



# Media Release

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## Recycling services impacted by flooding and highway closures across British Columbia

### Suspension of glass and foam collection

Nelson, BC: Due to the unprecedented flooding and resulting highway closures across British Columbia, effective Monday, November 22, Recycle BC is suspending the collection of all glass and foam packaging (white and coloured) from Recycle BC depots. There is also the potential of recycling depot closures within the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) due to the inability of Recycle BC to deliver new containers to facilities. All recycling collected at RDCK depots is hauled on routes to the Lower Mainland for processing and sale to end markets.

“This is a devastating time for our province and we appreciate the patience and understanding of RDCK residents as we work through these exceptional circumstances,” said Amy Wilson, RDCK Resource Recovery Manager. “This is an evolving situation and we do not know how long this change will be required, but we will provide updates as information becomes available.”

Recycle BC and their hauling partners have advised that local receiving facilities are nearing capacity and that new supplies required for depot operation cannot be obtained until highways are reopened.

Residents are advised to store their recycling at home where possible and to only bring the accepted categories of paper and cardboard, mixed plastic and metal containers and plastic bags to their local depot until further notice. Should depots be required to close, a notice will be posted to social media and the RDCK website in advance of normal operating hours.

The RDCK is working closely with Recycle BC and all haulers to keep up to date as the situation changes and to provide alternative methods of collection where possible.

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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