

Clean Marine

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What a great Christmas. Maybe you didn't heed last month's article and you have a pile of wrapping paper, packaging, and presents you have no need for; and just one lonely 77 l garbage can to put it all in. Lots of your recyclables will be picked up at curb side. You will need yellow and blue bags or stickers which are available from most Nanaimo centers such as the NIC, NAC, Bowen, Beban or public works. The bags show what can go into them but sometimes the plastics are a bit confusing. For instance, refundable containers are okay, as are hard plastic such as shampoo bottles. Generally any plastic household containers that have a lid are okay. The new green bins are great for food waste, but don't forget paper towels, pizza boxes, bones, paper ice cream containers, and waxed paper. That dried out poinsettia can go in there too, but put the pot in the garbage. The tree can be taken to several spots for chipping. Finally there is the Nanaimo recycling exchange (NRE at 2477 Kenworth). Maybe save one of those cardboard boxes, and put it in the garage to collect other stuff for a bi-monthly trip to the NRE. They take batteries, plastic bags, CDs, ink cartridges, TVs, computers, hard plastic, Styrofoam, paint, oil, thinner, and yard waste. The 'store' across the parking lot will take useable items so you can get rid of the lot in one trip. Once you are done there, the only thing left for that curb side garbage can should be plastic wrap.

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There are no passengers on Spaceship Earth. We are all crew. ~Marshall McLuhan, 1964