

# Waste Reduction Week in Canada

October 17-23, 2011



# Semaine canadienne de réduction des déchets

17 au 23 octobre, 2011

## Use Existing Resources

Did you know that BC has over 15 recycling 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 free pick-up for larger volumes.

[www.return-it.ca/electronics/recycling/largevolume](http://www.return-it.ca/electronics/recycling/largevolume)

### 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](http://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](http://www.return-it.ca/beverage/locations/mobileservices)

### Other Programs:

Fluorescent Lights—[www.productcare.org/BC-lights-depots](http://www.productcare.org/BC-lights-depots)

Cell Phones—[www.recyclemycell.ca](http://www.recyclemycell.ca)

Small Appliances—[www.unpluggedrecycling.ca](http://www.unpluggedrecycling.ca)

Mercury Thermostats—[www.switchthestat.ca](http://www.switchthestat.ca)

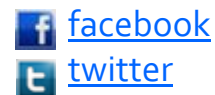
Motor Oil and Antifreeze—[www.usedoilrecycling.com](http://www.usedoilrecycling.com)

Medications—[www.medicationsreturn.ca](http://www.medicationsreturn.ca)

Tires—[www.tirestewardshipbc.ca](http://www.tirestewardshipbc.ca)



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For more information visit our website at [www.rcbc.bc.ca](http://www.rcbc.bc.ca) or check out the national program website at [www.wrwcana.com](http://www.wrwcana.com)

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