



BC First Nations Recycling Initiative

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ABOUT US

In British Columbia, recycling programs are managed by a number of stewardship agencies who finance the cost of recycling. Ten of these agencies have come together to create the First Nations Recycling Initiative, a program specifically for First Nations who are interested in starting recycling programs in their communities.

The following stewardship programs are partners in the First Nations Recycling Initiative: Call2Recycle, Canadian Battery Association, Electro Recycle, Electronic Products Recycling Association, Return-It,

Health Products Stewardship Association, Major Appliance Recycle Roundtable, Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada, Recycle BC, and Tire Stewardship of BC.

The First Nations Recycling Initiative (FNRI) was created in 2017 and recently completed its third year of operations. A First Nations Field Services Specialist, Tim Jones, is dedicated to continuing to raise awareness of the initiative, offer resources to support recycling, and organize community collection events.

COMMUNITY VISITS



- Connected with seven different Regional Districts to see what initiatives they are currently working on with First Nations communities or what they have done in the past:

- Alberni-Clayoquot, Capital, Cariboo, Columbia Shuswap, Nanaimo, Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola

- Promoted the FNRI at three engagement events:

- First Nations Summit Meeting – February 13-14
- Our Place, Our Future Housing Forum – March 5-6
- Tsartlip Recycling Education Event – March 29

COLLECTION EVENTS

There were five collection events this year:



They collected a total of:



3,572 kg
ELECTRONICS



715
TIRES



528 kg
SMALL
APPLIANCES



135
LARGE
APPLIANCES



16
CAR
BATTERIES



ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

FNRI collaborates with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG) on matters which share the goal of increasing recycling access across First Nations communities within BC. The FNRI team members participated in quarterly meetings with ISC and IZWTAG in 2019, and plan to continue these meetings going forward.

The FNRI is always looking for opportunities to partner with more stewardship agencies and organizations with shared objectives.

RESOURCES & CONTACT INFORMATION

New resources are continually being created to provide further awareness of the initiative. These resources can be accessed on our website, at RecycleBC.ca/First-Nations-Recycling-Initiative.

Visit our website to access:

- Our newly created brochure with a program overview
- An in-depth resource guide with details on how best to set up a recycling program and description of each participating stewardship program
- Guidelines on how to organize a collection event in partnership with the FNRI

To contact the FNRI, reach us at info@fnri.ca.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS!

