



Transitioning from **Transfer Stations** to **Eco-Depots**



A conceptual drawing of the South Thompson Eco-Depot.

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District officially opens the South Thompson Eco-Depot on July 30 at the same site that currently houses the Pritchard Transfer Station. This move is part of the TNRD's ongoing efforts to work toward a much more environmentally sound way of waste management.

WHAT IS AN ECO-DEPOT?

Eco-Depots are an improved way for residents and businesses to manage their solid waste. A one-stop drop for all waste and recyclable materials, the facility allows for separation of recyclables and reusable materials before disposal of residual garbage. Because Eco-Depots have more space, there will be more opportunities for recycling. The installation of weigh scales is part of a new weight-based user strategy that is more accurate and equitable than the volume-based system that was previously employed. The move to a weight-based system at other sites have seen the majority of customers paying less for their garbage compared to the old volume-based system. Tipping fees are \$60/tonne with a minimum charge of \$1. Select items such as fridges and large furniture will continue to be charged per unit. Select recyclable material will continue to be accepted at no cost.

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Eco-Depot Weigh Scales

HOURS OF OPERATION

The South Thompson Eco-Depot will be open Tuesday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in summer; and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, in winter.



Eco-Depot Procedures

NOTE: Please be aware of the traffic flow changes on site.

1. Upon arrival at the Eco-Depot you will first enter the recycling area to drop off your recyclables at no charge.
2. You will then drive onto the weigh scales, where staff will ask what items you are dropping off, and then weigh your vehicle.
3. Proceed to the designated disposal area(s) as directed by staff or on-site signage and dispose of your items.
4. Staff will weigh your vehicle again and calculate how much the disposed-of-items weigh based on the difference.
5. Pay your fees before leaving the Eco-Depot, or if you have a commercial account, you can leave and receive a bill at the end of the month. Tipping fees can be paid by debit card, credit card and TNRD Eco-Card. Eco-cards are now available for sale on site to be purchased using debit or credit card. **NOTE:** Cash will not be accepted.

Your co-operation and patience is greatly appreciated through this transition!

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