



News Release

Islands Clean Up Program Begins July 4

Sechelt, BC – June 28, 2021 —On July 4, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is starting its annual Islands Clean Up program, a residential garbage and recycling collection service for island residences on Gambier, Keats, Anvil, Trail, Thormanby and Nelson Island.

The program includes service at individual docks for residents that do not have road access, and for residences that do have road access, containers are delivered onto islands where residents self-haul materials to the containers.

“Because of the pandemic, staff and volunteers will be assisting with directing residents to the correct bin and directing traffic only,” says Robyn Cooper, Manager of Solid Waste Services. “We thank and appreciate that residents will be handling all the materials themselves.”

The events are scheduled for:

- **Sunday, July 4** – Nelson Island Flag Stops
- **Saturday, Jul 17**– Gambier and Anvil Islands Flag Stops
- **Saturday, August 7** – Gambier On-Land event at New Brighton, Keats On-Land events at Keats Landing and Eastbourne and Keats and surrounding islands Flag Stops
- **Saturday, August 28**– North Thormanby events at Vaucroft and Buccaneer Bay and Trail Island Flag Stop

Each year, garbage, scrap metal and cardboard are accepted.

“Last year, residential packaging and paper products were not collected because of the pandemic”, says Cooper. “However, each year there are special items that require additional handling that are accepted on a rotating basis”.

This year, the special item collection includes paint, propane tanks, tires and lead acid batteries. In addition, Styrofoam packaging (from electronics, meat trays) and books, separated in clear bags, are also being collected. In 2020 we collected fridges, freezers and mattresses and these are planned for collection again in 2022.

SCRD island communities can provide feedback on the program at SCR D island communities can provide feedback on the program at letstalk.scrd.ca/islands-cleanup-checkin.

For more information and flag stop registration, please contact infrastructure@scrd.ca or call 604-885-6806.

Visit www.scrd.ca/islands-cleanup to view a detailed 2021 schedule, lists of accepted materials and frequently asked questions.

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