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Use Existing Resources

Did you know that BC has over 15 product stewardship programs, many of which have business options available? Making use of these free recycling services may take a little planning, but it can reduce your costs and your waste.

Electronics

Whether your office fax machine has died or you are replacing hundreds of computers, there is an easy way to make sure your electronics are responsibly recycled. **Encorp Pacific** has hundred of depots province-wide or they offer a <u>free pick-up</u> for larger volumes. Almost everything with a cord or battery can be recycled - see a full list of accepted products here.

Batteries

Call2Recycle runs the BC stewardship program for batteries. They can provide you with a collection box, including pre-paid return shipping, for cell phones, single-use alkaline and rechargeable batteries. Larger offices can collect employees' batteries, while retail stores can volunteer to act as a public collection depot—a great way to bring potential customers into your stores!

www.call2recycle.ca

Beverage Containers

Beverage containers can make up a huge portion of office waste, but are easily recyclable; adding a collection bin for bottles is an easy way to expand your current recycling program. Along with regular bottle depots for drop-off, there are many companies that will pick up bottles from businesses for free. You can use the deposits for staff events or donate them to a local charity. Check out **Encorp Pacific's** website for pick-up companies in your area: www.return-it.ca/beverage/locations/mobileservices

Other Programs:

Cell Phones—www.recyclemycell.ca

Electronic Toys - www.cbrsc.ca

Lighting Products—www.lightrecycle.ca

Motor Oil and Antifreeze—www.usedoilrecycling.com

 $Medications - \underline{www.medicationsreturn.ca}$

Outdoor Power Equipment - www.opeic.ca

Paints - www.productcare.org/BC-Paint-Program

Small Appliances & Power Tools—www.electrorecycle.ca

Smoke Alarm - <u>www.alarmrecycle.ca</u> Thermostats—www.switchthestat.ca

Tires—www.tirestewardshipbc.ca

