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**2015 Campbell River watershed clean-up a success**

Campbell River's annual watershed clean-up last week collected more than 52,000 kg or 52 metric tonnes of refuse from the watershed.

*"It's tempting to take the source of Campbell River's drinking water for granted because it is so vast, and as long as we protect it, safe, healthy and abundantly available. We must remember though that it is truly extraordinary to have such an array of streams, lakes, ponds and rivers that provide such a pristine source of water – one that does not have to be filtered but only disinfected before we use it,"* explains Nathalie Viau, the City's water supervisor. *"To keep our watershed healthy, we must keep it safe from contaminants, and garbage can have a direct impact on the community's drinking water quality. We thank all the volunteers who were supported by various City of Campbell River departments and Comox Strathcona Waste Management for their efforts again this year to remove garbage from our community water supply watershed, vital work in protecting our watershed. Well done!"*

*"There are many ways to responsibly dispose of unwanted items,"* adds Amber Zirnhelt, community planning and development services manager. *"We encourage residents to reduce, re-use and recycle as much as possible and also compost and use the yard waste collection or drop-off centre. As a last resort with worn out or used up items, please put trash in its proper place."*

Campbell River residents who receive curbside garbage, yard waste and recycling collection can place unlimited amounts of recycling at the curbside as long as it is in bins that do not exceed 68 L or 44 lbs.

For larger items, visit [www.campbellriverrecycles.ca](http://www.campbellriverrecycles.ca) for a directory of recycling locations in Campbell River.

To place additional garbage at the curbside, residents can purchase a tag for additional cans at \$2 each.

Residents are also reminded that recycling facilities at Strathcona Gardens and the Sportsplex accept cardboard, plastic, and aluminum tins, and the Island Return It Centre on Willow Street accepts a wide variety of items for recycling including small electronics, Styrofoam, soft plastics and glass.

The Campbell River Waste Management Centre at 6700 Argonaut Road is also open seven days per week from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and accepts garbage, recycling, yard waste, construction and demolition debris, and household hazardous waste.

The annual Campbell River watershed clean-up is held each year at the end of September.

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