



Community Collection Event Guide

If you decide to hold a collection event, the First Nations Recycling Initiative (FNRI) can help with transportation of collected recyclable material and provide other resources to support the event. Information on materials accepted for recycling through the initiative is found in the table below (Recycling Programs Overview).

If you would like us to be involved in your community clean-up initiative, please view the guidelines below:

- Give at least 6 - 8 weeks' notice for stewardship agencies to arrange transportation
- Contact the First Nations Field Services Specialist to confirm what stewardship materials you will be collecting
 - Note: You can choose what materials you would like to collect based on community needs
- Have a dry and secure area that is easily accessible for trucks to pick up collected materials (with the exception of major appliances; they do not need to be in a covered area)
- Provide an inventory of stockpiled material in the community that can be recycled
 - Note: If you decide not to have a collection event but have a stockpile of material (tires, batteries, major appliances etc.), please contact the First Nations Field Services Specialist to let me know if you would like to arrange transportation of stockpiled material
- Make arrangements if needed to store material for a few extra days in the community if transportation cannot be arranged right away by the participating stewardship agencies.

Please note that the First Nations Field Services Specialist may not be able to attend all collection events across the province but will be able to provide assistance leading up to the event and help with transportation arrangements afterwards.

Leading up to the Collection Event

- Advertise the collection event - poster template available
- Go through materials list so you are aware of what materials can be accepted in each program
- Prepare to receive a delivery of materials prior to the collection event – this would include mega bags, pallets, boxes and large roll-off bin (if you are expecting a large number of major appliances).

Day of Collection Event

- As there are a lot of different materials accepted in each of the stewardship programs, make sure to have a copy of each of the accepted materials guide printed out and with you at the collection event
- Some material dropped off at the collection event may not be items accepted by the participating FNRI stewardships agencies. This material will need to be disposed of by the community, such as mattresses, furniture, plastic lawn furniture and toys.
- Take pictures of the items being dropped off for recycling and the event itself
- If you receive materials that you are unsure of how to dispose of, you can call the Recycling Council of British Columbia for information on the closest recycling drop off location you can call them toll free at **1-800-667-4321**.



Recycling Programs Overview

Program	Materials	Collection methods	Transportation	Hazards	Storage Requirements
Call2 Recycle	Rechargeable, single-use batteries	Depot or Event	Covers cost of transportation		No public access and in covered area
Electro Recycle	Small appliances, power tools, exercise equipment	Depot or Event	Covers cost of transportation		No public access and in covered area
Electronic Products Recycling Association	Electronics and computers	Depot, Event or collector in community	Covers cost of transportation or items can be dropped off at EPRA depot		No public access and in covered area
Health Products Stewardship Association	Prescription drugs; Non-prescription drugs; Natural health products	Drop-off at collection site	Containers need to be dropped off at Pharmacy		Secured and no public access
Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable	Large appliances: fridges, stoves, washers, dryers and more	Depot, Some businesses or Event	Collected by Scrap Metal Contractor – would need to find a contractor	Training for handling ozone depleting substances (ODS) required.	Central location
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada	Corded or battery powered outdoor equipment	Depot or Event	Collected by pre-existing network of scrap metal contractor		No public access and in covered area
Recycle BC	Packaging and paper	Depot or Event	Covers cost of transportation	No	No public access and in covered area
Return-It	Ready-to-drink beverage containers	Drop off at Bottle Depot	Covers cost of transportation or items can be dropped off at Return-It depot		
Tire Stewardship BC	Car tires, medium truck tires, agricultural tires, logger skidder tires and bicycle tires and tubes	Depot or Event	Covers cost of transportation		Central location.

* All programs require supervised or monitored collection sites that are easily accessible by trucks