

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S RECYCLING HANDBOOK

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED
UNDER BC'S STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

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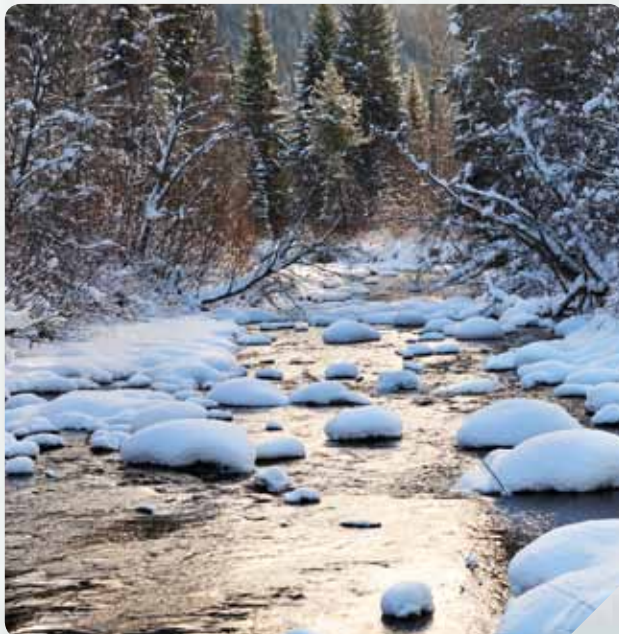
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INTRODUCTION

INDUSTRY PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP?

Product stewardship is an environmental management strategy guided by the principle that whoever designs, produces, sells, or uses a product takes responsibility for minimizing that product's environmental impact.

WHY IS PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP IMPORTANT?

By diverting recyclable materials from the landfill, we can reduce the need to develop new landfill sites. The diverted materials can be reused and we can save the energy needed to produce new products from raw materials.

Many day-to-day products can be harmful when they reach end-of-life. They may be corrosive, toxic, or flammable. BC's product stewards have committed to recycling their products safely and responsibly. By returning your products to the appropriate collection sites, you can guarantee a safe and responsible recycling process.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

The Product Stewardship model is comprised of several key players working together to ensure that products no longer being used by consumers are managed in an environmentally friendly manner.

PRODUCERS • Typically, the product's manufacturer, distributor or brand owner takes on the challenge of developing a plan and implementing a program to collect and recycle their products once they reach end-of-life. Producers can also choose to appoint an agency to carry out its duties under the plan. In addition, producers must report on the program's performance and consider the design of their products, making them easier to recycle.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT • The Ministry of Environment develops the legislation and regulations that the product stewards must follow. More specifically, their role includes approving stewardship plans, monitoring the stewards performance and enforcing compliance where necessary.



LOCAL GOVERNMENTS • The local government may provide facilities or operational services for products to be collected or processed. They inform the public of the stewardship program and cooperate with stewards by imposing bans on the landfilling of relevant products when appropriate.

RETAILERS • Often members of stewardship programs themselves, the retailers may collect consumer fees at the point of purchase on behalf of the producers. They may also provide consumers with information about the existence of the stewardship program, including deposits or fees charged, refunds available and the location of the nearest collection point.

CONSUMERS • So what's your role in all of this as a consumer? It's simply to make sure that your products are brought to the designated collection sites once they reach end-of-life.



PRINCIPLES FOR PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

PRODUCER-USER RESPONSIBILITY • Costs are covered by consumers and producers of products and not downloaded to local governments or taxpayers. Often a deposit or levy is charged at the time of purchase.

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD • All producers are treated equitably with no cross subsidization of container or product types.

RESULTS BASED • Producers are required to set and achieve positive environmental results. The goal is continuous improvement.

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY • Financial statements are independently audited and publicly available.

EASY ACCESS • All consumers have reasonable access to collection sites.

PRODUCTS THAT FALL UNDER PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP:

- * Beverage containers
- * Electronics
- * Tires
- * Beer containers
- * Used lubricating oil, filters and containers
- * Pharmaceuticals
- * Paints, solvents, pesticides and gasoline
- * Batteries and cell phones

BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

ENCORP PACIFIC (CANADA)

ENCORP PACIFIC (CANADA) IS THE INDUSTRY PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP CORPORATION MANDATED TO DEVELOP and manage a consumer friendly and cost effective system to recover end-of-life consumer products and packaging for recycling. The Return-It™ Depot system collects used beverage containers from consumers and returns them for recycling on behalf of more than 1,000 beverage brand owners.

DEPOSITS

Consumers pay a deposit on each beverage container purchased that is refunded when the container is returned for recycling.

Beverage containers 1 L and smaller	\$ 0.05
Alcohol containers 1 L and smaller	\$ 0.10
Beverage containers larger than 1 L	\$ 0.20

Encorp is 100% industry operated and receives no government funding. There is no cross subsidization of container types. Expenses include deposit refunds, handling fees to depots, transportation and processing of collected containers, consumer awareness and administration. Revenues are made up of the sale of collected materials to recyclers, unredeemed container deposits and, if required, a container recycling fee (CRF). Find a full list of fees at return-it.ca/recyclingfee.

STATISTICS

There are more than 180 Return-It™ Depots and mobile collectors across BC which are independently owned and operated. Approximately 80% of the beverage containers sold in the province are recovered and recycled into something new. That's over 1 billion containers kept out of our landfills.

GIVE MOTHER NATURE A HAND

Just by recycling beverage containers:

- You take the equivalent of 32,000 cars off BC's roads for a year.
- You save enough energy to light 55,000 BC homes for a year.
- You contribute to the reduction of about 138,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent being released into British Columbia's atmosphere.



Encorp monitors and annually estimates greenhouse gas emissions associated with its recycling activities in order to reduce its carbon footprint and maximize the net benefit to the planet.

HOW IT'S RECYCLED

ALUMINUM CANS • Back on the shelf again as new cans within six weeks. It takes 95% less energy to manufacture a can from recycled aluminum than it does to make it from brand new material.

PLASTIC BOTTLES • Turned into new bottles and buckets using about a third less energy than manufacturing new plastic.

GLASS • Used in the manufacturing of a variety of things such as fiberglass insulation and sandblasting material.

OTHER METAL CANS • These non-aluminum cans (usually steel) can be made into hundreds of products such as rebar and car parts.

DRINK BOXES AND CARTONS • Polycoat containers are hydropulped and turned into paper products and cardboard boxes.

WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?



Look for this logo at your collection site to guarantee responsible recycling.

Collection sites are located across BC. You can find the one nearest you as well as maps, hours and contact information at:

return-it.ca/locations



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

Virtually all types of beverage containers can be returned to your local Return-It™ Depot. And every container returned is recycled into something new.

Plastic Bottles

- * Plastic soft drink and water bottles including coolers and some spirits. Containers may be clear or coloured.

Other Plastic Jugs, Cups, and Bottles

- * Clear, tinted and opaque plastic and vinyl containers.

Aluminum Cans

- * The most commonly used individual serving container. Please leave the pull tab on.

Polycoat Containers

- * Aseptic “drink boxes” and coated “gable top” drink cartons.

Bag-in-a-box and Pouches

- * Large “bags” of wine in a cardboard carton, usually with a spigot for in-fridge use. Both the bag and the box must be returned. Single serve pouches are also in this category.

Glass Bottles

- * Glass juice and beverage bottles, as well as wine, spirits, imported beer and coolers. Tinted and clear.

Other Metal Cans

- * Any metal beverage container other than aluminum ranging from small single serve tins to large tomato and apple juice cans.



ELECTRONICS

ELECTRONIC STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION OF BC

THE ELECTRONICS STEWARDSHIP AGENCY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (ESABC) IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT EXTENDED responsibility program set up by the major producers and retailers of electronics in British Columbia. ESABC operates in accordance with their stewardship plan approved by the Ministry of Environment in November 2006. ESABC has contracted Encorp Pacific (Canada) to manage operations under the Return-It™ Electronics label.

The ESABC program is designed to ensure that your end-of-life electronics are diverted from the landfill, processed and recycled in a manner that safeguards the environment, protects worker health and safety, and prevents electronics from being exported to developing countries.

FEES

The following Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) are charged on the sale of new electronics products:

Televisions and computer monitors 29" and smaller	\$ 9.00
Televisions and computer monitors larger than 30"	\$ 31.75
Desktop computers	\$ 5.50
Notebook/portable computers	\$ 1.20
Desktop printers and fax machines	\$ 6.50
Computer peripherals	\$ 0.90

ESABC is funded by EHFs collected by member producers, distributors and retailers on new regulated products sold in BC. The fees are paid by consumers at the point of purchase. They cover the costs of recycling all regulated products.

STATISTICS

Since its launch on August 1, 2007, the Return-It™ Electronics program has collected over 27 million kilograms of electronic waste, equaling over 70,000 pallets. If you stacked that waste you would have a wall 1.5 meters high and over 85.3 kilometers long.

MAKING OLYMPIC HISTORY

The medals awarded during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games were the first to contain metal recovered from processing end-of-life electronics. 6.8 metric tonnes of circuit boards were collected and processed at Teck



Resources' Trail operations, refined in Belgium, and sent to the Royal Canadian Mint for the final production of the precious medals.

HOW IT'S RECYCLED

Electronics collected in BC for recycling are sent to five approved primary recyclers in North America.

The items are separated into individual parts and components. Elements that fume, such as lead, zinc, cadmium, tin, germanium and indium are captured and processed.

Silica, iron and aluminum are converted into value-added products for the construction and cement industry. Indium, meanwhile, is used to make the flat screens used in cell phones. Copper and circuit boards are removed by shredding, and sold to specialty metal refiners. The copper is then used to make new copper wire, among other things.

WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?



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Collection sites are located across BC. You can find the one nearest you as well as maps, hours and contact information at:

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

Desktop Computers



Includes Central Processing Units (CPUs), cables and other components within the computer.

This includes desktop computers, desktop computers acting as servers, and all associated cabling.

Display Devices



Display devices include flat panel and tube technologies (CRT, Plasma, LCD, flat panel, rear projection, etc.) used for televisions, computer monitors and professional displays.

Portable Computers



Includes portable computers such as notebooks, laptops, and tablet PCs.

Desktop Printers and Fax Machines



For devices designed to reside on a work surface, including laser & LED (electrophotographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, dye sublimation, etc. and “multi-function” devices that perform different tasks such as copy, scan, fax, print, etc.

Computer Peripherals



Selected manual print input devices such as keyboards and/or pointing devices such as mice and track balls. Both wired and wireless technologies apply.

For the complete list of acceptable items, visit return-it.ca/electronics.

TIRES

TIRE STEWARDSHIP BC

TIRE STEWARDSHIP BC (TSBC) IS THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT SOCIETY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION, processing and environmentally-sound disposal of all scrap tires designated under the BC Recycling Regulation. The tires included are car tires, truck tires and some agricultural and logger/skidder tires.

FEES

For every new tire sold, the retailer collects an Advance Disposal Fee from the consumer and forwards it to TSBC. 100% of the fees collected go towards the operation of the scrap tire recycling program, which includes the transportation and recycling of scrap tires. The four fee rate categories vary based on tire size:

Passenger and light truck tire	\$ 5.00
Medium truck tire	\$ 9.00
Agricultural drive tire	\$ 15.00
Logger/skidder tire	\$ 35.00

HOW IT'S RECYCLED

Almost 100% of the scrap tires generated are collected and recycled in Delta, BC. The majority are recycled into crumb rubber, which are granules of rubber with the steel and fibre removed.

Crumb is used to create a variety of products including playground safety surfacing, athletic tracks, synthetic turf fields, flooring in recreational facilities, mats for agricultural and industrial use, and coloured mulch for landscaping. The steel and fibre are also completely recycled.

The remaining tires are used as a fuel supplement in the cement and pulp and paper industries.

STATISTICS

Approximately 40,000 tonnes of scrap tires are diverted annually from the environment, which roughly equates to one tire per person in BC. The success of the program, and the commitment of British Columbians to keep their environment free of scrap tires, was celebrated in 2009 when TSBC reached its 50 millionth tire milestone. That is enough rubber to form a single line of tires laid flat stretching around the earth at the equator.



NEW VALUE FROM OLD TIRES

TSBC operates one of the most successful stewardship programs in North America, creating new value from old tires in products such as playground surfacing, agricultural mats and mulch for landscaping.

The focus going forward is to encourage the manufacturing and use of these and other BC recycled rubber products in BC. TSBC continues to lead the way by partnering with BC's rubber recyclers and manufacturers to research and develop new markets for recycled rubber products.

WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?

Most motorists exchange their old tires for new ones at the time of purchase. However, in some cases consumers will keep their old tires at home. TSBC's Return to Retailer program provides consumers a free option to return these tires to participating retailers so they do not end up in landfills.

This is a year round program for consumers who can drop off up to four passenger/light truck tires, clean and off rim during the retailer's business hours.

To find the drop location nearest you, enter your postal code under the Pick Up/Drop Off section at:

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BEER CONTAINERS

BREWERS DISTRIBUTOR LIMITED

BREWERS DISTRIBUTOR LIMITED (BDL) OPERATES WAREHOUSING, DISTRIBUTION AND RECYCLING FACILITIES throughout Western Canada and distributes beer to all government and private liquor retail stores, as well as bars, restaurants and other licensed establishments in British Columbia. As the provinces' primary beer distributor, BDL is ideally placed to operate an efficient closed loop container return system, picking up empty beer containers while delivering full goods. BDL's product stewardship reduces solid waste by diverting 57,000 metric tonnes from BC landfills annually.

DEPOSITS

The net cost of reusing and recycling brewer containers is included in the retail price of the product. Deposits are collected from the consumer at point of purchase and redeemed upon their return to a retail or BDL depot return facility.

Refillable bottles and aluminum cans 1 L and smaller	\$ 0.10
Refillable bottles and aluminum cans larger than 1 L	\$ 0.20

HOW IT'S RECYCLED

The industry standard refillable beer bottle is reused on average 15 times and is used by a cooperative of brewers around the province, and across the country. At the end of the bottle's life cycle, it is crushed and recycled into new glass bottles. Aluminum cans are crushed into biscuits by BDL and sent for recycling where they are made into new aluminum cans.

STATISTICS

British Columbia brewers have been reusing and recycling their packaging materials for over 80 years. The brewers have consistently yielded the highest return rates of all beverage containers in the province; each year over 90% of brewer containers are recovered.

- The Brewers collect over 154 million refillable glass bottles and nearly 400 million aluminum cans annually. When stacked end to end, this is enough to line the entire Trans Canada Highway from Victoria to St. John's 12.4 times.



- Energy savings are equivalent to powering over 19,500 British Columbia homes annually.
- Greenhouse gas reductions are equivalent to removing 9,600 cars from BC roads.
- The use of refillable beer bottles in BC avoids the production of over 150 million glass bottles annually.

CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

The closed loop system is a highly efficient beer container collection system. It creates convenience for consumers and benefits the environment by reducing the number of trucks on BC roadways. Consumers can return their empty beer containers to their nearest beer retailer for a full deposit. When BDL delivers full goods to the retailer, they also pick up the empty containers and return them back to the breweries where they are refilled and packaged for sale through the local beer retailer.



WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?

You can return your empty beer containers to over 1,200 locations across the province including private liquor licensee retail stores, government liquor retail stores, rural agency stores and BDL container return depots. To find the nearest location, visit:

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

BDL's stewardship responsibilities include:

Domestic

- * Standard refillable glass beer bottles (i.e. *Molson Canadian, Kokanee*)
- * Non-standard refillable glass beer bottles (i.e. *Sleeman*)
- * Refillable glass cider and cooler bottles (i.e. *Growers Cider*)

Domestic and Import

- * Aluminum beer cans (i.e. *Coors Light, Stella Artois, Okanagan Spring*)

100% of brewer packaging is either reusable or recyclable. In addition to the containers listed above, the brewers reuse or recycle their aluminum kegs and their secondary packaging including plastic shrink wrap, cardboard and wooden pallets.

USED OIL

BC USED OIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

THE BC USED OIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (BCUOMA) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SYSTEM for used oil, oil filters and plastic oil containers across the province. Considering that one drop of used oil can contaminate one million drops of clean water, the program's goal is to keep these hazardous materials out of our province's water streams and landfills by raising awareness of their proper disposal and encouraging their return to local collection facilities.



FEES

At the first point of sale or distribution, an Environmental Handling Charge (EHC) is assessed on new oil, containers and filters to fund the collection around the province.

Lubricating oil	\$ 0.05/litre
Containers 50 L and larger	\$ 0.10/litre
All sump type transmission filters	\$ 0.55
Filters smaller than 8"	\$ 0.55
Filters 8" and larger	\$ 1.25

WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?

To find the collection facility nearest you, call 1.604.RECYCLE (732.9253) in Metro Vancouver, 1.800.667.4321 across BC, or visit:

usedoilrecycling.com/bc

For large quantities, please call 1.866.254.0555 to arrange for a bulk pick-up.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

Used Oil

- * Any petroleum or synthetic crankcase oil, engine oil, hydraulic fluid, transmission fluid, gear oil, heat transfer fluid or other fluid used for lubricating purposes in machinery or equipment.

Oil Filters

- * Any spin-on or element oil filter used in hydraulic, transmission or internal combustion engine applications including diesel fuel filters; with the exception of gasoline fuel filters.

Oil Containers

- * Any plastic container with a capacity of less than 30 litres that is manufactured to hold oil.

HOW IT'S RECYCLED

Used Oil

- * Re-refined into new lubricating oil and used as a fuel in pulp mills, cement plants and asphalt plants.

Oil Filters

- * Re-used for metal products (rebar, nails, wire).

Plastic Oil Containers

- * New oil containers, flower pots, pipe, guardrails, patio furniture.

MEDICATION



POST CONSUMER PHARMACEUTICAL STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION



THE BC MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM IS A PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE FUNDED BY THE pharmaceutical and consumer health products industries.

Members of the public are asked to gather up all medicines that have exceeded their expiry dates or have an expiry date that is no longer clear and return these medicines to pharmacies participating in the Medications Return Program.

FEES

There is no fee for returning drugs to participating pharmacies.

SAFE DISPOSAL IS IMPORTANT

Making sure your old medicines are disposed of safely keeps drugs out of the hands of children and other people who might use them inappropriately. It also keeps drugs out of landfill sites or water supplies and prevents the inadvertent use of expired medicines.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Check your medicine cabinet for unused medicines and bring them in to your pharmacist for responsible disposal. The following products are accepted:

- * All prescription drugs
- * Non-prescription medications
- * Natural health products
- * Vitamin and mineral supplements

For more information, visit medicationsreturn.ca.

TIPS

Consider all your options for safer, environmentally-responsible disposal of your unused medications.

When you explore safer options expect to hear "Why don't you just flush them down the toilet?" Just because this method is still common practice does not make it the most responsible or safest practice.

Proper medication disposal is available in your province. Ask your pharmacist to register with the BC Medications Return Program.

WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?



You may return your unused medications to a participating pharmacy. For a list of locations in your area, visit:

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PRODUCT CARE ASSOCIATION

PRODUCT CARE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION THAT MANAGES PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP programs for hazardous household and special waste across Canada. Products included in the BC program are household paint, flammable liquids, pesticides and waste gasoline.

There are over 100 depots in BC where consumers may return these leftover products, keeping them out of landfills and waterways.

FEES

The program is funded entirely by the Eco Fees paid to Product Care by its industry members. Eco fees may be shown separately by retailers.

HOUSEHOLD PAINT

100 ml to 250 ml	\$ 0.20
251 ml to 1 L	\$ 0.25
1.01 L to 5 L	\$ 0.50
5.01 L to 23 L	\$ 1.25
Aerosol paint (all sizes)	\$ 0.25

DOMESTIC PESTICIDES

Smaller than 10 ml (or g)	\$ 0.01
0.01 to 0.89 L (or kg)	\$ 0.60
0.9 to 1.79 L (or kg)	\$ 1.20
1.8 to 10 L (or kg)	\$ 2.40

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

750 ml or smaller	\$ 0.05
751 ml to 1 L	\$ 0.10
1.01 L to 2 L	\$ 0.20
2.01 L to 4 L	\$ 0.40
4.01 L to 10 L	\$ 1.00

AEROSOL FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

Smaller than 75 ml	\$ 0.01
76 to 200 ml	\$ 0.05
201 ml and larger	\$ 0.10

GASOLINE

Eco fees are included in the pump price.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Paints

- * Interior/exterior latex, alkyd, enamel and oil-based architectural household paints
- * Porch, floor and deck paints
- * Interior/exterior varnishes and urethanes
- * Primers, undercoats and sealers
- * Marine enamels, excluding antifouling paint
- * Wood finishing oils, stains and shellac
- * Non bitumen/tar based driveway sealers
- * Rust paint, decorative metal paints
- * Fence, barn and swimming pool paints
- * Empty paint containers

The maximum container size for paints is 23 litres.

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STATISTICS

Product Care collects over 2 million litres of program products annually, more than enough to fill an entire Olympic sized swimming pool!

HOW IT'S RECYCLED

The collected products are reused, recycled or used for energy value, except pesticides, which are incinerated. For example:

- Better quality paint is given away for free in the "Paint Exchange" program available at many collection depots.
- Latex and alkyd paint is reprocessed into paint and coatings products.
- Latex paint is used as a raw material in the manufacturing of recycled concrete and Portland cement.
- Alkyd paints, flammable liquids and waste gasoline are used as fuel in licensed facilities with environmental controls.

WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?

Leftover paint (including paint aerosols) is accepted at all Product Care depots. Other program products are accepted at "Paint Plus" depots only. Find the nearest depot by calling the RCBC Recycling Hotline at 1.800.667.4321 or by visiting:

productcare.org



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WHAT'S INCLUDED (CONT'D)

Paint Aerosols

- * Paint aerosols of all types, including automotive, craft and industrial products

The maximum container size for aerosol paint is 660 grams.

Pesticides (Domestic)

- * Consumer pesticides that have both the poisonous (skull and cross bones) symbol and Pest Control Product (PCP) number

The maximum container size for pesticides is 10 litres.

Flammable Liquids

Must have a flame symbol or phrase similar to "keep away from open spark or flame" appearing on the label. Examples include:

- * Paint thinners
- * Camp fuels
- * Liquid adhesives with the flammable symbol
- * Other flammables or solvents

The maximum container size for flammable liquids is 10 litres.

Gasoline

- * Gasoline in approved ULC containers only
- * Maximum container size accepted is 25 litres
- * Containers cannot be returned

Product Care accepts consumer products only. No industrial or specialty products.

BATTERIES + CELLPHONES

CALL2RECYCLE®

CALL2RECYCLE® IS THE ONLY FREE BATTERY AND CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM IN NORTH AMERICA. Since 1994, Call2Recycle® has diverted more than 23 million kilograms of batteries from local landfills and established a network of 30,000 recycling drop-off sites at retail, municipal, public agency and business locations. Call2Recycle® is operated by the non-profit Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation of Canada (RBRC).



HOW IT'S RECYCLED

Call2Recycle® boxes are filled with collected batteries and cell phones and are shipped for free to a consolidation facility where the batteries and cell phones are separated by type and then forwarded for recycling. The recycling facility processes the reusable metals from the batteries and prepares them for use in new products such as batteries and stainless steel.

Cell phones are refurbished and resold when possible. A portion of the proceeds received from the resale of phones benefits Kids Help Phone. None of the reclaimed materials from the battery and cell phone recycling process are sent to landfills (domestic or abroad).

WHERE CAN I BRING MY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS?

To find a nearby battery and cell phone drop-off location, please call 1.877.2.RECYCLE or enter your postal code at:

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

All consumer batteries weighing less than 5 kg can be recycled through the Call2Recycle® program. The most commonly recycled batteries are those used to power cordless tools, mobile and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, gaming devices, remote control toys and other portable electronics.

All cell phones and their batteries are accepted in the Call2Recycle® Program, regardless of size, make, model or age.

Bag it, seal it, drop it! Simply bring your used batteries and cell phones to a drop-off location, place them in the provided bag and drop them into the recycling container.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Call2Recycle® is funded by product stewards across the globe committed to environmentally-sound recycling of batteries and cell phones. These manufacturers place the RBRC recycling seal on their products and batteries, letting users know that the batteries need to be recycled rather than thrown in the trash.

RESOURCES



INDUSTRY PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

RECYCLING COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

WWW.RCBC.BC.CA • The Recycling Council of British Columbia is a multi-sectoral, non-profit organization promoting the principles of zero waste through information services, research and the exchange of ideas. RCBC operates a Recycling Hotline, answering more than 120,000 questions from callers around BC each year. They also developed Recyclepedia, an online resource that allows you to easily find locations where you can recycle certain materials (rcbc.bc.ca/recyclepedia). The RCBC Materials Exchange Program (MEX) is a free province-wide service facilitating the reuse and recycling of waste products and materials. Find more information about MEX at bc.reuses.com.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

WWW.BCPRODUCTSTEWARDSHIP.ORG • The British Columbia Product Stewardship Council (BCPSC) is made up of representatives from British Columbia's Regional Districts, the Recycling Council of British Columbia, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and staff from the BC Ministry of Environment. BCPSC provides information to the provincial government on the effectiveness of existing Industry Product Stewardship programs.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BRANCH

WWW.ENV.GOV.BC.CA/EPD/RECYCLING • The Environmental Quality Branch develops legislation and policies to protect air quality, prevent pollution and promote environmental quality. They also address municipal liquid/solid waste and global climate change. The recycling legislation requires industry to develop and manage stewardship programs for their products. The branch monitors these programs to ensure that high recovery results and continuous improvements are achieved by each industry.



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Trees preserved for the future	85
Waterborne waste not created	243 lbs
Wastewater flow saved	35,829 gallons
Solid waste not generated	3,964 lbs
Net greenhouse gasses prevented	7,806 lbs
Energy not consumed	59,744,167 BTUs



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