Landfill hours. For more information call the Landfill and Recycling Information Hotline – 623-5756.

Clean, completely empty paint cans will be accepted by “**Colour Your World**” located at 784 Memorial Avenue - 344-0784.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Unused pharmaceuticals should not be flushed down a drain or toilet. Outdated solids, must be packaged in a Ziploc bag or a container other than the one in which they were dispensed and brought to the A&P Pharmacy, 640 River Street – 344-1040.

A&P makes regular use of a specialist licensed in the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. No liquids or inhalants are accepted. These should be taken to the Landfill.

PHONE BOOKS

When TBay Tel publishes their annual telephone Directory they also arrange for old phone books to be dropped off at recycling bins throughout the City for a limited time, such as the entryway at Quality Market, Centennial Square. The locations of Drop off bins are listed in the Newspaper for residents to note. Phone books will not be accepted as part of the blue bag curbside recycling in the City.

PLASTICS

In Thunder Bay only plastics labeled as #1 and #2 can be recycled. Check the container for the number symbols. Plastics labeled as #3 to #7 are not accepted at curbside recycling because they don't have a consistent recycling market and are very costly to collect, process and ship to their markets. Therefore, residents should separate their plastics and plastic items not labeled as #1 or #2 and kept for reuse or placed in the garbage for disposal at the Landfill.

Plastic Bags such as grocery bags are not grade #1 or #2 plastic and therefore are not recyclable and should not be placed in blue bags with curbside recycling or in recycling bins. Most of the large grocery chain stores such as A&P, Safeway and Quality Market have containers or vestibules at either the entrances or inside the stores where residents may bring them and for reuse.

POP CANS

Pop cans can be dropped off at recycling bins at over 135 locations in and around Thunder Bay. **Pop Cans for Charity Thunder Bay** – 626-3470 organizes this recycling program with proceeds going to local charities. For a list of locations for pop can recycling in Thunder Bay go to: www.geocities.com

Dutchak Recycling at 729 Maureen Street has Pop Can bins and will pay for them. Call 346-4785.

PRINTER INK/TONER CARTRIDGES

Residents and Businesses can recycle or donate their cartridges to any number of centres in the city:

The Canadian Diabetes Association Clothesline Program operates "Diabetes Recycle Ink" whereby ink cartridges can be dropped off at **Value Village** or the offices of the Canadian Diabetes Association, 200 S. Syndicate Ave. – 623-0887. Donated cartridges are refilled or remanufactured as a means of fundraising for the Association. **Mentor Computers** located at 250 S. Algoma Street also accepts used ink cartridges in support of this program.

Refilling services, do-it-yourself kits or cartridge exchanges are available through the following list of outlets. Call for product information to meet your requirements.

- **Cartridge Care Canada** – 345-4050 (not retail storefront – call for arrangements)
- **Grand & Toy** – Memorial Ave – 344-9618
- **Island Inkjet**, Intercity Mall – 623-9011
- **Lowerys**, Red River Road - 344-6666
- **Staples**, Memorial Ave – 343-2506
- **Superior Ink** – Chapples Bldg. Victoriaville Mall – 623-4939

PROPANE TANKS

Propane tanks from barbeques and other appliances can be brought to the **Household Hazardous Waste Depot** just before the main gate at the John Street Landfill. **Superior Propane** 3014 W. Arthur St. – 939-2560 will accept propane tanks for a fee of \$5. Call for size restrictions.

RADIATORS

- **Laine & Fairbairn** – 550 Winnipeg Avenue
- **Lakehead Scap Metal** – Mission Island

RECYCLING

In Thunder Bay, city residents receive curbside recycling collection every other week. Specific recyclables are picked up by ReCool Canada. For a garbage/recyclables collection schedule call 684-2195 and check the City of Thunder Bay's website for additional recycling information: @ www.thunderbay.ca or contact ReCool – 577-0411.

Recycling Depots (with labeled bins for residential use only) are located at:
- **Mountdale** Ave at Walsh Street – across from Westgate High School
- **Front Street** between McIntyre and van Horne
- **John Street Landfill Site** – on John Street Road to the right before you cross scales.

Business, industry and other organizations should contact ReCool to arrange Recycling program and schedule – 577-0411.

Composting information is available by contacting EcoSuperior – 624-2140. Composters may be purchased and picked up at EcoSuperior, 212 E. Miles Street (between May St. & Simpson 8:30 – 4:30 p.m.) Cost per unit is \$20 (no tax, cash or cheque only).

SCRAP METALS

- **Dutchak Recycle**, 729 Maureen St. – 346-4785 pays for Non-Ferrous metals such as Copper, Brass, Lead, Lead-Acid Batteries, Stainless Steel, Catalytic Converters, Insulated Cable, Copper wire in casings, Radiators, Aluminum (including pop cans). They do not take steel. Free residential/commercial/industrial pick ups can be arranged.
- **Harbour Metals**, 700 Montreal Street – 577-0873 pays for Steel, Aluminum, copper and more. Residential pick up available.
- **Lakehead Scrap Metal**, Mission Island – 623-4559 buys Copper, Brass, Aluminum, Steel, old building steel beams, machinery, car and truck motors, Lawnmower motors, pop cans, acid batteries, radiators, vehicles and appliances (some restrictions apply – no freon capacitors, or ballasts accepted). Pick up can be arranged if quantity is larger (over 20 tones). Small quantities can be dropped off. Call for pricing and acceptance criteria.
- **John Street Landfill** has a scrap metal lay down area. (See Appliance section)

SHARPS (NEEDLES- SYRINGES)

Contact Superior Points, 125 Syndicate Ave. S., Victoriaville – 624-2005. Do not put in with garbage. Place in a container like empty bleach bottle until disposal arranged.

SPORTING GOODS

Check Yellow pages listings for a variety of Sporting Goods outlets that accept or off trades, such as:

- **Play It Again Sports** – 622-8282 buys, sells and trades sporting goods & equipment
- **Dave Wilson Sporting Goods** – 623-5778 also takes used skates as trade ins

Used sporting goods may also be donated to local thrift stores such as the Salvation Army.

STYROFOAM

Mail Boxes Etc. on Memorial Avenue - 623-5520, County Fair Plaza – 767-4544 and Euclid Avenue 577-9494 will take Styrofoam “popcorn” pellets and reuse them for packaging. Styrofoam blocks are not recyclable and should be disposed of as garbage.

TIRE RECYCLING

Eclipse Recycling Services – 622-3164 will pick up tires from residential homes and commercial establishments for a charge on a per unit price. Call for details and pricing.

Tires are not accepted as garbage in Thunder Bay. The John Street Landfill has a special area dedicated to scrap tires. Disposal fees are applicable based on the size of the tires and covers costs of collection and transfer to markets where scrap tires are recycled into products such as floor mats, paving stones, “crumb” sand for playgrounds and molded products. Persons entering the landfill with tires for disposal should notify kiosk staff who will assess a fee and provide directions to the scrap tire lay down area.

TOOLS

Cash Converters – 344-7355 and **Barbies Bargains and Variety** -623-2175 buy and sell used tools and related equipment. **Big Ed’s Furniture** will also purchase or consign tools in good working order for resale – 344-3777

TREES, SCHUBS, GRASS CLIPPINGS (including Christmas trees)

After Christmas the City sets up depots on an annual basis at locations where Christmas trees can be dropped off. The trees are then run through a chipper and taken to the municipal composting site at the John Street Landfill. City residents may also use this Leaf & Yard Waste Compost Site to add their backyard compost materials such as large quantities of hedge and lawn clippings, leaves, small brush and garden waste. Bagged leaves or clippings must be emptied at the site.

For other tree services see listings in Yellow Pages Under “Tree Service”.

VEGGIE INK

Lakehead Printing – 623-4652 offers “Veggie Ink” as an alternative to more toxic printing inks for those who have large amounts of printing and wish to use a more environmentally friendly ink.