



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 Invermere'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, the Invermere Industrial Area, and at numerous businesses in the Valley. Glass bins are located at Columbia Valley Landfill, Edgewater Transfer Station, Fairmont Transfer Station, Invermere Industrial Park, Invermere Bottle Depot and the Radium Liquor Store

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metric tonnes recycled in 2018

COLUMBIA VALLEY LANDFILL

1884 WINDERMERE LOOP ROAD

9:00am – 6:00pm, 7 days a week

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

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 CENTRE

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.



RURAL TRANSFER STATIONS

Located at Brisco, Canal Flats, Fairmont and Edgewater. There are yellow recycling bins at all of these sites; Fairmont, Edgewater and Canal Flats have both yellow bins and a glass recycling bin.

Canal Flats also has marshalling areas for scrap metal and clean wood waste.



COLUMBIA 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 (including Petro Canada Bulk Oil, Invermere & Radium Esso, and Walkers Auto Repair Centre), 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

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT



Mowers, lawn tractors, snow blowers and gardening tools – corded, battery powered or fuel powered can be taken to Kool Country Auto Parts – 150 Industrial Road #2, Invermere.

visit www.productcare.org or www.opec.ca

PAINT



All paint and aerosol paints in the Columbia Valley should be taken to Rona – Invermere (410 Borden Street) or the Invermere Fire Department (Hours: Tuesday 7:30pm-9:00pm and Sunday 10:00 am-2:00pm). Paint must be in sealed paint containers and clearly labeled. If paint cans are dried out and there is no liquid left, the cans go in the garbage.

visit www.productcare.org

SMOKE ALARMS & CO2 ALARMS



The drop off location for used or expired smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms is the Invermere Fire Department (Hours: Tuesday 7:30pm-9:00pm and Sunday 10:00 am-2:00pm).

visit www.productcare.org/Smoke-Alarms

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 K5 Mechanical, OK Tire, Radium Esso and Walker's Repair Centre.

visit www.tsbc.ca

BATTERIES & CELLPHONES



Alkaline and rechargeable batteries as well as cellphones are recyclable. The drop off locations include Selkirk Office Supplies, Northstar Hardware and Building (Rona), Invermere Hardware & Building Supply and The Source.

visit www.call2recycle.ca

ELECTRONICS



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

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

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

SMALL APPLIANCES



With ElectroRecycle, you can recycle over 300 types of electrical products at the Cranbrook 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

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 Invermere Home Building Centre.

visit www.productcare.org

PACKAGING

*A new way to recycle is
coming to the Valley.*

**OPEN
NOW**
at the
Columbia Valley Landfill
1884 Windermere Loop Rd

You can now recycle over 76 new items. Styrofoam? Yep, bring it down. Aluminum foil and pie plates? Of course. How about my kids' zippered snack pouches? Don't throw them out, we'd be happy to recycle them. We want to reduce the amount of waste that gets stuffed back into the Earth and increase the number of items that we can recycle into new products that benefit the global community.

The Recycle BC Depot at the Columbia Valley Landfill is now open.

Save your tax dollars.

The way your tax dollars are spent is very important to you, and we love that. We are always searching to find new ways to save them wisely. Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product recycling throughout British Columbia. Recycle BC is funded by producers, like retailers and manufacturers that supply packaging and paper product to BC residents, keeping the costs away from homeowners. By adopting the Recycle BC program, the Regional District of East Kootenay is paid for every tonne we collect. With our yellow bin system, the RDEK pays per tonne through the Regional District's solid waste budget.

