



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Recycling Depots at Slocan Transfer Station and New Denver are fully operational**

## **Remaining six recycling depots to be opened by August 8**

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Nelson, BC: The Slocan Transfer Station and New Denver 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 17. The remaining six depots are expected to complete the transition by August 8.

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

<b>Depot Location</b>	<b>Depot Type</b>	<b>Opening</b>
Kaslo Transfer Station	Core	July 31
Silverton	Satellite	July 31
Nakusp Landfill	Core	August 1
Edgewood Transfer Station	Core	August 5
Marblehead Transfer Station	Satellite	August 8
Burton Transfer Station	Satellite	August 8

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

A reminder to all users, while the RDCK apologizes for service delays and appreciates your patience, there will be zero tolerance for harassment or violence towards site staff. There have been a number of issues over the last month with users taking out their frustration on RDCK depot staff. This type of behaviour has become a serious concern and will not be accepted.

“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 is very disappointing to hear, considering our staff are doing their best to ensure the best service possible at all our depots. We stand behind all our staff and will start revoking privileges to any customer who violates the code of conduct.”

With the final depots launching over the next 10 days, please be prepared for them to be busy. The RDCK is working with haulers to ensure adequate servicing, but suggest users ensure they pre-sort their recyclables as much as possible at home to reduce time at depots and consider either holding off for a few days if they have storage capacity or bring their stockpiled recycling in smaller volumes over a few trips.

Of the 23 recycling depots, Recycle BC allocated 12 core depots to the RDCK from which Recycle BC funds all post collection costs including hauling, processing and marketing of the recyclables, whereas at satellite depots the RDCK pays for the hauling to the next core depot or another consolidation point before Recycle BC accepts the materials. For more information on core vs. satellite depots, [click here](#).

### [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), New Denver, Ootischenia Landfill (Castlegar) and Salmo currently open. Kaslo Transfer Station and Nakusp Landfill 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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