



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?

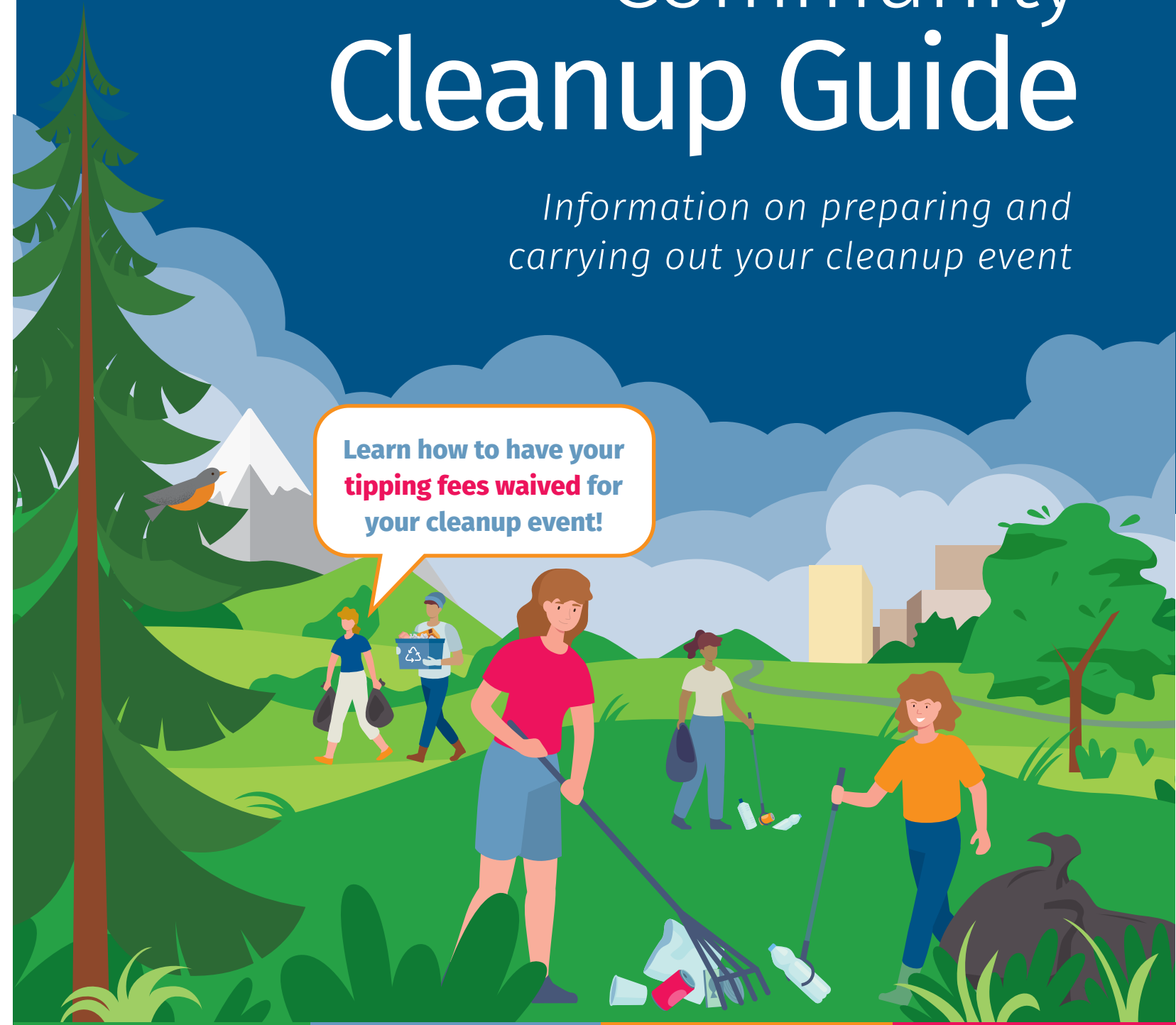
Help keep your community clean by observing, recording and reporting. Information is kept strictly confidential. To **report illegal dumping**, please call the *Provincial Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP)* line toll-free: 1-877-952-7227 or dial: #7277.



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

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


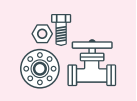
Light Recycle

-  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

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.





RecycleBC

-  Aluminium and steel containers
-  Cardboard (flattened)
-  Cartons and paper cups
-  Glass bottles and jars
-  Other flexible packaging
-  Packaging and printed paper
-  Plastic bags, overwrap and containers


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
-  Display devices (TV, monitor, projector)


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 3221.
- **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

Appendix: Signage for EPR Programs in BC

Needing signs, posters and brochures at your collection event?

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Please visit, rdn.bc.ca/epr-program-signage to download signage for sorting materials.

ElectroRecycle

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.

Health Products Stewardship Association

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

BC Used Oil

HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR MOTOR OIL

Drain your oil & oil filter. And remember, the filter has to drain for 12 hours.

Put the filter into a bucket.

Drop off the oil. Don't leave it in the alley, bring it inside. Then, enjoy the road for another year.

Find a recycling centre.

Find a container. An old oil container is the best choice.

Transfer the oil. Use a funnel to avoid spills.

Clean up any spills. Some kitty litter or woodchips absorb oil nicely.

Seal the container.

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:
 - Wet floor liquid, cleaning fluid, kerosene, and furniture fuel
 - Flammable degreasers, solvents, liquid petroleum fuel treatment and additives
 - Acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, and mineral spirits
 - Paint stripper, thinner, and varnish remover
- Gasoline in an approved IAC container
- Consumer pesticides with poison symbol (P001)
- PCP registration number (P001) "toxic" on the label

Maximum positive container size: 25 litres
Maximum flammable and volatile liquid container size: 10 litres
Maximum aerosol size: 400 grams or 24 ounces

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
- Propane, butane, and diesel fuels
- Car batteries, engine, mechanical, and medical charges
- Insect repellent, disinfectants, and pest products
- Cleaners (e.g. drain opener, bleach)
- Swimming pool and hot tub chemicals (e.g. pH adjusters)

IT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED TO ABANDON MATERIALS AT THIS SITE

Emergency contact: 1-877-592-2972

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, alkyd, enamel) and primers (metal, wood, etc.)
- Vitreous and urethane (dry single component), wood finishing oil, melamine, stain, shellac, paint
- Anti-rust, concrete, metal, and masonry paint
- Single component paints including stain blocking, swimming pool, tanking, and drywall paint or sludge paint
- All types of paint cans
- Empty containers of accepted products

Maximum paint container size: 25 litres
Maximum paint aerosol size: 400 grams or 24 ounces

Not Accepted Products

- Non-aerosol industrial paints and finishes (e.g. based on, rust resistant, etc.), non-aerosol craft or automotive paint
- Roof patch and repair, tar or tar/bitumen based products
- Coating compound, spackles, glues and adhesives
- Non-aerosol traffic or floor-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 limit at residential sites: 15 bulbs/tubes
Return limit at commercial sites: 1 pallet
Limits vary very by 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, BIRK

NOT ACCEPTED

- Plastic packaging for toys, batteries, etc.
- Plastic bags and containers
- Plastic trays and containers
- Plastic gutter pots and seedling trays
- Plastic bottles, jars and cans
- Plastic or paper cups, plates, bowls and lids
- Cartons for soups, soups, etc.
- Plastic pots less than 25L for laundry detergent, oil, etc.
- Plastic tubes for yogurt, margarine, etc.

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RecycleBC

RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Place paper, container and glass recycling out by:

Recycling Collection Questions?

ENSURE MORE MATERIALS ARE RECYCLED AND KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL BY REMEMBERING THESE PRO-TIPS:

- Use it up. Don't soak your recycling containers. Keep 1m (3ft) between your recycling containers and your garbage (green bin).
- Keep it clean. Empty and rinse containers to prevent contamination. Where more material is required, and avoid attracting wildlife when moving to and from containers.
- Help avoid sharing the streets and alleys. Avoid overfilling your collection container to ensure they are not spilled during collection.
- Make a deposit trip. Return glass, foam, packaging, and flexible plastics to a recycling depot.

RECYCLING COLLECTION QUESTIONS?

COLLECTION MAP

NEARBY DEPOTS

ABOUT RECYCLE BC

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper recycling throughout BC, serving over 3 million households. Recycle BC ensures materials are collected from households and depots, sorted, and responsibly managed and recycled. Our program is funded by over 1,200 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and paper to the BC residents, shifting costs away from households.

For more information visit: RecycleBC.ca @RecycleBC

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

[Community name] participates in BC's province-wide recycling program managed by RECYCLEBC

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

Glass bottles – clear and coloured
Glass jars – clear and coloured

Put all lids in blue bins.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Ceramic products
- Light bulbs or light fixtures
- Window glass, mirrors

FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

Return to depot

Plastic bags
Outer bags and coverings
Clothing wrappers and bags
Flexible packaging with plastic acid
Zipper-lock and stand-up pouches
Woven plastic bags
Protective and specialty cushion packaging

Bags for granules, products, newspapers
Coverings for diapers, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, roll stock bags

NOT ACCEPTED

- Cooking bags for the home
- Carriage bags
- Plastic bags for shoes, clothing, etc.
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FOAM PACKAGING

Return to depot

Foam containers and cups
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Place foam containers and cups in blue bins to protect electronics.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Blow or jolt foam insulation, packing chips and peanuts
- Equity or flexible foam, foam blocks

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-like 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 aerosol containers with any contents remaining, containers with the words DANGEROUS, FLAMMABLE or POISON on them, compressed gas cylinders, for example, and propane cylinders, containers for paint, motor oil, vehicle fluids, or automotive, or containers for pesticides with the words DANGEROUS, WARNING, or POISON, and insecticide, or containers for chemical products with acid and other labels.

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Return-It Electronics

E-bikes and E-scooters
Accepted at this location

E-bikes: E-bikes that are powered by battery only, weighing up to 200kg.
E-scooters: Electrical devices that are designed for both electrical and manual propulsion. For example, a device that can be manually propelled through a pedal on the bottom step that "locks" for propelling the device are included. Larger ones that are solely designed for propulsion by battery fall into a non-accepted device and are not included.

Return-It Electronics | **EPRA**

The future is in your hands. Don't let it go to waste.

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS
BURNABY COLLECTION

What's Accepted
Electronics accepted at our drop-off locations:

- 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 and Pagers
- Cellular Devices
- Home Theatre Systems

- Vehicle Audio/Video Systems (aftermarket)
- Video Gaming Systems
- IT And Telecom Equipment
- Medical And Monitoring Equipment
- Small/Large Battery-Powered Ride-On Toys/Motor Toys/E-Tools
- Floor-Standing Personal/Multi-Function Devices
- E-scooters
- E-bikes

For a full list of accepted electronics items visit www.rdn.bc.ca/electronics

Return-It | **EPRA**

Return-It

Return-It **10¢ DEPOSIT REFUND**

Refundable beverage containers accepted

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

Find a Return-It location near you at return-it.ca/locations

Call 2 Recycle

call2recycle
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
- Nickel Cadmium
- Small Sealed Lead Acid
- Nickel Metal Hydride
- Nickel Zinc

For more information
Visit us at www.call2recycle.ca or call us at 1-888-224-9764.

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
- Ice drills
- Lawn/leaf blowers
- Pole saws
- Post hole diggers
- Dethatchers
- 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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