



Membership in the Recycling Council of British Columbia

RCBC's membership ranges from various levels of government and private companies to non-profit organizations and individuals. With membership at RCBC comes responsibilities.

All members must agree to abide by our Code of Conduct and our Members' Declaration. Failure to adhere to these policies will result in immediate revocation of membership.

Membership does not constitute an endorsement by RCBC of a member organization, company, individuals, services and/or their actions.

Membership is not available to organizations or groups that do not adhere to federal, provincial and local legislation or which are involved in activities to which RCBC has declared itself opposed.

Our policies can be found [here](#)

Code of Conduct:

1. The fundamental relationship between each member and RCBC must be one of trust; essential to trust is a commitment to honesty and integrity. Ethical conduct within this relationship imposes certain obligations.

(a) RCBC members must act at all times in full compliance with both the letter and the spirit of all applicable laws.

(b) In their relationship with RCBC, no member shall commit or condone an unethical or illegal act or instruct another member, supplier or employee, to do so.

2. Members are neither endorsed by RCBC nor by provincially affiliated sponsors or other members.

3. Current RCBC Members in good standing may request permission to use the RCBC Member logo to indicate their endorsement of and affiliation with RCBC as a member



by completing the [RCBC Member Logo Use Form](#).

4. Members may only use the General RCBC Logo with prior written permission.

Members' Declaration:

As a member of the Recycling Council of British Columbia, (member name) will abide by all federal, provincial and local government legislation and regulations regarding waste management and recycling, and the RCBC Member Code of Conduct.

Where applicable, (member name) will adhere to the RCBC constitution, bylaws and guiding principles.

Guiding Principles

Our work is always guided by these foundational principles.

 <h3>Precautionary Principle</h3> <p>Operating with this principle ensures that decision-makers take precautionary measures when scientific evidence about an environmental or human health hazard is uncertain. It ensures that innovation is checked by using caution.</p>	 <h3>Design for the Environment</h3> <p>Design products and services in such a way as to reduce the environmental impact, going far beyond the inclusion of recycled materials, proper packaging and disposal.</p>
 <h3>Continuous Improvement</h3> <p>Policies, products, services, and processes are improved on an ongoing basis through continuous evaluation and adjustment.</p>	 <h3>Zero Waste</h3> <p>Zero waste means no discharges to land, water, or air that negatively impact the environment or human health.</p>
 <h3>Polluter Pays</h3> <p>Those who produce pollution must pay for managing it to prevent damage to human health or the environment.</p>	 <h3>Level Playing Field</h3> <p>The same rules apply to all industries and to all products, both domestic and imported.</p>