

WHAT IS THE FIRST NATIONS RECYCLING INITIATIVE

- Founded in 2018 by the members of SABC (Stewardship Association of BC) to facilitate an easier pathway for First Nations to engage with the EPR Stewardship programs.
- Partnership between the thirteen Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs in BC to support increased recycling in First Nation communities.
- Assist with education, resources, logistics as well as cover the costs associated with transporting in scope EPR materials for recycling as part of organized First Nations community collection events and year-round programs.

FNRI INTENTIONAL APPROACH



BC First Nations Recycling Initiative

The FNRI Logo was created by Coast Salish Artist *Sinàmkin* - Jodi Broomfield from Squamish Nation

The design relates intentionally to our connection to the land through:

*The 3 spirit Animals: **Eagle** of the air, **Bear** from of the land and the **Whale** of the water and streams.*

This design is to remind us of the First Nation holistic connection to Mother Earth and to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle what we use ~ Sinàmkin

PARTICIPATING EPR PRODUCT STEWARDSHIPS

There are 13 residential recycling stewardships in B.C. focused on recovering different materials.

- Call2Recycle
- Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA)
- Return It (Encorp)
- Brewers' Recycled Container Collection Council (BRCCC)
- Health Products Stewardship Association (HPSA)
- Thermostat Recovery Program (TRP)
- Major Appliances (MARR)
- Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI)
- Recycle BC
- Tire Stewardship BC
- Product Care
- Interchange Recycling
- Canadian Battery Association (CBA)



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WHAT GUIDES OUR COLLABORATIVE WORK

- We know that in many cases the stewardship materials that are in First Nations communities' took years to accumulate.
- One community clean-up is not sufficient to solve the accumulation for some communities. It might take years of commitment to remove all materials before transitioning to a year-round maintenance partnership.
- FNRI is focused and committed to assist willing communities' to self empower and take leadership in FNRI supported clean-up events.
- The work is a collaborative team effort, and everyone's voice is valuable and appreciated. We meet communities where they are at.....

FNRI YEAR END RESULTS - 2025

- 37 First Nation Communities Visited in Person - 3 per month average.
- 32 First Nation Community Clean-ups
- 20 HHW sites identified for removal In 2026
- 8 Community Engagement events
- 6 Regional Districts engaged with
- 3 Events to provide refundable sorting and transport preparation.

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- 500,000 Refundables Sorted / Diverted / Refunds to First Nations – Return-it
- 2200 Tires from Nisga'a First Nations. (Total more than 7000 removed) TSBC
- 1000 Tires from Samahquam (First FNRI Clean-up) TSBC
- 100+ Super Sacks of Electronics collected – EPRA
- 10+ 40' Bins of Large Appliances removed - MARR
- 5+ Pallets of Lead Acid Batteries removed - CBA

FIRST NATION COLLECTION EVENTS - MARR



FIRST NATION COLLECTION EVENTS – RETURN-IT



FIRST NATION COLLECTION EVENTS – PRODUCT CARE



FIRST NATION COLLECTION EVENTS - EPRA



THANK YOU / QUESTIONS

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