



Big or small, a community cleanup is a great way to support your community.

A community cleanup helps to stop illegal dumping and keeps our region's lands and waters healthy and clean.

Contact us by mail:

Solid Waste Service
 Re: Community Cleanup
 6300 Hammond Bay Road
 Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Have you Witnessed Illegal Dumping?

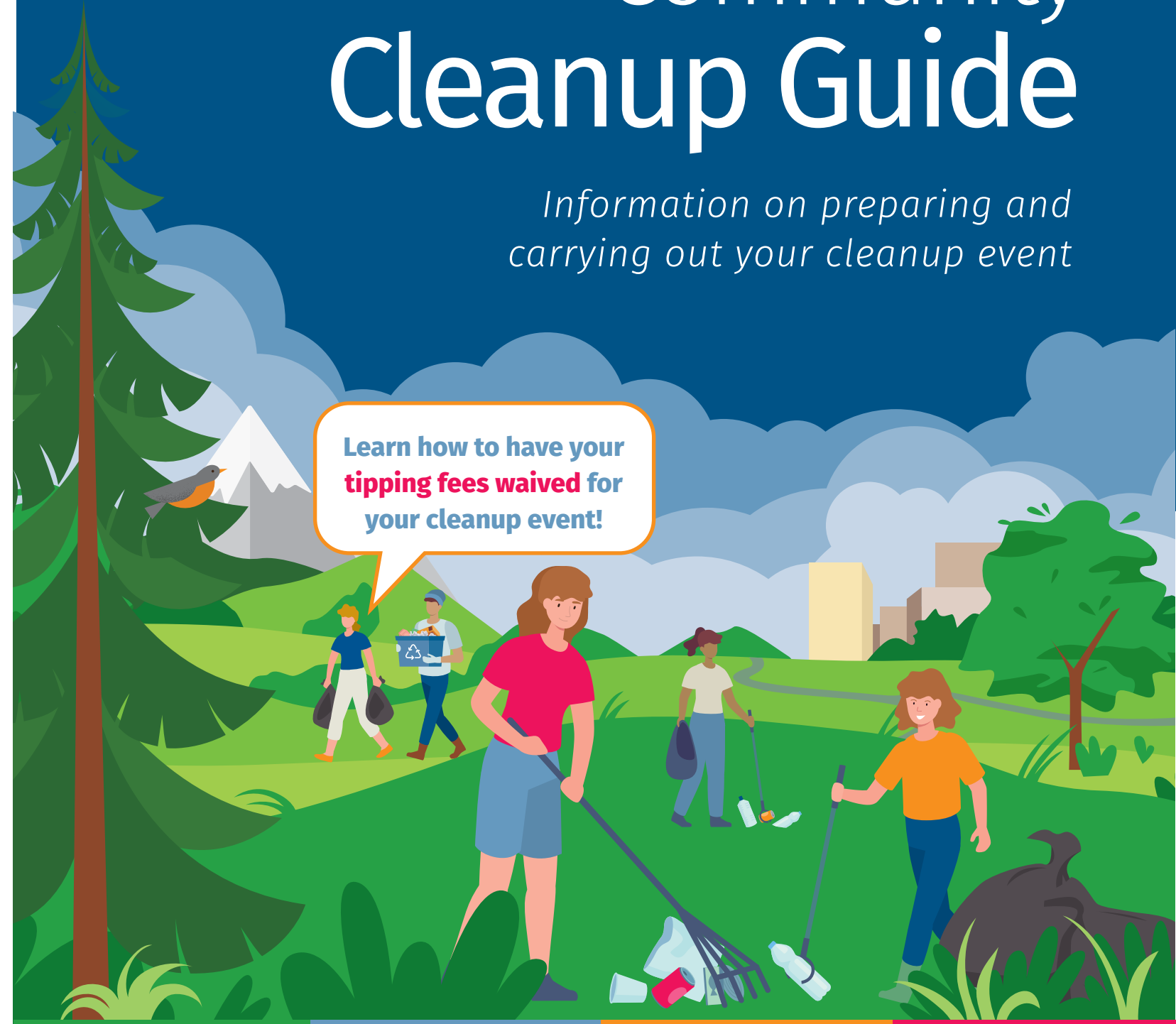
Help keep your community clean by observing, recording and reporting. Information is kept strictly confidential. To **report illegal dumping**, please call the *Provincial Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP)* line toll-free: 1-877-952-7227 or dial: #7277.



Community Cleanup Guide

Information on preparing and carrying out your cleanup event

Learn how to have your **tipping fees waived** for your cleanup event!



How Can I Get Tipping Fees Waived?



If you are cleaning up your community, whether you are a group of one or one hundred, you can apply to have your fees waived.

Eligibility requirements

- The cleanup area must be located on public property within the jurisdiction of the Regional District of Nanaimo. This may include natural areas, recreational outdoor spaces, parks, beaches, bodies of water and near waterways. This does not include private property.
- The cleanup is conducted by volunteer(s) on behalf of a group or non-profit.
- The material is sorted and recycled to its maximum potential – recyclables will not be accepted for landfilling. (See page 4-5 and the appendix for the recycling materials that can be dropped off for free at participating depots.)
- The email application must be approved. The required email outline is seen below. In response, you will receive a waiver that can be presented at the facility scale house.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, staff will require at least one weeks notice to prepare facility staff and create the waiver. To apply for a tipping fee waiver, email the RDN at zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca, Re: Community Cleanup. Your email must include the following:

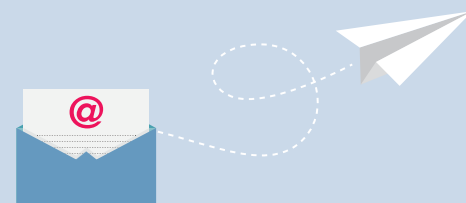
✉ New message

To zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca

Subject Re: Community Cleanup

- Your organization's name
- Contact person first and last name
- Contact person phone number
- Contact person email address
- Date of the cleanup event
- Location of the cleanup event
- Location of material drop off (Church Road Transfer Station or Regional Landfill)
- Anticipated disposal date(s)
- Description and license plate of the vehicle dropping off the material
- Estimated number of vehicles/loads of waste
- Type of material(s)
- Screenshot of a map of the area that identifies the cleanup location(s)

SEND



Applications can be emailed to:

zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca

or mailed to:

Solid Waste Service
Re: Community Cleanup
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Tel: 250-390-4111

Please allow up to two weeks to process this application.

Once the application is approved, staff will provide a waiver that can be displayed to facility staff upon arrival at the scale house.

Steps to Organizing a Cleanup Event

Before the event

- Visit the cleanup area to identify any dangerous conditions and assess the types and volumes of the material.
- Plan your cleanup - set up a date and time.
- Email RDN for approval. When you get your tipping fee waiver approval email, make sure to save it on your phone or print a copy to provide to the scale house.
- Gather your supplies:
 - First aid kit
 - Signage for sorting materials found here, rdn.bc.ca/community-cleanup and is included in the appendix of this guide.
- Suggested cleanup equipment:
 - Containers or bags for sorting different materials
 - Bags for individuals to collect material
 - Sharps container
 - Pickers/tongs
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Safety footwear, gloves and eyewear



During the cleanup

- Set up a station for supplies.
- Brief participants on how materials are sorted and which containers they should be sorted into.
- Use the signage in the appendix of this guide to set up recycling stations.
- Leave no trace - don't trample vegetation or leave any waste from the event itself.

After the event

- Thank your volunteers.
- Take the material that you separated out to a local depot for recycling.
- When arriving at the Church Road Transfer Station or Regional Landfill, be sure to have your waiver ready for the scale attendant.
- Provide photos of the materials collected, indicating where the cleanup occurred to zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca.
- Feel free to share photos of your group in action, so we can show your efforts in our newsletter or online!



Recycling Materials From Your Cleanup

Included in the appendix of this guide is signage for the different EPR programs in BC.



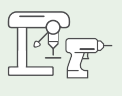

Use the signage at your collection events to help separate out material that can be taken to a depot instead of bringing it to the landfill.

Why are some materials acceptable to recycle while others are not?




The majority of materials accepted at depots are part of an **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** program. EPR requires product producers to claim responsibility for the life cycle of their products, including end of life management. By requiring products to be reused, recycled, or responsibly disposed of, EPR reduces the environmental toll on our planet.

The following is a list of some of the EPR programs in BC with examples of their products. These items, and similar products can be recycled at participating depots at no cost. More detailed information about what these programs accept can be found in the appendix of this guide.


ElectroRecycle

-  Kitchen appliances
-  Clocks
-  Power tools
-  Personal care items


Product Care Association

-  Paint, flammable liquids, solvents, pesticides and gasoline
-  Paint cans
-  Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms


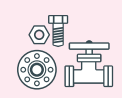
Light Recycle

-  Light bulbs
-  Lamps and fixtures


Health Products Stewardship Association

-  Pharmaceuticals and biomedical sharps

The Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable


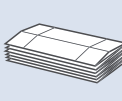





-  Large appliances
-  Scrap metal

Call 2 Recycle


-  Batteries – household and automotive







RecycleBC

-  Aluminium and steel containers
-  Cardboard (flattened)
-  Cartons and paper cups
-  Glass bottles and jars
-  Other flexible packaging
-  Packaging and printed paper
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BC Used Oil

-  Antifreeze and motor oil


Return-It Electronics

-  Computers and cellphones
-  Printers, copiers and floor-standing multi-function devices
-  Gaming systems and accessories
- 


Return-It

-  Beverage containers – plastic and glass, milk and plant-based ready to drink

OPEIC

-  Electric outdoor power equipment and lawnmowers

Tire Stewardship

-  Tires – car, light truck, motorcycle and bicycle tires

To access the full inventory of recyclables, visit rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where to find a recycling facility near you.



Or get the app! Scan the QR code to download the 'RDN Curbside' app and navigate to the 'What Goes Where' tool.

When you use the app, you will have access to the most up-to-date materials as the list of acceptable recyclable materials intends to expand over time.

RDN CURBSIDE APP
DOWNLOAD FOR FREE



Hazardous Recyclables

- **Fire hazards:** Be sure to separate the following materials from both garbage and recycling: batteries, aerosol containers, fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent lamps, helium and propane tanks.
- **Sharps disposal:** Island Health provides steps on how to dispose of sharps safely, including a map of drop off locations through the RDN, islandhealth.ca/safe-needle-disposal.



Hazardous Materials

- Any material suspected of being hazardous but that cannot be identified should remain on-site until proper collection and disposal is arranged. If you encounter potentially hazardous materials during your cleanup, please contact zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca.

Priority Invasive Plants

The priority invasive plants which are currently identified for management through controlled landfilling are:

- Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
- Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)
- Invasive Knotweeds (*Fallopia x / Polygonum polystachum*)
- Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)
- Wild Chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*)
- Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)

Japanese Knotweed

- Heart-shaped leaves
- Clusters of white flowers



When disposing of invasive plants, they must be double bagged and disposed at the Regional Landfill as controlled waste.

For a full list of current priority invasive species, visit rdn.bc.ca/solid-waste-controlled-waste-disposal.

Drywall and Asbestos Disposal

Many construction materials produced contain asbestos. It can be found in vermiculite, insulations, pipe wrap and boiler insulation, cement pipe, textured ceilings, wallboard and siding, flooring (adhesives), drywall mud/joint filler, roofing shingles, artificial fire logs, gaskets and a wide range of other materials.

These materials can be hazardous as they deteriorate or if they are disturbed, particles can stay in the air for hours, posing serious lung problems including lung disease or cancer. Precautionary measures are recommended, such as utilizing a qualified professional to identify asbestos.

If you will be disposing of asbestos-containing material:

- **Before you leave** – make an appointment at the Regional Landfill at, 250-722-2044 extension 3212.
- **Packaging** – double bag the material in 6 mil poly asbestos bags. Bags must be goose-neck tied and sealed with duct tape. Bags are available at safety supply stores or RDN Solid Waste Facilities (\$2/bag).
- **Transport** – ensure that the load is covered and secured to reduce litter on roadways.

Prohibited Materials

Items that are **not accepted** at the Church Road Transfer Station and the Regional Landfill include:

- Hazardous waste
- Biomedical waste
- Clean soil
- Land clearing waste
- Liquids
- Motor vehicle bodies and farm implements
- Recyclable material delivered in roll-off bins or volume greater than 3 cubic meters



For a full list of prohibited materials, visit, rdn.bc.ca/solid-waste-banned-items

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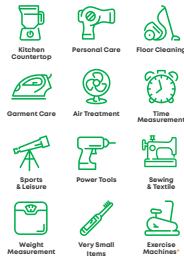
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ElectroRecycle

Health Products Stewardship Association

BC Used Oil

What products can I recycle?



There are more than 400 different types of accepted products. For a complete list of what you can recycle, visit us at ElectroRecycle.ca

Where can I recycle?

Simply enter your postal code into our online Depot Locator tool to find your nearest collection site.

ElectroRecycle
ElectroRecycle.ca | 1-800-667-4321
 Follow us on social media for details of upcoming events in your area.

How Consumers Can Return Unwanted Medications

- Step 1**
Identify unwanted medications by checking the expiry dates and consulting with your doctor. Always ensure your medications are stored in a locked area.
- Step 2**
Transfer medications such as tablets into a clear bag but keep liquids and creams in their original containers while removing your personal information. Do not mix sharps and medications.
- Step 3**
Find a local participating pharmacy on the Drop-Off Location Map.

Let's build a healthier and safer environment together.
www.healthsteward.ca
FOR CONSUMER USE ONLY



Product Care Association

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

For a full list of accepted products, visit productcare.org

- Accepted HHW Products**
 - Flammable liquids including, but not limited to:
 - ABC lighter fluid, camping fuel, kerosene, and furnace fuel
 - Flammable degreasers, solvents, brake cleaners, fuel treatment and sealants
 - Woodstain and varnishes (oil or single component), wood finishing oil, maintenance, stain, shellac paint
 - Anti-rust, concrete, metal, and masonry paint
 - Single component paints including stain blocking, sealer, wood finish and drywall paint or adhesion paint
 - All types of paint cans
 - Empty containers of accepted products
 - Oil-based in an approved IAC container
 - Consumer pesticides with caution symbol (P001) and PCF registration number (P001) on the label
- Not Accepted Products**
 - Unknown, unlabelled, rusted, bulging, or non-original containers
 - Leaking or improperly sealed products
 - Fertilizer and commercial, industrial, or agricultural products
 - Oil antifreeze, and windshield washer fluid
 - Refrigerant, air conditioning, and diesel fuel
 - Compressed, empty, medical, and medical charge
 - Insect repellent, disinfectants, and pest products
 - Chlorine (e.g. drain opener, bleach)
 - Swimming pool and hot tub chemicals (e.g. pool, pH adjusters)

IT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED TO ABANDON MATERIALS AT THIS SITE

Emergency contact: 1-877-392-2972

Paint

For a full list of accepted products, visit productcare.org

- Accepted Paint Products**
 - Household paint (interior or exterior water or oil based includes latex, acrylic, alkyl, enamel) and primers (metal, wood, etc.)
 - Woodstain and varnishes (oil or single component), wood finishing oil, maintenance, stain, shellac paint
 - Anti-rust, concrete, metal, and masonry paint
 - Single component paints including stain blocking, sealer, wood finish and drywall paint or adhesion paint
 - All types of paint cans
 - Empty containers of accepted products
- Not Accepted Products**
 - Unknown, unlabelled, rusted, bulging, or non-original containers
 - Non-aerosol industrial paints and finishes (e.g. latex on, rust resistant, etc.) non-aerosol craft or automotive paint
 - Roof patch and repair, tar or tar/bitumen based products
 - Coating compound, spackle, glue and adhesives
 - Non-aerosol traffic or line-marking paint
 - Brushes, rags and rollers
 - Colourants and tints
 - Household cleaners (wood deck, wall or surface cleaners)

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Lights

For a full list of accepted products, visit productcare.org

- Accepted Lighting Products**
 - Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)
 - Fluorescent tubes
 - Halogen and incandescent bulbs
 - Light emitting diodes (LEDs)
 - UV and germicidal bulbs
 - Miniature bulbs
 - High-intensity discharge (HID) and special purpose bulbs

Return ball or ballast only: 15 ballasts
 Return ball at commercial sites: 1 ballast
 Limits may vary per site.

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SMOKE ALARMS

For a full list of accepted products, visit productcare.org

- Accepted Alarm Products**
 - Products that perform both smoke and/or CO detection & alarm sounding function:
 - Smoke Alarms (ionization and photoelectric types)
 - CO alarms
 - Combination smoke / CO alarms
 - Combination smoke alarms / heat detectors
 - Common brands: Dicon, Kidde, Garrison, Fire-X, First Alert, American Sensor, BRK

*As defined by the CANULC-5531 standard, Underwriters Laboratory of Canada (ULC) Standards develops and publishes standards and specifications for specific product types, including those having a bearing on fire safety. Fire alarms installed in dwelling units must conform to the CANULC-5531-02 standard.

For more information about recycling alarms, please contact us at bcalarmrecycle@productcare.org or call 1-877-392-2972, ext. 210

RecycleBC

RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
JANUARY 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FEBRUARY 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MARCH 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
APRIL 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MAY 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUNE 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JULY 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AUGUST 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SEPTEMBER 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OCTOBER 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NOVEMBER 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
DECEMBER 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

RECYCLING COLLECTION QUESTIONS?

- Ensure more materials are recycled and kept out of landfill by remembering these pro-tips:
 - Link it up. Don't stack your recycling containers. Keep 1m (3ft) between your recycling containers and your neighbours.
 - Keep it clean. Empty and rinse containers to prevent odours, ensure lids are closed, and avoid attracting wildlife when materials are out for collection.
 - Help avoid starting the streets and alleys. Avoid overflowing your collection container to ensure they are not subject during collection.
 - Make a deposit. Return glass, foam, packaging, and flexible plastics to a recycling depot.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

NEARBY DEPOTS

ABOUT RECYCLE BC

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper recycling throughout BC, serving over 8 million households. Recycle BC recycles materials are collected from households and depots, sorted, and repeatedly managed and recycled. Our program is funded by over 1,000 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and processors that supply packaging and paper to the BC residents, shifting costs away from households.

For more information visit: RecycleBC.ca

PAPER

Recycle at curbside or depot
Clean and dry paper only

CONTAINERS

Recycle at curbside or depot
Empty and rinse containers

DROP-OFF ONLY

TAKE TO RECYCLING DEPOT

GLASS

Return to depot

Clear bottles - clear and coloured
 Glass jars - clear and coloured

Put all lids in blue bins.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Drinking glasses, dishes, mirrors
- Window glass, mirrors
- Light bulbs or light fixtures

FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

Return to depot

Plastic bags
 Outer bags and containers
 Crispy wrappers and bags
 Plastic packaging with plastic wrap
 Zipper-lock and heat-seal plastic
 Protective and shipping cushion packaging

Bags for groceries, produce, newspapers
 Cleaning for dishes, furniture hygiene products, paper towels, roll-on kits

NOT ACCEPTED

- Crispy bags for tea, flour, sugar, etc.
- Plastic bags, plastic
- Plastic bags, plastic

FOAM PACKAGING

Return to depot

Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam)
 Foam containers and cups
 Foam cushion packaging used for shipping

NOT ACCEPTED

- Flux or pipe foam insulation, roofing, pipe and panels
- Quality or flexible foam, floorboards

Want to recycle something not included here?

Search Recycle BC's Waste Wizard or download a full material list at RecycleBC.ca. To recycle items that are not packaging, packaging the products, single-use items, or paper, contact the Recycling Council of BC (RCBC) at RCBC.ca.

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Exclude batteries, medical sharps, bleach or general containers with any contents remaining consistent with the terms CANULC-5531-02, as amended, or other applicable standards. Do not accept containers with deadly product contents, compressed gas cylinders, for example used propane delivery containers for lawn, mowers, all-terrain vehicles, or other containers for pesticides with the words DANGER, WARNING, or POISON, and emergency response or instruction systems with steel and copper horns.

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Return-It Electronics

E-bikes and E-scooters
Accepted at this location

Return-It Electronics EPRA

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS
What's Accepted

- Display Devices
- Non-Cellular Smartphones
- Home Audio/Video Systems
- Desktop Computers and Computer Peripherals
- Portable Computers
- Desktop Printers/Multi-Function Devices
- Personal/Portable Audio/Video Systems
- Cellular Devices and Pagers
- Home Theaters and DVD/Blu-ray (BD) Systems
- Vehicle Audio/Video Systems (aftermarket)
- Video Gaming Systems
- IT And Telecom Equipment
- Medical Instruments
- Medical And Monitoring Equipment
- Small/Large Battery-Powered Ride-On Toys/Mini Tricycles/ E Toys
- Fluor Standing Photocopiers/Multi-Function Devices
- Excavators
- E-bikes

Return-It Electronics EPRA

Return-It

Return-It Refundable beverage containers accepted **10¢ DEPOSIT BEVING**

Plastic: Gable Top, Bag-in-a-Box, Drink Box, Aluminum, Pouches

Bi-Metal, Glass

Remember to leave the pull tabs, labels and caps on. Keep the bag inside the box and push the straps down before returning your empty beverages.

Return-It Electronics EPRA

The Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable

LARGE APPLIANCES DROP OFF AREA

ALL LARGE APPLIANCES INCLUDING:

- FRIDGES
- FREEZERS
- DISHWASHERS
- WASHERS
- DRYERS

There are many categories of Large Appliances accepted. For a full list visit www.marrbc.ca

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LARGE APPLIANCES DROP OFF AREA

NON-REFRIGERATED APPLIANCES

- WASHERS
- RANGES
- BUILT-IN OVENS
- SURFACE COOKING UNITS
- FOOD WASTE-DISPOSERS
- DRYERS
- DISHWASHERS
- TRASH COMPACTORS
- BUILT-IN & OVER THE RANGE MICROWAVE OVENS
- RANGE HOODS & DOWNDRAFTS
- ELECTRIC HOT BEVERAGE DISPENSERS

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LARGE APPLIANCES DROP OFF AREA

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Full Size Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Washers
- Dryers
- Ranges
- Built-In Ovens
- Built-In & Over the Range Microwave Ovens
- Food Waste Disposers
- Trash Compactors
- Compact Refrigerators
- Dishwashers
- Dehumidifiers
- Range Hoods & Downdrafts
- Surface Cooking Units
- Portable Air Conditioners
- Window Air Conditioners
- Electric Cold Bev. Dispensers / Water Coolers
- Electric Hot Beverage Dispensers

For more information about appliance recycling visit www.marrbc.ca

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Call 2 Recycle

Call 2 Recycle Leading the charge for recycling

Recycle Your Batteries HERE

Make a difference by recycling your used batteries today.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:
Rechargeable and single-use batteries weighing 5 kg or less each. No wet-cell, damaged or defective batteries accepted.

- Alkaline
- Lithium Primary
- Lithium Ion
- NiCad
- NiMH
- Small Sealed Lead Acid
- Motor Vehicle Hybrid
- Motor Zinc

For more information visit us at www.call2recycle.ca or call us at 1-888-224-9164.

OPEIC

Recycle your electric outdoor power equipment

Find a recycling location at opeic.ca

Common Accepted Products

The Program accepts all corded and battery powered electric outdoor power equipment at no charge, including but not limited to:

- Brush cutters/trimmers
- Chain saws
- Garden shears
- Garden sprayers
- Hand-held trimmers
- Leaf blowers
- Pole saws
- Post hole diggers
- Deatchers
- Lawn mowers
- Mulchers
- Power washers
- Snowblowers
- Tillers and cultivators
- Wood chippers/shredders
- Lawn Tractors*

*NOTE: Lawn Tractors are only accepted at recycling locations that accept Bulky/Oversized items.

Find your closest recycling location at opeic.ca

Not Accepted Products

- Outdoor power equipment that relies on a fuel-powered engine

About OPEIC
OPEIC (Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to have a positive impact on those who enjoy the outdoors. Recycling your electric outdoor power equipment through OPEIC helps reduce pollution, save energy, and protect our environment. Find a recycling location and a full list of accepted products at opeic.ca.

opeic.ca OPEIC Canada

Tire Stewardship

TIRE recycling TIRE Stewardship BC

Light Duty Tires

- Passenger Vehicle
- Light Truck
- Small RV
- Golf Cart
- ATV
- Motorcycle
- Small Utility Trailer
- Small Agricultural (16" and under)
- Bobcat/Skid Steer (16" and under)
- Forklift (16" and under)

Did You Know?
Old tires can also be RETURNED 2 RETAILERS visit www.tsbc.ca for details and participating retailers

Please ensure your used tires are clean

TIRE recycling TIRE Stewardship BC

Medium Duty Tires

- Medium Truck
- Large RV (not marked P or LT)
- Medium Agricultural (16.5"-25.5")

Please ensure your used tires are clean

TIRE recycling TIRE Stewardship BC

Heavy Duty Tires

- Forklift (16.5" and over)
- Bobcat/Skid Steer (16.5" and over)
- Logger/Skidder
- Large Agricultural (26" and over)

Please ensure your used tires are clean