



The Yellow Bins

Only the products outlined below can be recycled in the yellow bins. All the other products outlined in this flyer are part of Provincial Product Stewardship Programs, which are totally separate from the RDEK's Yellow Bin Program.

The Yellow Bins and Invermere's curbside recycling program accept the following:

PAPER all mixed paper (such as newspaper, magazines, phone books, brochures, books, envelopes)

CARDBOARD all types of cardboard. Exception: Cardboard covered in wax (for example milk cartons) or soiled with food or grease (like pizza boxes) cannot be recycled and must go in the garbage.

TIN & ALUMINUM CANS food and beverage cans; labels off, rinse well.

PLASTICS Grocery bags and household plastic with the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 on it. Plastics must be rinsed and every item must have a number on it. *No Styrofoam*, even though it will be marked a #6.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

All products must be clean. If they aren't clean, they should go in the garbage (putting it in the recycling bin can contaminate the whole load).

YELLOW BINS ARE LOCATED AT ALL THE TRANSFER STATIONS, THE INVERMERE INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND AT NUMEROUS BUSINESSES IN THE VALLEY.

COLUMBIA VALLEY LANDFILL

1884 WINDERMERE LOOP ROAD

9:00am – 6:00pm, 7 days a week

closed Family Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

INVERMERE TRANSFER STATION

INDUSTRIAL 1 RD IN ATHALMER

8:30am – 5:30pm, 7 days a week

closed Christmas Day, New Years Day, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving Day and Family Day

RADIUM TRANSFER STATION

LOCATED OFF FORSTERS LANDING RD

8:30am – 5:30pm, 7 days a week

closed Christmas Day, New Years Day, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving Day and Family Day

NO CHARGE FOR:

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

AUTO BATTERIES

PROPANE TANKS (< 100 LBS)

CHIPPED GREEN WOOD WASTE

CLEAN WOOD WASTE

MATTRESSES & BOXSPRINGS

SCRAP METAL & APPLIANCES

(INCLUDING THOSE WITH FREON)

YARD AND GARDEN WASTE

(UNDER 6" IN DIAMETER)



RURAL TRANSFER STATIONS

Located at Brisco, Canal Flats, Fairmont and Edgewater. There are yellow recycling bins at all of these sites.

Canal Flats also has marshalling areas for scrap metal and clean wood waste.



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PROVINCIAL PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

When you pay an eco fee on a product, such as oil or electronics, those funds go to Provincial Stewardship Programs for their proper collection and recycling/disposal. These programs are Provincial and are totally

separate from the RDEK. There are literally hundreds of products that can be recycled through these programs, and we encourage you to visit the Product Stewards' websites for details on what products they accept and a list of depots in the region. You can also contact the RDEK and we will do our best to help connect you with these resources.

OIL, OIL FILTERS & ANTIFREEZE



The BC Used Oil Management Association (BCUOMA) oversees the used oil program in BC. There are several depots in the Columbia Valley. Ensure every drop of used oil and antifreeze, every filter and every container is brought to a collection facility so it can be disposed of properly.

for locations visit www.interchangerecycling.com

PAINT



Paint and aerosol paints can be recycled. Containers must be sealed in paint containers and clearly labeled. If paint cans are dried out and there is no liquid left, the cans can go in the garbage.

for locations visit www.productcare.org

LIGHT BULBS & FIXTURES



LightRecycle is the BC residential light recycling program. Accepted products include incandescent lights, LEDs, compact fluorescent, tube fluorescent light bulbs, lighting fixtures, lamps, string lights, and much more.

for locations visit www.lightrecycle.ca

TIRES



Tire Stewardship BC collects an eco fee when you buy tires to pay for transporting and recycling of old tires. There are many depots that take up to 4 tires at a time free of charge in the Columbia Valley.

for locations visit www.tsbc.ca

BATTERIES & CELLPHONES



Alkaline and rechargeable batteries as well as cellphones are recyclable. There are many locations that accept batteries throughout the Columbia Valley.

for locations visit www.call2recycle.ca

PACKAGING



Recycle BC is a non-profit stewardship organization that oversees the new product stewardship program for printed paper and packaging. The Columbia Valley location is at the the Invermere Transfer Station in the industrial park in Athalmer. They take paper/cardboard products, aluminum and tin, glass, styrofoam, cartons and a wide range of plastics. Some items in these categories are not accepted in RDEK yellow bin program.

visit www.recyclebc.ca

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT



Mowers, lawn tractors, snow blowers and gardening tools – corded, battery powered or fuel powered can be recycled.

for locations visit www.productcare.org or www.opec.ca

SMOKE ALARMS & CO2 ALARMS



The drop off location for used or expired smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms is the Invermere Transfer Station.

visit www.productcare.org/Smoke-Alarms

ELECTRONICS



The environmental handling fees you pay on electronics in BC are managed by Encorp and the drop-off location is the Invermere Bottle Depot.

They accept a wide range of electronics, including: televisions, computers, monitors, fax machines, DVD/VHS players, stereos, MP3 players, speakers, earphones, microphones, telephones, radios, vehicle audio and video systems, etc.

visit www.return-it.ca/electronics

GASOLINE, PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES



The only household hazardous waste depots in the RDEK are in Cranbrook. The Cranbrook Transfer Station accepts a variety of household solvents, pesticides, gasoline and other flammable liquids. There are some restrictions, so make sure to call ahead (250) 489-2768.

for more info visit www.productcare.org

MEDICATIONS



Unused and expired medicines can be returned to pharmacies participating in the Medications Return Program.

ACCEPTED:

ALL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
HERBAL PRODUCTS
VITAMIN AND MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS
THROAT LOZENGES

NOT ACCEPTED:

COSMETICS, SKIN CARE PRODUCTS
DISINFECTANTS/CLEANERS
CONTACT LENS SOLUTIONS
SUNSCREEN/SUNTAN LOTION
MOUTHWASHES AND TOOTHPASTES

for locations visit www.medicationsreturn.ca

SMALL APPLIANCES



With ElectroRecycle, you can recycle over 300 types of electrical products. The program accepts small appliances, power tools, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers/curling irons, scales, timers, sewing machines, treadmills and more.

for locations visit www.electrorecycle.ca