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DCV Online Newsletter

June Celebration Gift Ideas

June is the month of weddings. If you are attending one this summer, or have birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate, the DCV always has the perfect gift for you. Through the employee purchase program, these items can be delivered right to your desk so there is no need to trek to the mall.

For weddings and anniversaries we have a great selection of elegant, customizable crystal glassware. Our engravable photo album is also a popular gift for engagement, wedding or honeymoon photos. If you wanted to give dinnerware as a wedding

gift, then check out our newest product, a banana leaf platter made of bamboo.

If you have family members that are summer babies, then why not consider a watercolour art print? Darryl Albert, a Victoria resident, has some great prints of local B.C. scenes. Jewellery is always an easy bet when it comes to women, and if you peruse our Uniquely BC giftware section, you are bound to find something that works for your maturing friend.

For the fathers out there, our golf items have been reduced in

price. Or pick up a Bluetooth headset for him- he may not even know what it is, but soon will not be able to live without it.

To really spoil your father or father-figure, make him the Slow Cooker Pork Back Ribs from *Everyone Can Cook Midweek Meals*, recipe listed below. (And while you're at it, pick up some Tide To Go.) All the recipes in the book are



simple and easy to follow, and the pictures will make you salivate! The book is perfect to give you some inspiration for your usual Monday to Friday fare.

Recipe: Slow Cooker Pork Back Ribs In BBQ Sauce



Ingredients:

- * 2 tbsp chilli powder
- * 1 tbsp ground cumin
- * 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- * 1/2 tsp salt
- * 1 3/4 cups barbeque sauce
- * 1 cup beer or chicken stock
- * 1/2 cup apple juice
- * 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- * 2 tbsp honey
- * 3 medium-sized pork back ribs, trimmed of excess fat and cut into 2-3 rib portions

To quickly get the ribs cooking in the morning, trim and grill them the night before, cool to room temperature and refrigerate overnight.

Preparation:

Preheat an indoor or outdoor grill to medium-high. Combine the chilli powder, cumin, cayenne and salt in a small bowl; rub the mixture on the ribs. Lightly oil the bars of your grill and cook the ribs for 3-4 minutes per side, or until nicely seared but not cooked through.

Place the ribs in a slow cooker. Combine the remaining ingredients in a bowl and pour over the ribs. Cover and cook on the low setting for 8 hours.

EVERYONE CAN COOK
midweek meals
recipes for cooks on the run



ERIC AKIS

#9999840597 \$18.99



Ralph's Product Review



Yellow Jacket Extension Cord

##9330011012 \$32.50



Features & Benefits:

- * 15 amp/125 volt
- * 8 metre/26.2 foot long
- * About 4 pounds
- * Lighted plug to indicate power
- * Extra durable
- * Flexible to -50 degrees C
- * Coils easily
- * Great for heavy duty tools
- * Exclusive Yellow Jacket compound is more flexible and abrasion-resistant at any temperature than standard vinyl compounds or blue cold weather cords
- * Meets OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) specifications
- * Limited lifetime warranty
- * Special purchase while stock lasts



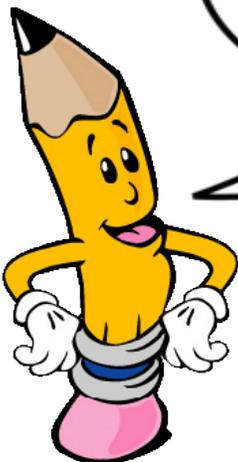
I give it two paws up!

Pros: very sturdy, well constructed, useful lighted ends show when cord is powered

Cons: pricey, but worth it for the high quality

Q: What happens to old stock at DCV?

A: We try very hard to limit the amount of surplus products at DCV. When an item is discontinued by the manufacturer or by DCV due to poor sales, it is declared surplus and sent to Asset Investment Recovery (AIR). This is in accordance with government's core policy. AIR then sells it via the method they feel is most appropriate: BC Auction, cash and carry sales or other.



Green Your Life

Mark a big event, such as a birth or a wedding by planting a tree. It will grow with your family, add to the surrounding ecosystem, and soak up carbon dioxide as the years pass.



Green Your Office

Water office plants more effectively by converting empty plastic bottles into funnels. Remove the bottom from a discarded bottle and bury it neck-down near the base of a plant so the water poured in will reach the roots directly, rather than evaporated in the topsoil.

New Products!

The DCV is always bringing in new, exciting, useful products to offer to you at unbeatable prices.

Avery Removable Label Pad
Forty labels of each colour.
#7530462031 \$2.38



Hummingbird Brooch
Handcrafted out of lead-free pewter
#9999840736 \$16.95



Banana Leaf Platter
Made of eco-friendly bamboo.
#9999840723 \$8.95



Recycled Billboard Bag
No two bags are alike!
#9999840739 \$15.00



Amethyst Sterling Silver Earrings
Handcrafted in Tsawwassen
#9999840729 \$24.95



Glass Ornament
"To a Special Friend"
#9999840733 \$14.95



Imagine Latte Mug
"Image a Green Earth"
#999840726 \$19.95



Woods Extension Cord
Fourteen gauge, 15 amps.
#9330011010 \$22.50



Summer Vacation Tips

Well, so far the weather has not been that exciting, (except for a few days) but summer vacation time is getting close, the kids are finishing exams and parents are plotting summer fun.

Take a portable map

My favourite things to do for a stay-at-home-vacation are hiking and taking pictures. I discovered a little trick that has come in handy on more than one occasion. I check out the large map of the park found at the entrance and take a picture of it with my digital camera. When hiking I can refer to my digital image of the map and get a better idea of where I am and what trail to take. The BC Parks website also has downloadable maps.

Note the time and take some food

Another thing I like to do is make note of the time I am starting my hike - this gives me an idea of how much time it will take me to hike back out and a rough idea of how far I may have been hiking, usually about one to one-and-a-half miles per hour. It is also a great idea

to carry a snack of some kind and water for hydration. I also like to carry a small flashlight.

At the beach

Whether it's salt or fresh water it's so much nicer to cool off either swimming or enjoying a cool breeze off the water. Keep in mind the ocean has tides, either coming in or going out. Tide tables can be found on the Internet or in the newspaper and can give you a better idea of which direction the tide will moving when you arrive. It's great fun for kids and dogs to romp on the sand and splash in warm tidal pools. Keep an eye out for how fast the tide is coming in ~ you don't want to get stranded!

Security at home

If you are going away for an extended period of time don't forget to clean perishable items out of the refrigerator and take out the garbage. It's a good idea to use timer operated lighting to give the impression your home is occupied. If your mail is delivered to your house, arrange with a neighbour to pick up your mail and remove flyers. Another good

little trick is to allow a neighbour to park their car in your driveway so it will look like someone is living there.

Pack your bags

When packing a suitcase for a trip, place the heaviest items on the bottom. This helps stabilize pull-along suitcases. Place fragile items towards the centre surrounded by clothes. Small, easily lost items can be sorted into ziploc bags and place anything that could possibly leak into a sealable bag. I like to lay out everything I will be packing to make sure I don't forget anything and plan how to pack everything in the most efficient way. For carry-on luggage, take the bare necessities you might need in case your luggage gets lost. Depending on the type of vacation you will be taking keep in mind how well you will be able to carry your luggage. In a modern city roll along luggage may be fine but in a more remote location a backpack may be more appropriate.

Bringing home mementos

If you are planning on bringing purchased items home from your trip then delay the purchases until the end of the trip. If necessary, buy an inexpensive bag to help carry home your treasures. Sometimes it is easier to have things shipped home if they are not too heavy or fragile.

One last thing

The Internet is a great resource for everything from luggage to reviews on your hotel or faraway destination. It is always great to get information from someone who has already been there- this can go a long way in helping you make the right decisions for your vacation of a lifetime!

*Article and photo by
Bruce Nichols.*





VANOC Asset Sale

VANOC Asset sales have ended at the Delta location, but all remaining stock continues to be sold through all three Asset Investment Recovery cash & carry sales.

Victoria Operation

4234 Glanford Avenue
Victoria BC
Phone: 250 952-4439
Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm (excluding holidays)

Surrey Operation

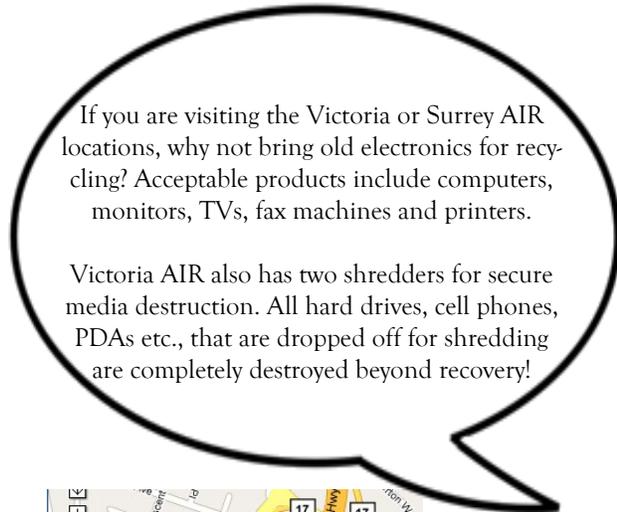
8307-130th Street
Surrey BC
Phone: 604 501-8216
Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 2pm (excluding holidays)

Prince George Operation

3695 Opie Crescent
Prince George BC
Phone: 250 565-4201
Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm (excluding holidays)

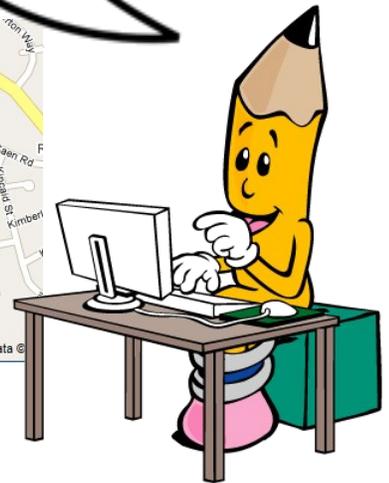
Accepted payment methods: Visa, Mastercard, American Express, debit and cash.

We are also listing some items up on [BC Auction](#) under the Vancouver 2010 assets category. Drop in to any of our 3 locations and view the items available on BC Auction. Bid kiosks are available at each site for easy, accessible bidding.



If you are visiting the Victoria or Surrey AIR locations, why not bring old electronics for recycling? Acceptable products include computers, monitors, TVs, fax machines and printers.

Victoria AIR also has two shredders for secure media destruction. All hard drives, cell phones, PDAs etc., that are dropped off for shredding are completely destroyed beyond recovery!



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- * Mouth-watering summer recipe
- * Public Service Week celebrations
- * Green Your Office and Green Your Life tip



* Q: Can my office be sent a copy of the DCV catalogue?

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