

**Waste  
reduction  
options in  
Whitehorse**

**REUSE**

**REDUCE**

**REPAIR**

**RECYCLE**

**RETHINK**



**RAVEN**  
**ReCentre**



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In a circular economic system, recycling is still important,  
but it is the smallest cog in the system.

**It is more impactful to Reduce, Reuse, and Repair.**

This Reuse, Repair & Recycle Guide describes local and individually owned and operated businesses within Whitehorse that offer waste reduction options. It is not an exhaustive list and will continue to be updated as new businesses and organizations that promote reuse, repair, and recycle emerge.

By making it easier to find businesses and organizations that offer zero waste alternatives, this guide will help Yukoners to implement more sustainable ways of consuming and appreciate the idea that used materials are a resource as opposed to a waste.

## BOOKS

### Tiny Lending Libraries

Donate and find novels at the tiny lending libraries situated throughout Whitehorse in your local neighbourhood.

### Well Read Books

4137 4th Ave. 393-2987 Mon-Fri 10am-5pm | Sat 10am-4pm

[www.yukonbooks.ca](http://www.yukonbooks.ca) [wellreadbooks@northwestel.net](mailto:wellreadbooks@northwestel.net)

 [wellreadbooks\\_](#)  [WellReadBooks](#)

Gives store credit to those who bring in used books. The store has an extensive collection of books (over 50,000) spanning a variety of subjects, both fiction and non-fiction, including children's books. They accept most books in good condition. Exceptions: no romance novels, no textbooks, magazines, Reader's Digest, or encyclopedias.

## PET SUPPLIES

### Mae Bachur Animal Shelter

126 Tlingit St. 633-6019 [hsyoffice@humanesocietyyukon.ca](mailto:hsyoffice@humanesocietyyukon.ca)

Tues 12-5pm and Fri 12-5pm | Wed 12-4pm and Thurs 12-4pm | Sat 12-5pm

[www.humanesocietyyukon.ca](http://www.humanesocietyyukon.ca)  [MaeBachurAnimalShelter](#)

Clean and working goods for animals can be donated by dropping off in labelled yellow bins outside the entrance. There is a free table as well.

# THRIFT, CONSIGNMENT & PAWN SHOPS

## Re-Purpose, Re-Fashion, Re-Imagine

“Shopping Consignment” is a term for second-hand shops that sell used goods for owners (consignors), typically at a lower cost than new goods. You must contact individual businesses to see what they will take. They are also good places to buy second hand items.

### And-Again Consignment Store

2157D 2nd Ave. 668-3161 Wed-Thurs 11:30-6pm | Sat 11:30am-6pm

And-Again is a second-hand clothing store which carries a selection of adult clothing. To donate, call to make an appointment. Bring 15 items including accessories to the appointment. Items must be seasonal, clean, and on hangers.

### Changing Gear Sports

[info@changinggear.ca](mailto:info@changinggear.ca) [www.changinggear.ca/consignment](http://www.changinggear.ca/consignment)

91810 Alaska Highway 393-4327 Mon-Fri 10am-5:30pm | Sat 10am-5pm

Carries a wide range of gently used sporting goods as well as new winter gear. Drop off and consign gear anytime during regular store hours (Saturdays are the busiest days and dropping off during the week will save you time). They also provide hiking gear rentals including backpacks, sleeping bags, etc.

### Church of Nazarene

2111 Centennial St. 633-4903 [www.whitehorsenazarene.org](http://www.whitehorsenazarene.org)

 [WhitehorseChurchoftheNazarene](#)

The Free Clothing room is open on the first and third Saturday of each month, 10am-12pm. They have a selection of children and adult clothing. Anyone is free to take what they need. Check website to see if they are taking donations at the moment.

### G&R Pawnbrokers

1612 D Centennial 393-2274 Mon-Fri 12-5pm | Sat 10am-3pm

 [GoldRushPawnYukon](#)

Purchase and consign used goods. Call or stop by during business hours for more information.

### Isolated Garments

2288 2nd Ave. Tues-Fri 3pm-7pm | Sat 11am-7pm

 [isolatedgarments](#)  [IsolatedGarments](#)

An amazing selection of curated vintage streetwear and Men/Unisex clothing. Check out the Instagram page to shop and view apparel. Direct message for purchase.

## Little Sapling Consignment

[www.littlesaplingconsignment.com/consign-with-us](http://www.littlesaplingconsignment.com/consign-with-us)

📍 [littlesaplingconsignment](#)

Both Mackenzie and Jenna are moms who want to contribute to a slower, more sustainable way of keeping children's clothing out of landfills. Check out their Instagram page for notification on when the next "Drop" will be. You can find items listed on Instagram and "Stories" with prices, conditions and an item code. Carries sizes preemie to 5T. See website to book a consignment drop-off.

## Love2Thrift - Whitehorse Community Thrift Store

4230 4 Ave #9a 334-9233 Thurs-Sat 10am-5pm

[www.love2thriftyukon.ca](http://www.love2thriftyukon.ca) 📱 [Love2ThriftYukon](#) [Love2thriftyukon@gmail.com](mailto:Love2thriftyukon@gmail.com)

Gently used clothing and household items. Lots of children's apparel and books. Full of great deals and friendly volunteer staff. NO public drop off of materials at the storefront. Scheduled public intake for donations. E-mail or visit their Facebook page to find details about upcoming intakes.

## Outhouse Thrift & Vintage

📍 [outhousethriftandvintage](#) [outhousethrift@gmail.com](mailto:outhousethrift@gmail.com)

A new online second-hand clothing shop that sells modern and vintage pieces. Items are hand picked and have been cleaned prior to pickup. There are a variety of trendy styles and sizes available. Purchases can be made by messaging the seller. Be sure to turn on post notifications to be the first to claim unique pieces! All payments can be made with e-transfer.

## Renueva

4133 4 Ave. 689-9794 Mon-Fri 10:30am-6pm

A small second-hand store which also offers a variety of sewing services including fixing and alterations as well as carefully selected used clothing.

## Rustic North

110 Platinum Rd. 668-7216 Thurs-Fri 10am-5:30pm | Sat 10am-5:30pm

[www.rusticnorth.com](http://www.rusticnorth.com)

This rustic furniture store is filled with an incredible selection of antiques and salvaged lumber. Perfect for finding repurposed items for DIY projects.

## Yukon Cares

A volunteer run organization that welcomes and supports refugees arriving in Yukon. Needed goods and services will be posted on [f Yukon.Cares](#). Please contact us first by emailing [yukon.cares@gmail.com](mailto:yukon.cares@gmail.com).

## The Wish Factory

3169 3rd Ave 335-3122 Thurs-Fri 12-5pm | Sat 12-5pm

📍 [wishfactory](#) 📱 [TheWishFactory](#) [deliriouspinkgoddess@yahoo.ca](mailto:deliriouspinkgoddess@yahoo.ca)

Super quirky vintage store with lots of personality. Drop off donations during store hours. From funky dresses to footwear and trinkets. You're in for a surprise!

## Victoria Falkner Women's Shelter

502 Hansen St. 667-2693 [info@vfwomenscentre.com](mailto:info@vfwomenscentre.com)

Please call first. Women's winter clothing only in good, clean condition. No children's or men's clothing is accepted.

## Raven's Reuseful (in Raven ReCentre Depot)

100 Galena Rd. 667-7269 Ex.8 Wed-Fri 1-5pm | Sat 1-5pm

[www.ravenrecentre.org/reuseful](http://www.ravenrecentre.org/reuseful)

A second-hand thrift store that is saving items and textiles from the landfill by keeping them useful in the community. Donations are only accepted when Reuseful is open (Wednesday-Saturday 1-5pm). Please do not drop off donations without speaking to Reuseful's staff members. Check the website to see what is being taken. Clothing donations can be dropped off in the red bins outside the Depot at any time. Everything is \$1 or less.



## If clothing can't be REUsed, then REcycle!

Raven ReCentre accepts clothing and textiles for recycling in red metal Clothing Bins located outside the depot. **Items must be clean and dry** (but rips and holes are ok). Put items in a bag and drop off anytime. Proceeds from the clothing are donated to the Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society.

Raven ReCentre 100 Galena Rd. 667-7269

[info@ravenrecentre.org](mailto:info@ravenrecentre.org) [www.ravenrecentre.org](http://www.ravenrecentre.org)

# BUY & SELL AND CLASSIFIED ADS

## CKRW - Trader Time

471-9939 - on air: Mon-Fri 3:30pm | Sat 9am-10am [tradertime@ckrw.com](mailto:tradertime@ckrw.com)

This program is intended for individuals to buy and sell personal items. No advertising for rides, missing persons, businesses or the selling of firewood will be aired. To have your ad on the air, you must call in during Trader Time.

## CKRW - Classified Section

[tradertime@ckrw.com](mailto:tradertime@ckrw.com) [www.ckrw.com/events/trader-time](http://www.ckrw.com/events/trader-time)

Post your items by filling out a form on the website. Classified ads will appear on the website once they have been approved and will remain for 30 days.

## Kijiji

[www.kijiji.ca/h-whitehorse](http://www.kijiji.ca/h-whitehorse)

Kijiji is a website where individuals can post buy and sell ads, trades, and classified ads. Common ads include real estate, vehicles sale or search, odd jobs.

## NonProfitNet

[info@volunteeryukon.ca](mailto:info@volunteeryukon.ca) [www.volunteeryukon.ca/non-profits](http://www.volunteeryukon.ca/non-profits)

Subscribe to the list where you can post and donate clean and working items.

## Whitehorse Facebook Buy & Sell

 [FacebookMarketplace](#)

Online groups where members may buy and sell a wide variety of items. Numerous Facebook groups exist which are specialized for specific items/ events including; sports equipment, home building supplies, clothing, and garage sales.

## Whitehorse Star - Classified Section

2149 2nd Ave. Published on Mon, Wed & Fri

[classifieds@whitehorsestar.com](mailto:classifieds@whitehorsestar.com) [www.whitehorsestar.com](http://www.whitehorsestar.com)

Submit a free 25-word classified ad. Ads are published online and in the classified section of the paper. See website for more details.

## Yukon Helpers Network

[dispatch@yukonhelpersnetwork.com](mailto:dispatch@yukonhelpersnetwork.com) [www.yukonhelpersnetwork.com](http://www.yukonhelpersnetwork.com)

 [YukonHelpersNetwork](#)

The Helpers Network is open to any individual in need of or offering help. Pre-used items given away for free can be posted to the page.

## Yukon News - Classified Section

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm 3106 3rd Ave. #200 667-6285 ext.1606

[www.yukon-news.com/classifieds](http://www.yukon-news.com/classifieds)

Free to submit a 30-word classified ad. Ads are published in the classified section of the paper. See website for more details.

# SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

## INCORPORATING ZERO WASTE PRACTICES

### Aroma Borealis

504B Main St. 667-4372 Tues-Fri 10am-6pm | Sat 10am-5pm

[www.aromaborealis.com](http://www.aromaborealis.com)  [aromaborealis yukon](#)  [AromaBorealis](#)

At Aroma Borealis they strive to create as little waste as possible throughout the entirety of their production process. Their products are formulated from the wildest, most natural ingredients possible, all of which are harvested from the Northern Boreal Forest each year. They also ship everywhere in the US, Canada, and the UK.

### Riverside Grocery

201 Lowe St. 667 7712 Mon-Fri 8am-10pm | Sat-Sun 9am-10pm

[www.riversidegrocery.ca/about-us](http://www.riversidegrocery.ca/about-us)  [riverside\\_grocery](#)  [Riverside Grocery](#)

Riverside Grocery strives to provide the community with an array of healthy, sustainable options. In addition to conventional grocery items, they also carry a wide selection of organic, vegan, fair trade, whole food, and specialty items. Riverside has a zero-waste section where you can restock household and kitchen goods such as coffee, dry goods, shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent and more in containers you bring from home.

### The Yukon Refillery

100 Main St. Unit 105, Horwood's Mall Tues-Fri 11am-6pm | Sat 11am-5pm

[www.letsgozerowaste.com/places/the-yukon-refillery](http://www.letsgozerowaste.com/places/the-yukon-refillery)

 [yukonrefillery](#)  [YukonRefillery](#)

Come in and refill your laundry detergent, dish soap and even shampoo! The Yukon Refillery offers high quality and environmentally conscious products for sale by weight. So, feel free to bring your own reusable containers and jars.

### Lumel Studios

101 Keish St. 633-2308

Mon 9am-5pm | Tues-Fri 9am-7:30pm | Sat 9am-5:30pm & Sun 9am-5pm

[www.lumelstudios.com](http://www.lumelstudios.com) [lumelstudios@lumelstudios.com](mailto:lumelstudios@lumelstudios.com)

 [lumelstudios](#)  [LumelStudios](#)

This glassblowing studio uses recycled vegetable oil to heat their mobile baby dragon kiln. In fall 2023 Lumel began to accept recycled glass to use in a new glass kiln, called the Phoenix, purchased by Raven ReCentre. With the new kiln, Lumel can create beautiful forms with glass that otherwise would head to the landfill.



## Gather Cafe & Tapouse

101 Keish St. 633-2322 Tues-Fri 10am-2pm & 4-10pm | Sat 10am-2:30pm

[www.gatheryukon.ca](http://www.gatheryukon.ca)  [gatheryukon](#)  [GatherYukon](#)

Gather is a restaurant attached to Lumel Studios run by Lu and Mel's Daughter, Shanta and her husband John. All of the glassware, coffee mugs and dishware are hand made in Lumel's glass blowing studio or sourced by local artists. Glassware that is damaged in the restaurant is reused in the glass blowing studio and made into new glassware for the restaurant or art to be sold in the gallery. There is a hydroponics garden to provide fresh greens for Gather Cafe. Every year they also invite people to come and collect the herbs from their community garden before the plants freeze.

## Yukon Bunsik

211 Main St #201 above Shoppers Drug Mart 668-7570

Mon-Fri 10:30am-6pm | Sat 11:30am-4:30pm

[www.yukonbunsik.com](http://www.yukonbunsik.com)  [yukonbunsik](#)  [Yukon-Bunsik](#)

Super tasty traditional Korean dishes. From sweet Yuja-hot tea to homemade Yukon Kimchi. Take-away food is served in reusable mason jars.

# THINGS CAN BE REPAIRED!

## All Yukon Refrigeration

114 Platinum Rd. 633-6946 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

[www.yukonrefrigeration.ca](http://www.yukonrefrigeration.ca) [office@allyukonrefrigeration.ca](mailto:office@allyukonrefrigeration.ca)

 [All Yukon Refrigeration](#)

Sells used and refurbished refrigeration equipment. Call if you need a preventative maintenance plan.

## Arctic Appliance Repair

17 Eagle Pl. 336-8765

Repair of household appliances and goods as well as home and garden equipment. Usually specializes in dishwasher/dryer repair as well as refrigerator repair. Best to phone for all repair related inquiries.

## Nova Appliance Repairs

334-1823 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

[www.novarepairsyukon.ca](http://www.novarepairsyukon.ca) [novarepairs867@gmail.com](mailto:novarepairs867@gmail.com)

A home appliance repair and service located in Whitehorse. Best to contact for all inquiries.

## Goodman's Appliances Services

22 Wann Rd. 668-4844

Curtis repairs appliances and electronics. Call to inquire about availability and ability to repair your item.

## Trinit Technology

201B Main St. 456-8324 Mon-Fri 9am-6pm | Sat 10am-6pm | Sun 11am-4pm  
[www.trinititech.ca](http://www.trinititech.ca)  [trinititech](#)  [TrinitTech](#)

Locally owned and operated technology business. Offers a variety of repair services for cell phones, tablets, laptops and desktops.

## Ron's Small Engine Services

8 Cranberry Pl., Hidden Valley 663-6161 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm

Ron repairs snowmobiles, chainsaws, lawnmowers, ATV's as well as small industrial equipment.

## MEADIA Solutions

2157C Second Ave. 633-2787

 [simplymeadia](#)  [MEADIASolutions \(Simply Computing\)](#)

Mon 10am-5pm | Tue-Fri 9am-5pm

MEADIA Solutions a computer store and an Apple retailer. Staff are Apple specialists and can repair your Apple computers, phones, and watches.

MEADIA Solutions will refurbish or recycle your old devices or you have the option to donate them to Computers For Schools Yukon.

## Repair Café Whitehorse

2180 2nd Ave. The last Thursday of every month | 6pm-9pm

[www.yukonconstruct.com/event/repair-cafe-5/](http://www.yukonconstruct.com/event/repair-cafe-5/)

Do you have a broken toaster, vacuum cleaner or other small home appliance? Bring it in and see if it is fixable using soldering irons, multimeters and other tools. This easy introduction to electronics and small home appliance repair is a useful evening of DIY learning that you can literally take home. If you have some basic mechanical or electrical skills and enjoy taking things apart you can volunteer with the Repair Café and help conquer planned obsolescence! Yukonconstruct asks non-members to donate \$5 to cover the cost of materials.

# CARDBOARD BOXES

## Raven ReCentre

100 Galena Rd. 667-7269 [info@ravenrecentre.org](mailto:info@ravenrecentre.org)

[www.ravenrecentre.org](http://www.ravenrecentre.org)  [ravenrecyclingukon](#)  [Raven ReCentre](#)

Ask in the Depot for cardboard boxes. Boxes are provided without charge.

# RENEW & RESTORE

## Cadence Cycle

505 Steele St. 633-5600 Mon-Fri 10am-6pm | Sat 10am-5pm

[www.cadence-cycle.shoplightspeed.com](http://www.cadence-cycle.shoplightspeed.com) [dean@cadencecycle.ca](mailto:dean@cadencecycle.ca)

 [cadencecycle](#)  [Cadence Cycle](#)

Known as the second most Northerly Bike shop in Canada. Specializes in repairing Rocky Mountain, Scott, Salsa, Devinci, Panorama as well as BMX and specialty brands. Their technicians service all types of bikes, including everything from a bike tune up and repair to bike assembly.

## Icycle Sports

21 Waterfront Pl. 668-7559 Mon-Fri 10am-pm | Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

[www.icyclesports.com](http://www.icyclesports.com) [info@icyclesports.com](mailto:info@icyclesports.com)

 [icycle](#)  [Icycle Sports](#)

Our mechanics are qualified to handle everything from a minor adjustment on your handlebar to a full overhaul of your high-tech suspension system. Flat repairs, tire swaps/installations, and other minor service can be simply dropped off, or if we're not too busy, fixed while you have a coffee at Midnight Sun Coffee Roasters.

## Coco's Sewing

3161 3rd Ave. 687-9769 Mon-Fri 11am-5:30pm

[cocosewing@outlook.com](mailto:cocosewing@outlook.com)

Offers clothing alterations, tailoring, hemming as well as repairs and sewing. Some repairs offered for outdoor equipment on a case-by-case basis.

## Men's World

95 Lewes Blvd. 667-2817 Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

[www.mensworld.ca](http://www.mensworld.ca) [info@mensworld.ca](mailto:info@mensworld.ca)  [mensworld](#)

Offers a selection of fine men's suits and accessories for sale, tuxedo and suit rentals, period costume rentals and winter outerwear rentals. Also offers quality tailoring for everything from hemming pants to replacing zippers to altering suits.

## Reneuva

4133 4 Ave. 689-9794 Mon-Fri 10:30-6pm  [Reneuva](#)

A small second-hand store which also offers a variety of sewing services including repairs and alterations. Usually very booked up so make sure to bring in items in advance.

## Sportees Active Wear

6098 6th Ave. 668-2691 Tues-Thurs 11am-5:30pm

[www.sportees.com](http://www.sportees.com) [info@sportees.com](mailto:info@sportees.com)

 [sporteesyukon](#)  [SporteesActiveWear](#)

Sells activewear but also will offer tent repair on a case-by-case basis. Please call ahead if you have a tent you want repaired.

# SKILL & TOOL SHARING

## Yukonstruct's Makespace

2180 2nd Ave. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm | Sat/Sun 1pm-9pm

[www.yukonstruct.com](http://www.yukonstruct.com) [rick@yukonstruct.com](mailto:rick@yukonstruct.com)

Yukonstruct is a not-for-profit society which runs a maker-space and co-working space in downtown Whitehorse. The Makespace is a community workshop (woodshop, metal shop, digital fabrication, hackerspace, sewing, and more) and offers workshops, teaching nights and mentorship programs. You can purchase a membership to use the space as well as volunteer and share your own maker skills in workshops and the mentorship program. Discounts are offered for families, seniors, youth, students, and NPO's as well as a 50% discount on 24/7 access memberships for those who live more than an hour drive from Whitehorse. If cost is a barrier, Yukonstruct offers subsidies.

## Chainwhip – Whitehorse Community Bike Space

1171 Front St. [www.chainwhip.xyz](http://www.chainwhip.xyz) [whitehorsebikecoop@gmail.com](mailto:whitehorsebikecoop@gmail.com)

[chainwhipbikes](#)

Hours of operation are updated frequently and can be found on their website. Chainwhip is a volunteer-run bike repair kitchen operating out of a trailer in the lot next to the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. Staff do not repair your bike for you. Instead, they provide the equipment and space and teach you how to repair your own bike.

## Whitehorse Tool Library

100 Galena Rd. 667-7269, ext. 2

[Whitehorse Tool Library](#)

Raven Recentre is taking over operation of the Whitehorse Tool Library. More information about the Whitehorse Tool Library will be available soon at [www.ravenrecentre.org](http://www.ravenrecentre.org)

## Whitehorse Public Library

1171 Front St. 867-667-5239 | 867-667-3668

Mon 12pm-8pm | Tues-Thurs 10am-8pm | Fri-Sun 12pm-6pm

[whitehorselibrary@yukon.ca](mailto:whitehorselibrary@yukon.ca) [yukonpubliclibraries](#)

The Whitehorse branch of Yukon Public Libraries offers Free Wi-Fi, public computers, printing, scanning, and in-house reading and study areas on top of book and media borrowing. Online services are available 24/7 with your library card.

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Many old electronic goods gather dust in storage waiting to be reused or recycled. Electronic waste is not garbage because it often contains hazardous toxins that can leach into the environment causing ground water and air pollution. Sometimes reusing old electronics is possible, but other times the only option left is to recycle.

## Computers for Schools Yukon

Building #1235 – 1000 Lewes Blvd 456-4365

[www.cfsy.ca](http://www.cfsy.ca) [admin@cfsy.ca](mailto:admin@cfsy.ca)  [cfs\\_yukon](#)  [Computers for Schools Yukon](#)

Computers for Schools Yukon (CFSY) is the Yukon based branch of a federal government-led program that collects, repairs, and refurbishes donated surplus computers from government and private sector sources and distributes them free to schools, students, non-profit organizations and libraries/museums.

CFSY is managed by the Raven ReCentre, which runs the public computer drop off and e-waste fee collection on their behalf. Businesses that have larger quantities or security concerns can call or email to make an appointment to deliver computers right to the warehouse.

## Raven ReCentre

100 Galena Rd. 667-7269 Mon-Fri 9am – 4pm

[www.ravenrecentre.org](http://www.ravenrecentre.org) [info@ravenrecentre.org](mailto:info@ravenrecentre.org)

 [ravenrecyclingyukon](#)  [Raven Recentre](#)

Raven ReCentre operates the designated E-Waste Collection Depot for the Whitehorse area. Bring designated electronics to the E-Waste Depot off Galena Rd. For a list of accepted items visit [www.ravenrecentre.org/e-waste](http://www.ravenrecentre.org/e-waste)

## Staples

Qwanlin Mall, 303 Ogilvie St. 633-2550

Mon-Fri 8am-9pm | Sat 9am-6pm | Sun 10am-6pm [www.staples.ca](http://www.staples.ca)

Used printer cartridges and toners, batteries (all types), markers and pens are accepted for recycling. Collection bins are located inside of Staples. Staff members are happy to assist.

## Bell Mobility Blue Box Program

205 Black St. #115 668-5555 - Cell Phone Central

2093 2nd Ave. #201 455-4265 - NorthwesTel Inc.

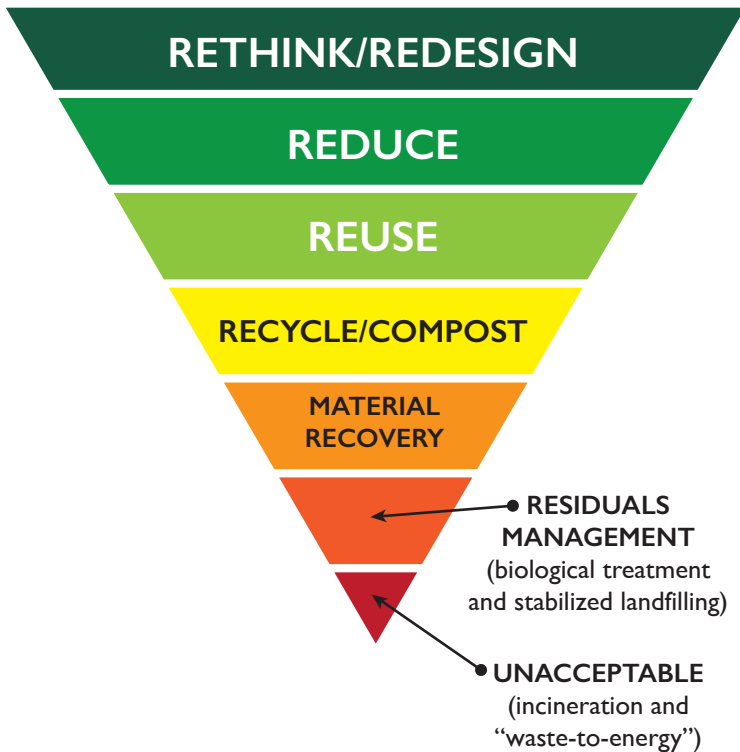
[www.support.bell.ca/Mobility/Smartphones\\_and\\_mobile\\_internet/What\\_can\\_I\\_do\\_with\\_my\\_old\\_mobile\\_phone](http://www.support.bell.ca/Mobility/Smartphones_and_mobile_internet/What_can_I_do_with_my_old_mobile_phone)

This program gives Canadians an environmentally responsible way to dispose of used mobile phones, headsets, chargers and batteries.

# The Zero Waste Hierarchy

The Waste Hierarchy displays a progression of actions to support the Zero Waste system, from the most desirable (lowest environmental impact) to least desirable (higher environmental impact) use of materials.

Raven ReCentre is part of a larger waste management system and we are guided by the Waste Hierarchy which helps us to make the most responsible choices for the use and management of materials that come through our facility. We also use it to inspire Zero Waste programming that promotes sustainable actions and use of materials. Raven ReCentre's operations are focused on the top 4 actions in the hierarchy.



# Zero Waste & the Circular Economy

Zero Waste practices conserve resources through responsible production, consumption and reuse, as well as recovery of all products, packaging and materials without incineration and without pollution to land, water or air.

The Circular Economy is a system where materials never become waste and nature is regenerated. It focuses on creating an economy that is not harmful to the environment or people. It means decoupling economic activity from the consumption of finite resources and designing waste out of the system.

## Principles of the Circular Economy:

### 1. Design out Waste and Pollution

Waste and pollution are a result of decisions made at the design stage, where about 80% of environmental impacts are determined. By viewing waste as a design flaw we can ensure that waste and pollution are not created in the first place.

### 2. Keep Products and Materials In Use

We can design products and components so they can be reused, repaired, and remanufactured. When it comes to products like food or packaging, we should be able to get the materials back so they don't end up in landfill.

### 3. Regenerate Natural Systems

In nature, there is no concept of waste. By returning valuable nutrients to the soil and other ecosystems, we can enhance our natural resources.

At Raven ReCentre we see the Circular Economy as our bird's eye view of the economic system. Zero Waste is part of how we get to a Circular Economy. You can think of Zero Waste as the individual action and Circular Economy as the system wide change!

## Interested in learning more?

Here's a good start:

- Zero Waste International Alliance [www.zwia.org/zwh/](http://www.zwia.org/zwh/)
- [www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/topics/circular-economy-introduction/overview](http://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/topics/circular-economy-introduction/overview)

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