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Recycling centres keep winter hours with visitor restrictions and limited service

DUNCAN, BC – Regional recycling centres operated by the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) will remain on winter hours until further notice.

Both Meade Creek and Peerless Recycling Centres will continue to operate from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Bings Creek Recycling Centre will remain open daily from 8 a.m. -5 p.m.

"Our recycling centres are currently experiencing traffic volumes up to three times greater than usual," said Aaron Stone, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. "We're asking residents to consider holding off on visiting our centres until the public health emergency improves, as our necessary access restrictions are causing long wait times. We ask the public to please pile your yard waste or items from your spring cleaning at home to bring to the centres at a later date."

Access to CVRD recycling centres is currently limited to 10 vehicles on site at a time. Cash will not be accepted, and all payments must be debit or credit. Free stores are also closed until further notice.

Like all public facilities and spaces, anyone experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms are asked to refrain from visiting recycling centres. Those who do visit are asked to ensure they maintain a physical distance of 2-metres from staff and other users all times.

The CVRD will continue to monitor this public health emergency and take direction from the Provincial Health Officer when making decisions about public access to recycling centres, and service delivery in general. Residents should check the <u>Garbage & Recycling</u> section of the CVRD website for up-to-date information.

More information on our regional response can be found on <u>COVID-19 Information</u> page of the CVRD website, and a list of announcements and resources is available through our <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Reference Guide</u> (updated daily).

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