



## The Yellow Bins

Only the products outlined below can be recycled in the yellow bins. All the other products outlined in this flyer are part of Provincial Product Stewardship Programs, which are totally separate from the RDEK's Yellow Bin Program.

The Yellow Bins and Fernie's curbside recycling program accept the following:

**PAPER** all mixed paper (such as newspaper, magazines, phone books, brochures, books, envelopes).

**CARDBOARD** all types of cardboard. Exception: Cardboard covered in wax (for example milk cartons) or soiled with food or grease (like pizza boxes) cannot be recycled and must go in the garbage.

**TIN & ALUMINUM CANS** food and beverage cans; labels off, rinse well.

**PLASTICS** Grocery bags and household plastic with the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 on it. Plastics must be rinsed and every item must have a number on it. *No Styrofoam*, even though it will be marked a #6.

**GLASS** goes in yellow bins marked Glass Only. We accept food grade glass jars (jam, pickles, sals, baby food, etc.). Dishes, windows, mirrors, decorative glass and light bulbs are not accepted.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** All products must be clean. If they aren't clean, they should go in the garbage (putting it in the recycling bin can contaminate the whole load).

**YELLOW BINS ARE LOCATED AT:** all the Transfer Stations, Fording River Road Recycling Depot, Sparwood Heights, Silver Fox Pub, and at various businesses and schools throughout the Valley. Glass bins are located at All Transfer Stations, Silver Fox Pub, Sparwood Heights and Camp Road Recycling.

**6792.99**  
metric tonnes recycled in 2018

## ELKFORD TRANSFER STATION

### #6 INKANEEP ROAD

Tuesday – Friday 9:30am – 3:00pm

Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday, Good Friday, Family Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

## FERNIE TRANSFER STATION

6000 HWY 3 (across from Brenner Road)

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday – Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Closed Family Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

## SPARWOOD TRANSFER STATION

8001 HWY 3

Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday – Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Closed Sunday and all statutory holidays

### NO CHARGE FOR:

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE  
AUTO BATTERIES  
PROPANE TANKS (< 100 LBS)  
CHIPPED GREEN WOOD WASTE  
CLEAN WOOD WASTE

MATTRESSES & BOXSPRINGS  
SCRAP METAL & APPLIANCES  
(INCLUDING THOSE WITH FREON)  
YARD AND GARDEN WASTE  
(UNDER 6" IN DIAMETER)

### REUSE CENTRES

There are Reuse Centres at the Fernie, Elkford and Sparwood Transfer Stations.

Any household items that are in good working condition can be dropped off or picked up free of charge at the Reuse Centre. Items must be in good working condition.



# ELK VALLEY RECYCLING GUIDE

## PROVINCIAL PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

When you pay an eco fee on a product, such as oil or electronics, those funds go to Provincial Stewardship Programs for their proper collection and recycling/disposal. These programs are Provincial and are totally

separate from the RDEK. There are hundreds of products that can be recycled through these programs, and we encourage you to visit the Product Stewards' websites for details on what products they accept and a list of depots in the region. You can also contact the RDEK and we will do our best to help connect you with these resources.

## OIL, OIL FILTERS & ANTIFREEZE



The BC Used Oil Management Association (BCUOMA) oversees the used oil program in BC. There are several depots in most East Kootenay communities, however, not all take antifreeze. Ensure every drop of used oil and antifreeze, every filter and every container is brought to a collection facility so it can be disposed of properly.

visit [www.usedoilrecycling.com](http://www.usedoilrecycling.com)

## TIRES



Tire Stewardship BC collects an eco fee when you buy tires to pay for transporting and recycling of old tires. There are depots that take up to 4 tires at a time free of charge, including Canadian Tire, Day Auto, Fernie Auto, Fernie Chrysler, Fernie Ford and Sparwood Kal Tire.

visit [www.tsbc.ca](http://www.tsbc.ca)

## LIGHT BULBS & FIXTURES



Product Care Recycling oversees light recycling in BC. Accepted products include incandescent lights, LEDs, compact fluorescent, tube fluorescent light bulbs, lighting fixtures, lamps, string lights, and much more.

The light recycling depot is Fernie Home Building Centre.

visit [www.productcare.org](http://www.productcare.org)

## PAINT



All paint and aerosol paints in the Elk Valley should be taken to the Fernie Bottle Depot. Containers must be sealed in paint containers and clearly labeled. If paint cans are dried out and there is no liquid left, the cans can go in the garbage.

visit [www.productcare.org](http://www.productcare.org)

## BATTERIES & CELLPHONES



Alkaline and rechargeable batteries as well as cellphones are recyclable. The drop off locations include Canadian Tire, Fernie Leisure Services, The Source, and Sparwood Communications.

visit [www.call2recycle.ca](http://www.call2recycle.ca)

## PACKAGING



Recycle BC is a non-profit stewardship organization that oversees the new product stewardship program for printed paper and packaging. They have depots at the Cranbrook Bottle Depot and Kimberley Transfer Station. They take paper/cardboard products, aluminum and tin, glass, styrofoam, cartons and a wide range of plastics. Some items in these categories are not accepted in RDEK yellow bin program.

visit [www.recyclebc.ca](http://www.recyclebc.ca)

## OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT



Electronic/electrical mowers, lawn tractors, snow blowers and gardening tools – corded and/or battery powered can be taken to Columbia Recycle (330 – 317th Ave, Kimberley). Monday – Friday 7:30am – 4:30pm.

visit [www.productcare.org](http://www.productcare.org) or [www.opec.ca](http://www.opec.ca)

## SMOKE ALARMS & CO2 ALARMS



The drop off location for used or expired smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms is the Fernie Bottle Depot.

visit [www.productcare.org/Smoke-Alarms](http://www.productcare.org/Smoke-Alarms)

## ELECTRONICS



The environmental handling fees you pay on electronics in BC are managed by Encorp and the drop-off location is the Fernie Bottle Depot.

They accept a wide range of electronics, including: televisions, computers, monitors, fax machines, DVD/VHS players, stereos, MP3 players, speakers, earphones, microphones, telephones, radios, vehicle audio and video systems, etc.

visit [www.return-it.ca/electronics](http://www.return-it.ca/electronics)

## GASOLINE, PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES



The only household hazardous waste depots in the RDEK are in Cranbrook. The Cranbrook Bottle Depot (1125 Industrial Road #3) and the Cranbrook Transfer Station accept a variety of household solvents, pesticides, gasoline and other flammable liquids. There are some restrictions, so make sure to call ahead: (250) 417-0306 (Bottle Depot) or (250) 489-2768 (Transfer Station).

visit [www.productcare.org](http://www.productcare.org)

## MEDICATIONS



Unused and expired medicines can be returned to pharmacies participating in the Health Products Stewardship Association.

### ACCEPTED:

ALL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS  
NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION  
HERBAL PRODUCTS  
VITAMIN AND MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS  
THROAT LOZENGES

### NOT ACCEPTED:

COSMETICS, SKIN CARE PRODUCTS  
DISINFECTANTS/CLEANERS  
CONTACT LENS SOLUTIONS  
SUNSCREEN/SUNTAN LOTION  
MOUTHWASHES AND TOOTHPASTES

visit [www.healthsteward.ca](http://www.healthsteward.ca)

## SMALL APPLIANCES



With ElectroRecycle, you can recycle over 300 types of electrical products at the Fernie Bottle Depot.

The program accepts small appliances, power tools, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers/curling irons, scales, timers, sewing machines, treadmills and more.

visit [www.electrorecycle.ca](http://www.electrorecycle.ca)