

An Environmental Work Practice is a set of positive guidelines or "Do's and Don'ts" on how to control an aspect of the services, activities, or products of Yukon Energy that may have a negative effect on the environment.

## **NON-HAZARDOUS WASTES**

EMS-EWP-010

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### **1.0 Introduction**

#### *1.1 Purpose*

The purpose of the **Environmental Work Procedure** for **Non-Hazardous Wastes** is to provide the steps required to dispose of non-hazardous wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

#### *1.2 Definitions*

Compostables/Biodegradables: Organic wastes such as food waste that can be composted.

### **2.0 Compost/Biodegradables**

- Do not leave food waste on site. This can attract animals
- The responsible handling of food and garbage is key to eliminating animal problems.
- Habituating animals to human food or garbage ("spoiling") can lead to animal-human conflicts, and injury
- Separate food wastes into compost bins so that it is not taken to the landfill
- Organic wastes can be taken to the War Eagle landfill in Whitehorse to be composted, or properly disposed of in regular trash in bear safe bins in communities outside of Whitehorse if compost facilities are not available.

### **3.0 Recycling**

Whitehorse has two recycling facilities that accept a variety of wastes. This segregated waste is shipped out to produce new materials, which saves energy in creating new items from recycled materials.

#### *3.1 Requirements*

- Waste separation will be done at all sites with labeled boxes or containers for paper/plastic/refundables, metal, cardboard and organics.

- Any other materials that are produced should be recycled when possible. Please contact the Manager of Environment or Environmental Coordinator for further information on special products.
- Food contaminated cardboard should be put into composting and not garbage.
- If there is no pick up of recycling at a facility, operators will bring the recycling out to a designated facility when the bins are full.
- Scrap metal is collected outside the Whitehorse Diesel plant and is picked up regularly. Personal scrap metal is not to be disposed of in this bin. The bin is for Operations only.

#### **4.0 Fish Salvage**

The YEC fishladder introduces salmon fry into the Yukon River. However some fish die in the process leaving fish carcasses to be disposed of.

- Fish carcasses are collected at the fish ladder are given to a local musher or someone that will use the nutrients effectively.
- These wastes should not be landfilled. If they cannot be given to someone they can be composted at the War Eagle Land Fill compost area.

#### **5.0 Additional information**

##### **YEC Health and Safety Safe Work Practices**

- **Bear Safety SWP-004**
- **Animal Attacks SWP-003**

Safe Work Practices can be found on the Health and Safety Department Sharepoint Site