



About the Initiative

In British Columbia, recycling programs are managed by a number of stewardship agencies who offer cost-neutral solutions for recycling. Ten of these agencies have come together to create a project specifically relevant to 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
ElectroRecycle
Electronic Products Recycling Association
Health Products Stewardship Association
Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada
Recycle BC
Return-It
Tire Stewardship of BC

Starting or enhancing a recycling program can be daunting. Many communities, including First Nations, have expressed a sense of feeling overwhelmed by the number of organizations involved and the amount of information available on recycling programs. However, there are clear benefits to communities interested in starting a program.

Contact Us

Feel free to contact us by email at **info@fnri.ca**.

More info can be found online:

RecycleBC.ca/First-Nations-Recycling-Initiative



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Benefits of Recycling

In addition to being an important environmental protection mechanism, recycling programs may be beneficial for your community for the following reasons:

- Employment and training opportunities
- Protecting your drinking water
- Protecting your community's children from toxic and hazardous materials
- Youth and community engagement
- Economic development opportunities
- Conserving energy and landfill capacity for materials that cannot be recycled, and conserving resources



Programs Overview

	Program	Materials
	Call2Recycle	Rechargeable, non-rechargeable batteries
	Canadian Battery Association	Lead-acid batteries
	ElectroRecycle	Small appliances, power tools, exercise equipment
	Electronic Products Recycling Association	Electronics and computers
	Return-It	Ready-to-drink beverage containers
	Health Products Stewardship Association	Prescription drugs; Non-prescription drugs; Natural Health products
	Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable	Large appliances: fridges, stoves, washers, dryers and more
	Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada	Corded or battery powered outdoor equipment
	Recycle BC	Packaging and paper
	Tire Stewardship BC	Car tires, medium truck tires, agricultural tires, logger skidder tires, bicycle tires and tubes

Recycling in BC

The Government of British Columbia developed an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) approach to recycling management that requires those who supply designated materials to BC consumers properly manage and recycle these designated products and their packaging at the end of their useful life.

Information about each stewardship organization participating in the First Nations Recycling Initiative can be found in this guide. For general information on all stewardship organizations, visit the Stewardship Agencies of BC (SABC) website at **BCRecycles.ca**.

Ways to Participate

If you would like the First Nations Recycling Initiative (FNRI) to:

- support an upcoming community clean-up initiative with resources and transportation of collected items for recycling;
- engage with your community and present information on recycling programs in BC;
- support your community's strategy for joining an FNRI program as a collector,

please contact us at **info@fnri.ca**. We would love to support your recycling efforts any way we can!