



About the Initiative

The First Nations Recycling Initiative supports recycling in First Nations communities throughout British Columbia. We collaborate directly with First Nations communities across BC to provide information about BC's existing stewardship programs and local collection events in support of community recycling programs.

We work together on projects to recycle these materials: tires, appliances, paper and packaging, electronics, beverage containers, batteries, power equipment, thermostats and health products.

Visit our website to find out more information on each of our partners, read our annual reports, and access our other resources:

RecycleBC.ca/First-Nations-Recycling-Initiative

Contact Us

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



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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 |
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|  | Brewers' Recycled Container Collection Council | Alcoholic beverage containers and related packaging |
|  | Call2Recycle | Rechargeable, non-rechargeable batteries under 5 kg |
|  | Canadian Battery Association | Lead acid batteries over 5 kg |
|  | Electronic Products Recycling Association | Electronics and computers |
|  | Health Products Stewardship Association | Prescription drugs; Non-prescription drugs; Natural Health products |
|  | Interchange Recycling | Oil and antifreeze, oil filters and packaging |
|  | Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable | Large appliances: fridges, stoves, washers, dryers and more |
|  | Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada | Corded or battery powered outdoor equipment |
|  | Product Care Recycling | Paints, flammable liquids, solvents, gasoline and domestic pesticides; lighting products, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors |
|  | Recycle BC | Packaging and paper |
|  | Return-It | Ready-to-drink beverage containers |
|  | Thermostat Recovery Program | Thermostats (mercury and electronic) |
|  | 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 on all stewardship organizations operating in British Columbia can be found by visiting 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!