



Tip of the Month

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BC's New Recycling Programs

Ever wonder what to do with used antifreeze, empty antifreeze containers or worn out bike tires? This summer, all three were included in province-wide recycling programs.

Antifreeze and Antifreeze Container Recycling Program

As used antifreeze goes through an engine, it picks up heavy metals, such as lead, cadmium and chromium. The mixture of antifreeze and heavy metals is toxic to the environment and animals. Take your used antifreeze to a recycling depot so it doesn't end up down the drain or in the trash.

On July 1, 2011, the BC Used Oil Management Association (BCUOMA) launched a recycling program for used antifreeze and antifreeze containers. These items can now be dropped off for free at participating retailers and automotive shops across the province.

The program is funded through the collection of Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs). For antifreeze, the EHF is \$0.20/litre and the antifreeze container is \$0.10/litre. The EHF for used motor oil is \$0.05/litre and the oil container is \$0.10/litre. The difference in EHFs is due to the higher costs of collecting and processing used antifreeze.

For more information on the program or to locate the nearest drop-off location, call the RCBC Recycling Hotline or visit www.usedoilrecycling.com.

Bike Tire Recycling Program

On June 1, 2011, Tire Stewardship BC, in partnership with the Bicycle Trade Association of Canada and the BC biking community, launched a recycling program for bike tires and tubes. These items can now be dropped off for free at a number of participating bike retailers across the province. The program includes all types of bike tires and tubes except for tubular tires. Tubular tires are held onto special rims by glue and are not commonly used anymore.

The Bike Tire Recycling program is an industry-led program funded by Tire Stewardship BC.

For more information on the program or to locate the nearest drop-off location, call the RCBC Recycling Hotline or visit www.tirestewardshipbc.ca/bike.php.

Need more information?

Contact the **RCBC Recycling Hotline!**

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Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

