



BC First Nations Recycling Initiative **2024 IN REVIEW**

ABOUT US

The First Nations Recycling Initiative (FNRI) supports recycling in First Nation communities throughout British Columbia. We collaborate directly with First Nation communities across BC to provide information about BC's recycling stewardship programs and support local community collection events and existing recycling programs. The participating stewardship programs work together on projects to remove and recycle small corded and cordless electrical household appliances, household electronics, large appliances, corded and cordless electrical outdoor power tools, automotive and light duty truck tires, paper and packaging, refundable beverage containers as well as gather information to inform and update on health products, small household batteries.

The following stewardship programs were partners in the First Nations Recycling Initiative throughout 2024: BC Brewers' Recycled Container Collection Council, Call2Recycle, ElectroRecycle, Electronic Products Recycling Association, Health Products Stewardship Association, Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada, Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable, Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada, Recycle BC, Return-It, and Tire Stewardship BC.



THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS!

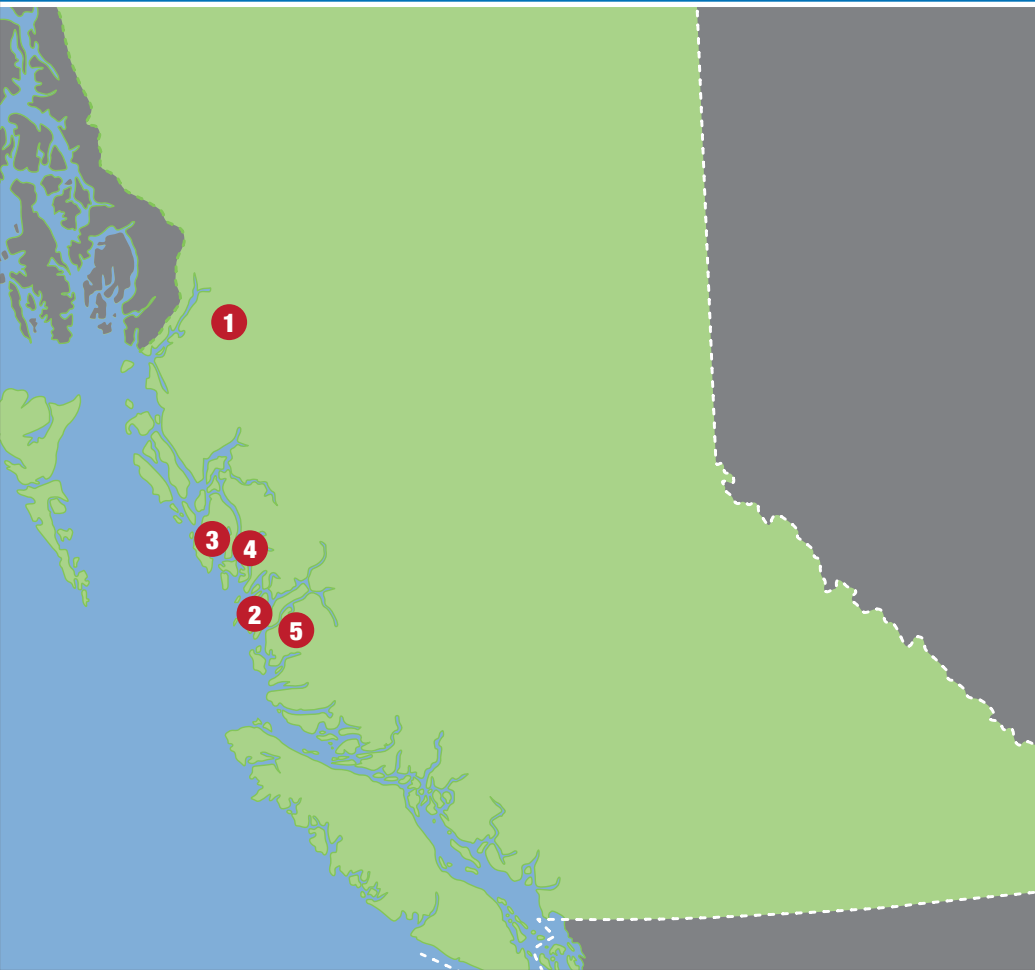


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Manager for the FNRI actively engaged with communities in 2024 as momentum continued to gather in the program which resulted in an increase in both the number of community cleanup events and the volume of materials collected. In addition a significant number of in-person community visits, outreach through active communication was created and nurtured with various community contacts via both virtual and in-person meetings, emails, and phone calls. These actions resulted in the removal of recyclable FNRI program material collected during events in conjunction with First Nation communities. In addition, the Manager of FNRI further invested in and maintained ongoing relationships with First Nation communities, participating stewardship programs, regional districts and where appropriate provincial and federal governments.

As we continue to scale the program, we maintain existing contacts and develop new connections. We communicate with communities to better facilitate the cleanup event process, not only with the community but also all relevant partners. Typically, this includes the individuals involved with recycling work within the public works, operations and maintenance or housing health departments of First Nation communities.

Community engagement often involves an in-person site visit to determine the level of FNRI support needed. In some cases, the community contacts the FNRI to participate in a scheduled site visit, while at other times FNRI was asked by the local government to participate.



FNRI MATERIALS COLLECTED

The following is a small portion of the volume collected during 2024:

- 1** 3000 Tires – Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government
- 2** 250 Super Sacks Beverage Containers – Heiltsuk Nation
- 3** 30 Super Sacks of Electronics, Small Appliances, Outdoor Corded and Cordless Electrical Tools – Kitsoo Xai'xais Nation
- 4** 12 Bales Cardboard and Mixed Paper – Kitsoo Xai'xais Nation
- 5** 32 Super Sacks Mixed Paper and Cardboard – Wuikinuxv Nation

RESOURCES

The FNRI Resource Guide continues to be a popular information piece for First Nations contemplating a community cleanup event. The guide focuses on stewardship program information, including what items are accepted by each program and what to consider when collecting program material for responsible disposal. In addition, a comprehensive cleanup event package is available upon request to help with the details and requirements of running a First Nation community cleanup event.

Below you can continue to access the FNRI published revised versions of the [First Nations Recycling Initiative Resource Guide](#) and [BC First Nations Recycling Initiative Program Overview](#), which provide the most-up-to-date information about each participating stewardship program.



COMMUNITY CLEANUP EVENTS 2024

In 2024 there was a further increase in both communities visited and communities that worked with the FNRI as part of their organized community cleanup events. In 2024 we worked with Recycle BC to remove 32 super sacks of stockpiled paper, packaging and containers from the Wuikinuxv (Rivers Inlet) Nation. In addition, and in close partnership with IZWTAG and MARR the "large appliance in community bin collection program" expanded. We are also continuing to evolve our "leave in community" approach and will be further expanding that program during 2025. We exceeded the stated goal of completing 25 community cleanup events by achieving 30 events. As we look forward to 2025, we are excited about some significant additions and changes to the FNRI program and partnerships. Below is the list of communities we worked with in 2024.

- Wuikinuxv Nation
- Tahltan Nation
- Tsartlip First Nation
- Lil'wat Nation
- Heiltsuk Nation
- Dease River First Nation
- Zeballos
- Ahoushat First Nation
- Malahat Nation
- Penticton Indian Band
- Seabird Island Band
- Tla'amin Nation
- Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government
- Iskut Band Council
- Skowkale First Nation
- Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
- Yunesit'in Government
- Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation
- Takla First Nation
- Esk'etemc First Nation
- Tsal'ah First Nation
- Gitwangak
- Gitwinksihlkw
- Samahquam First Nation
- Skeetchestn Indian Band
- Nooatich Indian Band
- T'itq'et First Nation
- Kitasoo Xai'xais Nation
- Dzawada'enuxw First Nation
- Homolco First Nation

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to visit our website to learn more about the FNRI, read past annual reports, and access other resources: <https://recyclebc.ca/projects/first-nations-recycling-initiative/>

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