

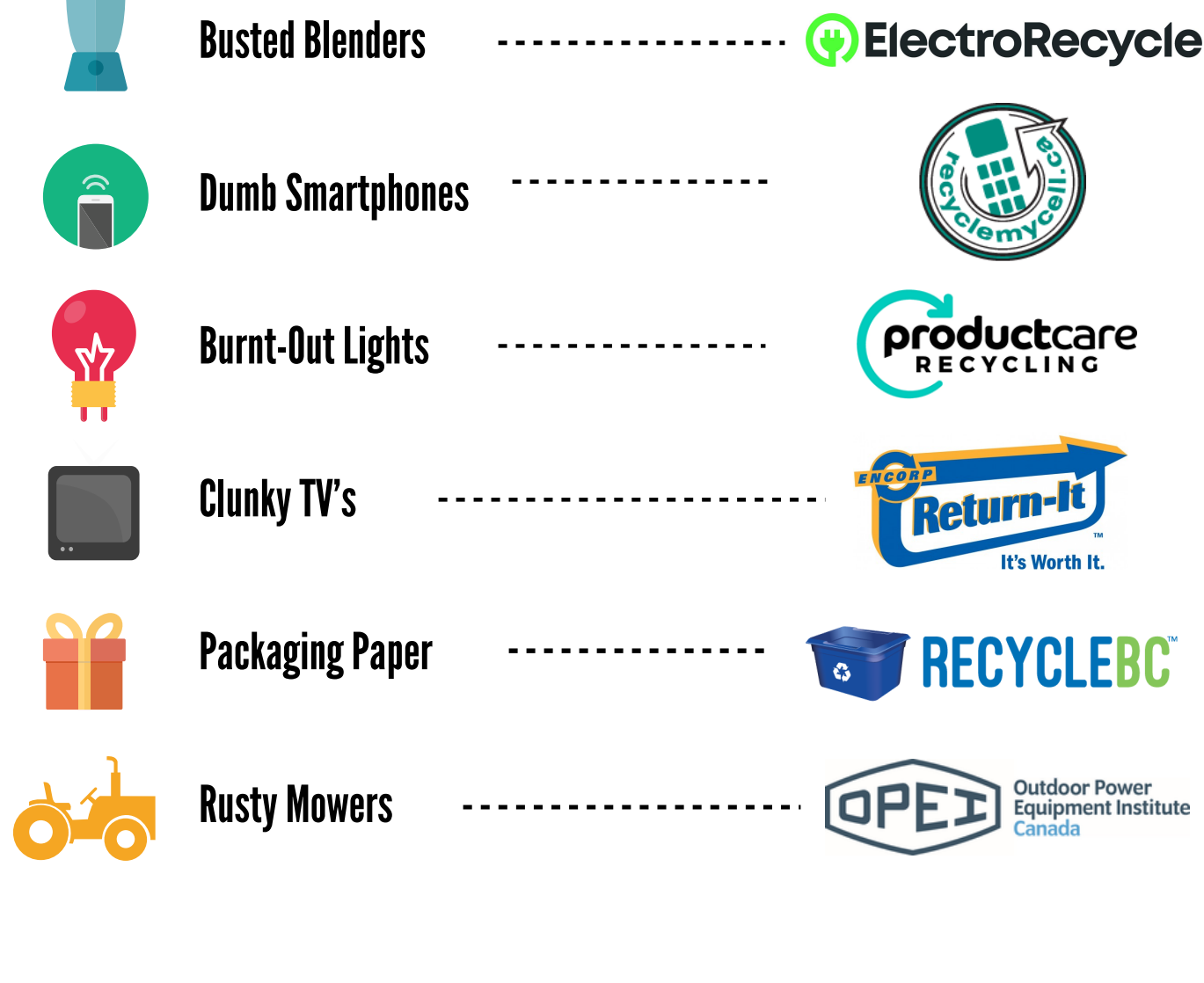
YOU CAN RECYCLE THAT!



A Guide to BC's Product Stewardship Programs

RECYCLING COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

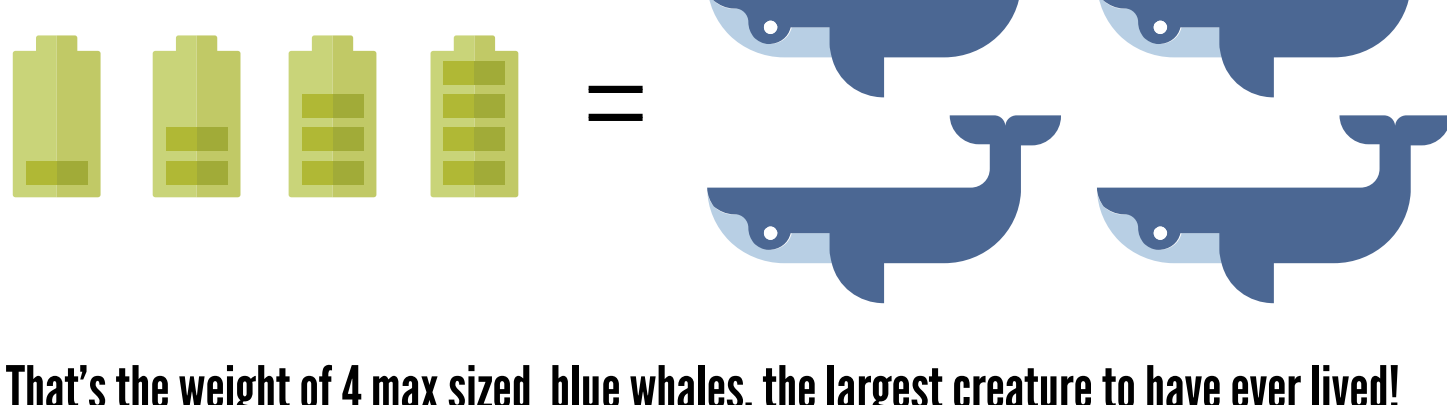
Got these items lying around?



Household Batteries

call2recycle® Leading the charge for recycling™

British Columbia recycled 783 tonnes of batteries in 2020 through the Call2Recycle program, up 8% from 2019.



That's the weight of 4 max sized blue whales, the largest creature to have ever lived!

ACCEPTED: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn) and Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb), alkaline, lithium primary and carbon-zinc batteries, up to 5kg each.

Small Appliances

ElectroRecycle

The ElectroRecycle program accepts over 400 types of products for recycling, including:



5,115 tons of materials were collected at 247 facilities in BC in 2020...



...including 3,353 pieces of exercise equipment...

...and 1,535 pieces of large power tools!



Cell Phones



Since 2005, Canadians recycled over 1.2 million cell phones through this free return-to-retailer program. That translates into...



41.45kg of Gold
426kg of Silver
18.24kg of Palladium
19,496 kg of Copper

* Composition from EPA Recycling FAQ Estimates

At current metal prices and exchange rates, that's almost \$5,000,000 kept out of landfills!

End-of-Life Electronics

Return-It It's Worth It.

Return-It electronic depots collected over 13,928 tons of electronics in 2020. Besides TVs and computers, did you know the following electronic items are also included?



Lighting Products

Product Care Recycling



In 2020, 6,399,203 lamps and tubes were taken for recycling...



14.9 tons of toxic PCB ballasts were diverted...



That's around five average hippos' weight worth!

843 tons of residential light fixtures were collected.

That's four and a half average houses' weight worth!



Packaging and Printed Paper

RECYCLEBC™

Stats For 2020:

MATERIALS COLLECTED: 236,884 tonnes
HOUSEHOLDS SERVICED: 1.867 Million
RECOVERY RATE: 85.8% (Target was 75%)

Accepted Curbside



- Empty aerosols (except spraypaints)
- Plastic plant trays (clean with no soil)
- Aseptic containers (e.g. soups, milk, broths)
- Spiral-wound can (e.g. juice concentrate)
- Paper cups for hot and cold beverages

Accepted at RecycleBC Depots



- All of the above, PLUS:
- Packaging foam (no peanuts or insulation)
 - Soft packaging plastic (grocery bags & overwrap)
 - Non-deposit glass jars (no housewares)
 - Flexible plastics packaging (laminates, foil wrappers)

Outdoor Power Equipment

OPEIC Outdoor Power Equipment Institute Canada

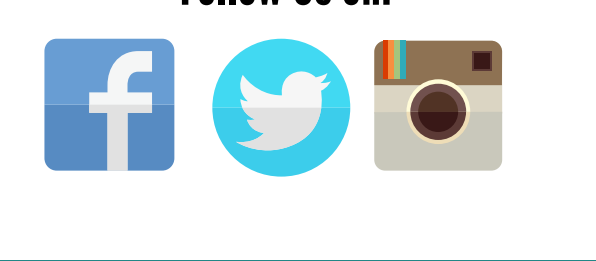
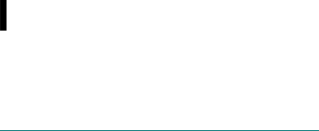
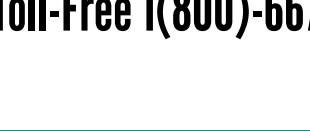
230 Depots for Regular Electric Power Products

104 Depots for Bulky Electric Power Products (2 wheels or more)

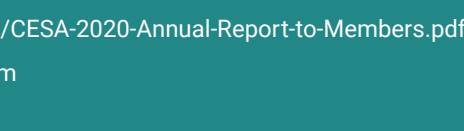
Accepted Equipment for Free Recycling :



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