



# Tip of the Month

## November 2011

### AlarmRecycle and Unplugged Recycling

Holding onto your old microwave or space heater in hopes of recycling it? Had to replace your broken smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) detector but didn't want to trash it? On October 1, 2011, small appliances as well as smoke and CO detectors were added to province-wide recycling programs.

#### AlarmRecycle Program

Product Care has created the AlarmRecycle program for smoke and CO alarms. Residents may drop off up to 40 alarms to any Alarm Recycle depot in BC. The program excludes units that are connected to building-wide monitoring or alarm systems.

The program is funded through the collection of eco-fees. The eco-fee for a smoke alarm and smoke/CO combination alarm is \$1.20. The eco-fee for a CO alarm is \$0.60. The eco-fee covers the cost of administration, collection, transportation and recycling the alarm at the end of its life. The fees are set, collected and managed by Product Care.

For more information on the program or to locate the nearest AlarmRecycle depot, call the RCBC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9253 (local) or 1-800-667-4321 (toll free) or visit [www.alarmrecycle.ca](http://www.alarmrecycle.ca).

#### Unplugged Recycling Program

The Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association (CESA), in partnership with Product Care, has created the Unplugged recycling program for small electrical appliances. Small appliances can be dropped off at a number of Unplugged depots across the province. There are over 120 small appliances covered under the program, each falling under one of eight categories:

- Kitchen Countertop
- Personal Care
- Floor Cleaning
- Weight Measurement
- Garment Care
- Air Treatment
- Time Measurement
- Designated Very Small Items

The program is funded through the collection of recycling fees. The recycling fee can range from \$0.25 for a primary cell battery operated toothbrush to \$10 for a large countertop microwave. The recycling fee covers the cost of administration, collection, transportation and recycling the small appliance at the end of its life. The fees are set, collected and managed by the small appliance industry.

For more information on the program or to locate the nearest Unplugged depot, call the RCBC Recycling Hotline or visit [www.unpluggedrecycling.ca](http://www.unpluggedrecycling.ca).

#### Need more information?

Contact the **RCBC Recycling Hotline!**

Lower Mainland: 604-732-9253 | BC Toll-Free: 1-800-667-4321

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm and Saturdays 9am-4pm

Recyclepedia: [www.rcbc.bc.ca](http://www.rcbc.bc.ca)