

Recycling and Waste Diversion Options by Province

Recycling takes effort and support from your entire team. Finding options and programs for the many Waste Streams within the Restoration Industry during the Claims process is different for every region of Canada. Research on-line through basic Google search is an excellent starting point, however the best ideas come from your own staff who are engaged in sustainability.

Forming your own Green Committee to help with locating and identifying Waste Diversion options in your own community is critical to the success of any recovery and recycling program.

BC

Recyclepedia Website and App - <https://rcbc.ca/recyclepedia/>

The **Recyclepedia App**, powered by the **Recycling Council of BC** is a powerful tool for finding where to take almost every type of divertible waste, including where to find **EPR** (Extended Producer Responsibility) programs. The app provides **as many as 10 local options** for disposal, depending on the region of BC.

Metal of all types (Canada-Wide) – all metals carry cash value and are easy to recycle. Metal recyclers can be found in every region of BC, and you should choose the closest to your operations.

Metro Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Kelowna - [ABC Recycling | Scrap Metal Recycling & Scrap Metal Pick Up](#)

Drywall – Drywall can be recovered for both the paper and the gypsum. A separate bin for any drywall is the most cost-effective method for recovering any drywall date-stamped after 1991, that does not contain Asbestos (must have analytical testing). New West Gypsum operates in BC, Alberta, and Ontario <https://www.nwgypsum.com/>

Cardboard (Canada-Wide) – Cardboard is a high-quality product that can be recycled into new cardboard again and again. Cardboard should never make it to the landfill, as it carries monetary value like other commodities. A 4-yard cardboard bin is the easiest method, but having a compactor and creating your own bales of cardboard will generate income by sending multiple bales to a recovery organization. <https://recovery.cascades.com/en>

Wood – Wood should have its own Bin whenever possible. Typically, Wood is 25% less costly to dispose of than Mixed Debris and can be diverted to facilities that use waste wood for Hog Fuel (as Waste-to-Energy) and in some cases, recovered and returned to the economy as new products.

Clean Clothing, Household Goods – should be donated to a Community Partner, such as **Diabetes Canada** - Bin Location Finder; <https://declutter.diabetes.ca/donation-bin>

Excess Building Materials, Furniture, Fixtures, Hardware – should be donated to a Community Partner, such as **Habitat for Humanity and ReStore** – All donations help solve housing issues for low income and at-risk individuals and more importantly, keep useful materials out of the landfill. *Habitat can pick-up from your location in most cases. Location Finder and Accepted List of Donatable Items; <https://habitat.ca/en>

EPR Programs in BC - Each Extended Producer Responsibility program has a Stewardship Organization with their own website and a drop-off location finder. Producers of many recyclable and recoverable resources are responsible for the programs in place throughout Canada;

Used Motor Oil – [Interchange Recycling – There's only one answer for used motor oil. Recycling.](#)

Used Batteries – [Regional Recycling](#) or [Canadian Battery Association – Canadian Battery Association](#)

Used Electronics (Canada-Wide) – EPRA [EPRA | ARPE | Electronic Products Recycling Association | Association pour le recyclage des produits électroniques](#)

Health Products – **Health Products Stewardship Assn.** [HPSA \(healthsteward.ca\)](http://healthsteward.ca)

Major Appliances – MARR [News | Major Appliance Recycling \(marrbc.ca\)](#)

Outdoor Power Equipment - [OPEIC Homepage | Outdoor Power Equipment Institute Canada](#)

Paint, Hazardous Waste, Lightbulbs, Smoke Alarms (Canada-Wide)- Productcare Recycling - [Recycle Paint, Light Bulbs, Smoke Alarms, HHW - Product Care Recycling](#)

Used Tires of all Types - [Tire Stewardship BC \(tsbc.ca\)](http://tsbc.ca)