



# STEWARDSHIP AGENCIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The stewardship agencies of British Columbia (SABC) are an informal alliance of industry product stewardship organizations. The group works with government, service providers and other stakeholders to ensure BC's extended producer responsibility model is successful and cost effective. SABC currently has 15 members representing more than 20 stewardship programs in the province.

Stewards and stewardship agencies in BC recognize that they have a responsibility to work together. SABC provides the bridge across varying interests. Better known to the public as BC RECYCLES they provide common messages through informational brochures, videos, ambassador tours and other communication tools. They have a website, toll free hotline, and recycling location finder to find information about how and where to recycle all stewarded products as well as contact information for each of the recycling programs.

## WHAT ARE PRODUCTS RECYCLED INTO?



### BATTERIES

The collected batteries are sent to recycling facilities where they are processed into reusable metals and materials. These are used to produce new batteries, stainless steel products and cement additives. None of the materials make their way into landfills.  
[call2recycle.ca](http://call2recycle.ca)



### ELECTRONICS

Through a variety of refining and smelting processes, materials reclaimed from unwanted electronics, such as metal, plastic, and glass are used as raw materials in the manufacturing of new products.  
[return-it.ca/electronics](http://return-it.ca/electronics)  
[recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca)



### MEDICATION

All expired or unused prescription drugs, over-the counter drugs and natural health products can be returned to participating pharmacies for responsible disposal. Each product collected through this program is destroyed through incineration.  
[healthsteward.ca](http://healthsteward.ca)



### SMALL APPLIANCES + POWER TOOLS

Electrical products are taken apart and separated into material types. Some materials such as copper and other metals are sent for smelting to recover the metals. Other materials such as plastics and glass are recycled/processed into commodities or reused.  
[electrorecycle.ca](http://electrorecycle.ca)



### BEER CONTAINERS & PACKAGING

Refillable glass beer and cider bottles are sterilized and refilled an average of 15 times! Once they reach their end of life, they are then recycled into new glass bottles and other glass products. Alcohol aluminum cans are recycled back into aluminum cans in as quickly as 6 weeks!  
[envirobeerbc.com](http://envirobeerbc.com)



### LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

All consumer lead-acid batteries can be recycled. They are found in items such as vehicles, trucks, motorcycles, boats, and RVs. All commercial lead-acid battery applications, including fork lifts, golf carts, solar and UPS systems are also collected and recycled.  
[recyclemybattery.ca](http://recyclemybattery.ca)



### OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT

Electric outdoor power equipment is recycled for its various components, that are segregated, processed, and shipped to a smelter. The smelter produces a metal material that manufacturing companies buy to produce a variety of products that are made of or contain metal.  
[opeic.ca](http://opeic.ca)



### THERMOSTATS

Thermostats are made up of plastics, metals, electronics, glass and mercury, which are all 100% recyclable. Your used thermostat goes on to become a number of different products, including fibreglass, refined mercury and lower grade plastic and metal devices.  
[hrai.ca/trp](http://hrai.ca/trp)



### BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Aluminum cans are recycled into new cans within 6 weeks. Drink boxes and cartons are used in paper products and cardboard boxes. Glass is recycled into new bottles or turned into insulation, and plastic is used for new bottles, jugs, buckets and more.  
[return-it.ca](http://return-it.ca)



### LIGHTING PRODUCTS

Metal is recycled through the metal recycling industry. Mercury/phosphor powder is sent for mercury retort/recovery or stabilized for secure landfill. Glass is recovered and reused. Commercial fixtures and non-PCB lighting ballasts are recycled through the metal recycling industry.  
[productcare.org](http://productcare.org)



### PACKAGING + PAPER

Corrugated cardboard is recycled into cardboard, printed paper and paper packaging is recycled into boxes and other packaging; plastic packaging is used in household goods, packaging, and building material; metal packaging becomes construction material; foam is recycled into picture frames.  
[recyclebc.ca](http://recyclebc.ca)



### TIRES

Products made locally range from rubber playground surfacing and arena flooring tiles, to cow and horse stall mattresses. Products available for purchase by the consumer are coloured landscaping mulch and garden tiles.  
[tsbc.ca](http://tsbc.ca)



### CELL PHONES

Cell phones are sent to certified processing facilities and are separated based on usability. Cell phones that meet specific functionality criteria are sold, while older and damaged ones are recycled. Whether reused or recycled, your old cell phone stays out of the landfill.  
[recyclemycell.ca](http://recyclemycell.ca)



### MAJOR APPLIANCES

Major appliances are primarily metal with small amounts of other materials like glass, rubber, and foam. Appliances containing refrigerant are decommissioned to remove refrigerant prior to shredding, allowing the materials to be sorted into ferrous and non-ferrous metals which are recovered and recycled back into the market  
[marrbc.ca](http://marrbc.ca)



### PAINTS, FLAMMABLES + ALARMS

Latex paint is recycled into new paint or used as raw material. Oil-based paints, flammable liquids and gasoline are used as alternative fuels. Plastics and metals from smoke and CO alarms are recovered and radioactive components are disposed of at licensed facilities.  
[productcare.org](http://productcare.org)



### USED OIL + ANTIFREEZE

Oil is re-refined into new oil or used as fuel in pulp mills and asphalt plants. Antifreeze is processed into new antifreeze. Filters are crushed and smelted into new steel products while oil and antifreeze containers are processed into new oil containers or other plastic products.  
[usedoilrecycling.com/bc](http://usedoilrecycling.com/bc)