Recycle BC is a leader in residential plastic recycling and is committed to effective plastic management. BC residents can have confidence that the residential recycling system for plastic packaging in their province is world class.

Continuous Improvement
Since its program launch, Recycle BC has made significant improvements to residential plastic recycling in BC by advancing the collection, management and circularity of plastic packaging.

Collection
- Standardized accepted material list
- Added new materials for collection
- Started to accept flexible plastic packaging at depots
- Established province-wide collection network
- Established local end market for plastic

Post Collection and End Markets
- Began flexible plastics research and development (Merlin Plastics)
- Committed to plastic targets as part of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation’s New Plastic Economy Global Commitment
- Partnered with University of Victoria to conduct further research of flexible plastics
- Confirmed recycling solution for flexible plastics (Merlin Plastics)
- Joined the Canada Plastics Pact
- Achieved Global Commitment plastic targets

In 2022, total fee revenue of more than $108 MILLION was contributed

Plastic Packaging Producer Fees
Each year Recycle BC stewards (producers and businesses) report the amount and type of packaging and paper they supply into the BC marketplace for residential use. The fees paid on the seven categories of plastics reflect their cost to manage in the system.

“Reducing plastic consumption is key. But for the plastics we do use, proper plastic management is crucial to keeping the oceans plastic free. Surfrider Foundation Canada recognizes the significant work Recycle BC does to collect and effectively recycle plastic packaging, helping to keep it out of the natural environment.”
- Lucas Harris | Executive Director | Surfrider Foundation Canada

“Since joining the Canada Plastics Pact in early 2022, Recycle BC has been a key contributor in advancing our shared action plan. Their leadership and success in improving collection and recycling systems in British Columbia for plastic packaging has allowed for much higher rates of recovery and recycling for this material.”
- Cher Mereweather, Managing Director, Canada Plastics Pact
THE MANAGEMENT OF PLASTIC PACKAGING
Recycle BC records the movement of material from collection through to its final destination at a recycling facility to be made into a new commodity. These movements undergo a third-party assurance audit which is how residents can ensure the numbers we report are reflecting the actual performance of our program.

VERIFIED RECYCLING
Recycle BC is responsible for the collection of plastic packaging and we sort and recycle all we can through our advanced sorting facilities and send the majority to a local end market.

2022 ACHIEVEMENTS
98% of plastic collected was sent to recycling end markets
34,566 TONNES COLLECTED
102% of rigid plastic collected was sent to recycling end markets
30,625 TONNES COLLECTED
78% of flexible plastic collected was sent to recycling end markets
3,941 TONNES COLLECTED

*This tonnage includes all plastic packaging and other non-designated plastics collected by Recycle BC.

A TRUSTED PROCESS
Recycle BC’s plastics data is real and reliable. Along with strong internal controls for determining the supplied and collected quantities, external auditors review and verify the data. BDO Canada LLP conducts an Independent Assurance Report annually that, among other things, examines the total amount of product supplied and collected along with the recovery rate, in accordance with the Recycling Regulation. Auditors have always confirmed that Recycle BC data is accurately presented.