



Recycle BC Program Overview

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WHO WE ARE

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper recycling throughout British Columbia.

Recycle BC ensures household materials are collected, sorted and responsibly recycled.

Our program is funded by over 1,200 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and printed paper to BC residents, shifting costs away from homeowners.



RECYCLE BC'S STEWARDSHIP PLAN

On behalf of producers, Recycle BC:

- Provides collection services
- Processes material
- Markets material to end-markets

RECYCLE BC COLLECTION



Curbside collection

Collection from households that set out material individually for pick-up



Multi-family collection

Collection from a central location in residences with five or more units



Depot collection

Residents drop off their materials

Curbside and Multi-Family Collection

- Recycle BC contracts with local governments, First Nations and private companies
- Payment provided per-household for collection
- Collector delivers to designated facility
- CVRD and SRD collection contractors:
 - City of Campbell River
 - City of Courtenay
 - Comox Valley RD
 - Strathcona RD
 - Town of Comox
 - Village of Cumberland
 - Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nation
 - Emterra Environmental, Waste Management

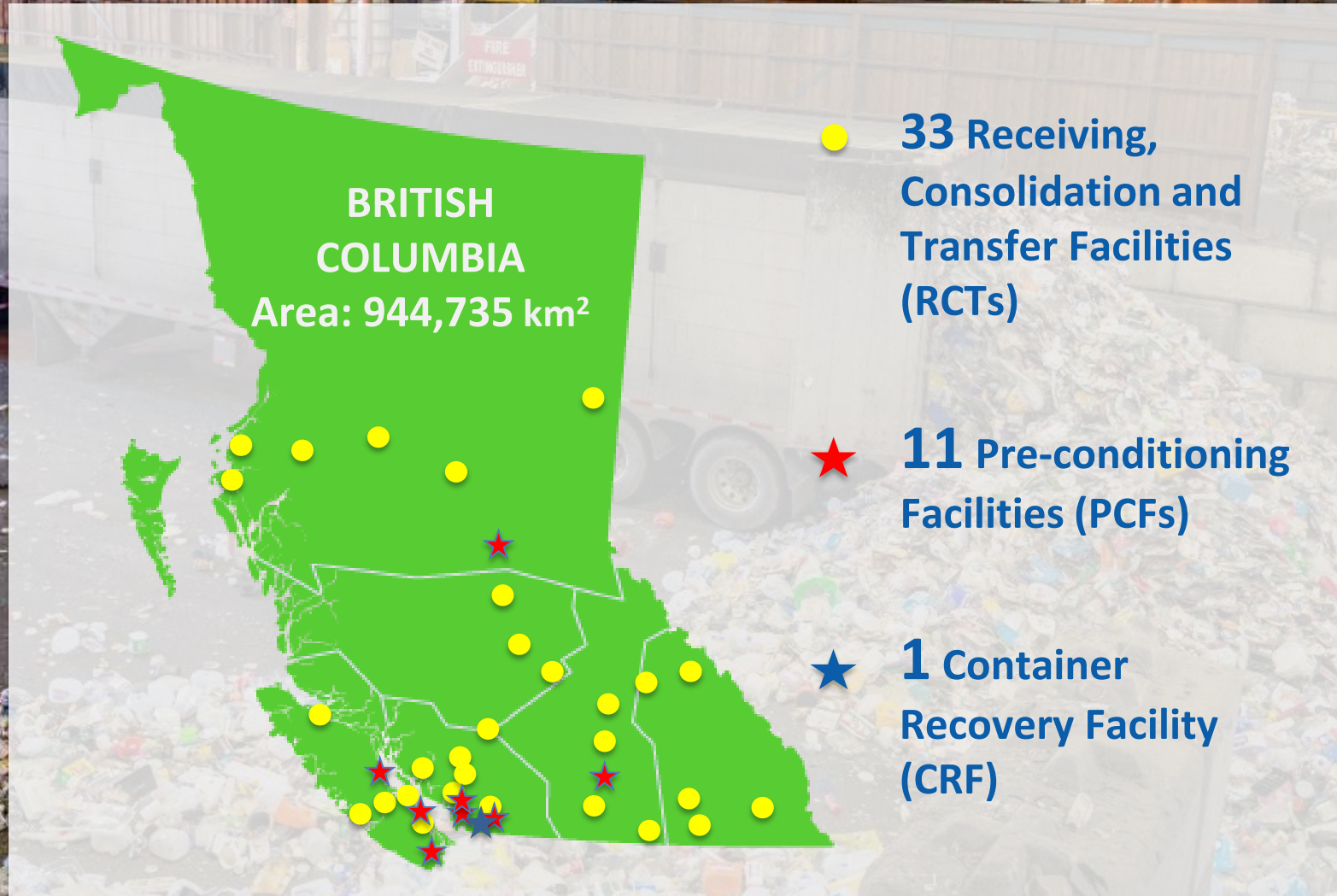


Depot Collection

- Recycle BC depots accept:
 - Plastic bags and overwrap
 - Other flexible plastic packaging
 - Plastic foam – white and coloured
 - Glass bottles and jars
 - All curbside materials
- Depots must be staffed and secure
- CVRD and SRD depot locations:
 - Campbell River WMC
 - Comox Valley WMC
 - Comox Return Centre
 - Courtenay Return-It Depot
 - Cortes Island Depot
 - Denman Island Depot
 - Gold River Depot
 - Hornby Island Depot
 - Sayward Depot
 - Tahsis Depot
 - Zeballos Depot



POST-COLLECTION NETWORK



END MARKETS

Recycle BC approves all end markets:

- Plastics – British Columbia
- Glass – British Columbia
- Metal – Canada and United States
- Paper – British Columbia, North America, and overseas

BENEFITS OF RECYCLE BC SYSTEM

- Collection
 - Standardized material list and harmonized collection model
 - Contractual relationship with collectors (e.g. material quality) and design of system
 - Ability to collect segregated material streams – glass, foam, plastic bags, flexible plastic packaging
 - Expansion of accessibility for residents
- Post-Collection
 - One province-wide “waste shed” – economies of scale and elimination of redundancy
 - Provides opportunity for investment (e.g. Container Recovery Facility)
 - Oversight of end-markets ensures proper recycling outcomes
- Producers
 - One point of contact for province-wide solutions, pilots and packaging design feedback





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