

Project Re-Bounce – Pilot Project

Thanks to the time and dedication of a passionate Oak Bay Tennis Club member, along with grant funding from CRD's [Rethink Waste Community Grant](#), we are pleased to be part of a one-year pilot of Project Re-Bounce in Greater Victoria! Oak Bay Recreation, Oak Bay Tennis Club and Cedar Hill Recreation Centre are also participating. If successful, it's hoped the project may expand to other facilities and clubs throughout the region.

Project Re-Bounce, the brainchild of a mainland tennis player, was established in 2020 with aim of keeping end-of-life sports equipment, particularly tennis balls, out of the landfill. Since inception, it has collected and diverted the equivalent of over 250,000 tennis balls from the landfill. Left to decompose naturally, tennis balls take over 400 years to decompose and, in a landfill setting, the process emits methane gas – a greenhouse gas more than 25 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere.

Starting this week, Project Re-Bounce collection bins will be popping up in our tennis lobby and on-court. Balls collected will be reused within programs and for schools and sports teams as possible, then shipped to Burnaby's [Waste-to-Energy facility](#) for incineration. Energy recovered through the incineration process gets converted into electricity and used to power homes.

Squash, badminton and pickleball players, you've not been forgotten! Squash balls, badminton shuttles and pickleballs, once no longer useable, are also welcome. Squash players, please use the marked bin in the tennis lobby. Pickleballers at Greenglade, please use the marked bin on the pickleball equipment cart. Badminton and pickleball players at North Saanich Middle School, please pass your broken ball or shuttle along to a program monitor.

Adjacent to the Project Re-Bounce collection bins on-court, a recycling bin for tennis ball cans, lids and metal pull tops will be set up. A garbage bin will also remain available. Bins for compost and other recyclables will be available in the main lobby. We appreciate players' efforts and cooperation ensuring waste gets deposited in the correct places.

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Project Re-Bounce

Keep your sports equipment out of Hartland Landfill



Birdies



Squash Balls



Tennis Balls

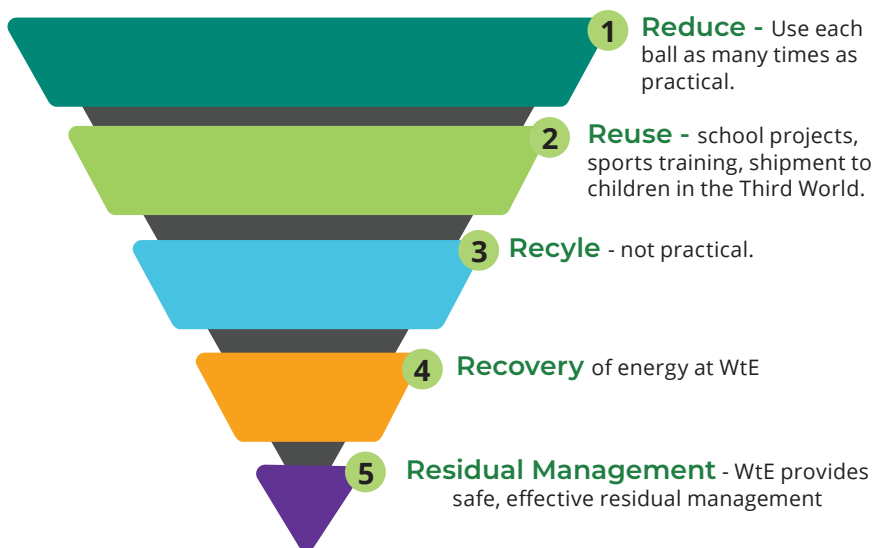
About Project Re-Bounce

Beginning in 2020, Project ReBounce has grown to twelve participating facilities in the Lower Mainland with the objective of keeping end-of-life sports equipment, particularly non-recyclable tennis balls, out of the landfill. The program is now directing the equivalent of over 150,000 used tennis balls a year for energy recovery at Metro Vancouver's Waste to Energy (WtE) facility in Burnaby.

Victoria's Hartland Landfill is fast filling up. It's a problem for all of us. A new Solid Waste Management Plan for the CRD has been developed to reduce the amount of material sent to the Hartland Landfill. A key component of the Plan is a Rethink Waste Community Grant that provides funding for projects that align with the 5R pollution prevention hierarchy of directing waste materials to their best next use.

The CRD has provided a grant to fund the expansion of Project Re-Bounce to Victoria for the collection of end-of-life tennis balls and other non-recyclable used sports equipment and transport them to the WtE facility in Burnaby.

For tennis balls, the 5R prevention hierarchy here in Victoria is:



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FACT

Tennis balls take in excess of 400 years to decompose in a landfill all the while emitting methane gas which is a climate changing, Green House Gas, that is 86 times more damaging to the atmosphere than carbon dioxide.