



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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### Remaining RDCK Recycling Depots to be Operational by August 2

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Nelson, BC: The Balfour Transfer Station and Salmo depot have successfully transitioned to the new Recycle BC program, bringing the total number of Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) recycling depots online and operational to 15. The remaining eight depots are expected to complete the transition by August 2. The next depot to open will be the Slocan Transfer Station on Tuesday July 28.

#### Next Depots To Launch (Identified as Core or Satellite)

Depot Location	Depot Type	Opening
Slocan Transfer Station	Core	July 28
New Denver	Core	July 30
Kaslo Transfer Station	Core	July 31
Silverton	Satellite	July 31
Nakusp Landfill	Core	August 1
Marblehead Transfer Station	Satellite	August 1
Burton Transfer Station	Satellite	August 1
Edgewood Transfer Station	Core	August 2

*\* All dates are subject to change. Please check our website for updates on launch dates.*

Fifteen depots including the Balfour Transfer Station (core), Boswell Transfer Station (satellite), Crescent Valley Hall (core), Creston - Helen Street (core), Creston Landfill (satellite), Grohman Narrows – Nelson (satellite), Nelson Recycling Depot – Lakeside (core), Ootischenia Landfill – Castlegar (core), Yahk (satellite),

Ymir (satellite), Crawford Bay Transfer Station (core), Kokanee Park Marina (satellite), Riondel (satellite), Salmo (core) and Winlaw (satellite) are all fully operational. Additional infrastructure is being installed at some locations and servicing schedules are being refined with the new hauling contractors to increase capacity at all sites.

The RDCK kindly requests your patience during this transition to Recycle BC and apologizes for the service delays, but reminds everyone that disrespectful behaviour towards service staff at depot locations will not be tolerated.

“Unfortunately there has been a number of incidents of verbal abuse towards our staff at depots,” said Uli Wolf, General Manager of Environmental Services. “This type of behaviour is completely unacceptable. We stand behind our staff, who are not responsible for the decision to change to Recycle BC or the delays in service, and will start revoking privileges to any customer who violates the code of conduct.”

### [Recycle BC and the RDCK – What’s New?](#)

- The **RDCK** has partnered with **Recycle BC** which funds the hauling, processing and marketing of residential packaging and printed paper recycling
- The new program requires residents to sort recyclables - [What Can I Recycle?](#)



- There are materials that can be recycled under the new program that were not accepted previously (plastic bags/wrap, chip bags, aerosol cans, and Styrofoam) - [Recycle BC Guide](#)
- The RDCK now has core depots (12) and satellite depots (11) - core depots accept all Recycle BC category types, while satellite depots only accept the three main categories of recycling (paper & cardboard, plastic & metal containers, and glass) - [What happens to my recycling?](#)
- All recycling depots have operating hours and are no longer open 24/7 – [Where Can I Recycle?](#)
- Sites are staffed to assist you with any questions
- Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) cardboard is only accepted at certain depots (Crescent Valley Hall, Nelson Recycling Depot (Lakeside), Ootischenia Landfill (Castlegar) and Salmo currently open. Kaslo Transfer Station, Nakusp Landfill and New Denver will be open next week)
- Five depots have been permanently closed during the transition because they were incompatible with Recycle BC (Gray Creek, Wynndel, West Creston, the Lower Kootenay Band Office and Kitchener)

*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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