



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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New RDCK Recycling Depots Launch Begins June 26 Temporary Closures Expected During Transition

Nelson, BC: Out with the old and in with the new style of recycling depot. The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is moving to a new recycling program in partnership with Recycle BC. Recycle BC is a non-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and printed paper recycling throughout BC. The new program is being phased in on 23 depots throughout the district starting in late June through August.

The green bins used to collect mixed recycling for the previous recycling program will be removed by end of June. All depots will experience periods where no recycling collection will occur while site preparations occur and new infrastructure is installed. The first phase of depots will only see brief closures whereas later phases may see up to a few weeks of service interruption. Some closures are longer than expected due to challenges resulting from the province-wide transition of RBC's post collection contractor and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The phased depot closure and launch dates are expected as follows:

Depot	Closing Date	Opening Date
Creston - Helen Street	June 22	June 26
Ootischenia	June 22	June 26
Nelson Lakeside	June 22	June 26
Crescent Valley Hall	June 23	June 26
Salmo and Ymir	June 24	TBA July 2020
Boswell	June 25	June 27

Burton and Edgewood	June 25	TBA July 2020
Grohman Narrows	June 26	June 29
Marblehead	June 26	TBA July 2020
Riondel	June 28 (tentative)	TBA July 2020
Yahk	June 28 (tentative)	July 4
Crawford Bay	Closed	July 5 (pending access reopening)
Slocan, New Denver and Silverton	June 29	TBA July 2020
Balfour and Kaslo	June 30	TBA July 2020
Nakusp and Winlaw	July 2	TBA July 2020
Kokanee Marina	July 3	TBA July 2020

*All dates are subject to change

“We appreciate the support of all our users as we make the transition to Recycle BC,” said Travis Barrington, RDCK Resource Recovery Technician. “We ask for patience as we complete this complicated changeover to provide a better service to the entire RDCK.”

Remaining depots will not be accepting recyclables until Recycle BC’s local hauler is able to accept the material. Recycle BC and their post collection contractor, Green for Life (GFL), have committed to having all depots open by August 1st. However, depots will open earlier if possible. The RDCK is working with Recycle BC, GFL and local haulers to expedite the transition process. Please check the RDCK [website](#) for updates. Residents are asked to hold on to recyclables if their local depot is closed or travel to the closest Recycle BC depot.

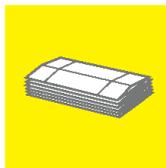
The Recycle BC program requires residents to sort recyclables into main categories and requires depots to be staffed and secured in an effort to reduce contamination and improve recyclability. Core depots will be accepting the full suite of Recycle BC materials, whereas the satellite depots will collect limited materials. Hours of operation and acceptable materials can be found on our [website](#). The graphic below illustrates the full set of categories that will be accepted at depots. Residents should separate recycling according to the colour-coded squares to make the most of the new recycling program – plastic bags, white and coloured foam will be collected individually at depots.

SORT YOUR RECYCLING

Sorting your recycling ensures collected material is recycled properly. Recycle BC depots follow this rule and have collection containers for many different, separate categories.

Sorting is easy. Follow the signs!

Here's a look at some Recycle BC material categories:



Cardboard Boxes



Paper Packaging



Cartons and Paper Cups



Metal Containers



Plastic Containers



Other Flexible Plastic Packaging



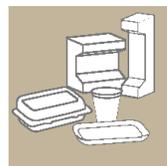
Household Paper



Newspapers and Flyers



Plastic Bags and Overwrap



Foam Packaging



Coloured Foam Packaging



Glass Containers

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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